

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
 INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Aiken	
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ENTRY NUMBER AUG	DATE 14 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
 Fort Moore-Savano Town ^{Site} (38AK4 and 38AK5)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

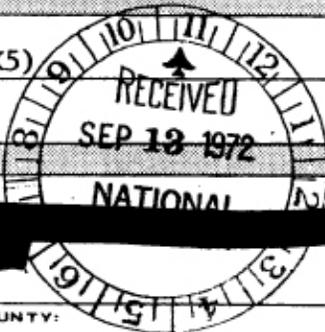
2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
 [REDACTED]

CITY OR TOWN:
 [REDACTED]

STATE:
 South Carolina

CODE: 45 COUNTY: Aiken CODE: 003



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>borrow pit</u>
			Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

[REDACTED]

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
 Aiken County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
 [REDACTED]

CITY OR TOWN:
 Aiken

STATE:
 South Carolina

CODE:
 45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
 South Carolina Survey of Historic Places (preliminary)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
 South Carolina Department of Archives & History

STREET AND NUMBER:
 1430 Senate St.

CITY OR TOWN:
 Columbia

STATE:
 South Carolina

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE



Original Physical Appearance: Little is known of the original appearance of the Fort Moore-Savano Town other than the limited view provided by the archeologist from the soil, supplemented by a few oblique documentary references to construction or conditions present during the period of occupation. There are no extant descriptions of a Savano Indian town to indicate the appearance of the site from about 1680 until the construction of Fort Moore in 1716 except to indicate the presence of one or more traders or factories in the town prior to 1716. Excavations by the Institute of Archeology and Anthropology have exposed one half of such a factory in use from about 1710 to the late 1740's. The factory consisted of a square or rectangular palisaded enclosure, 185 feet on a side, surrounding a number of timber and clay structures situated parallel to the walls. The trade house, as indicated by associated artifacts and an extension in the palisade wall with a narrow gate, was of timber construction with a timber and clay chimney. The central portion of the structure contained a full cellar, flanked on the east and west sides by later additions consisting of porches or lean-to type rooms. Other structures in the compound were constructed of logs or puncheons set vertically in trenches.

A description of Fort Moore was written in 1763 by George Johnston, shortly before it was abandoned;

"... on a beautiful and commanding Situation, is another Fort, named Fortmore, about one Hundred and fifty Miles West from Charles-town; it is built of six-inch Plank nailed to Posts of light Wood, with four Towers or Bas-tions on the Angles, on which are small Cannon mounted; on the Inside is a Banquet, with loop-holes in the Cour-tines for small-arms; it has neither Ditch nor Glacis, but very good Barracks for one Hundred Men."

The remains of this fort have not been as yet identified, but more extensive archeological work in the undisturbed portions of the site may disclose them.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site of Fort Moore-Savano Town was strategic in the relations between the government of the Colony of South Carolina and a number of powerful Indian groups located along and west of the Savannah River. Indian groups associated with Fort Moore-Savano Town include the Savano, Creek, Yuchi, Cherokee, and Chickasaw. The Savano Indians occupied the bluff prior to the arrival of the traders, and remained until shortly after 1716. The Chickasaw Indians were urged by the government of South Carolina to settle at Savano Town during the first half of the 18th century to serve as a buffer group between the Creek nation and the English settlements. The Creek, Yuchi, and Cherokee are mentioned in connection with the skin trade but only ceramics attributed to the Creek were found during the excavation.

The construction of Fort Moore at Savano Town, along with construction of the Congaree Fort near the present city of Columbia, South Carolina, was a step toward not only the control of Indian groups in the interior, but toward the attempted monopoly of the southern skin trade. Although the actual position of Fort Moore has not been pinpointed on the bluff top, the location and excavation of a contemporary trade house or factory has provided valuable information concerning not only the type and variety of goods traded but insight into the lifestyle of the traders. The architectural information acquired from this site will provide comparative data for locating and interpreting other sites in the state, such as the Congaree Fort.

Fort Moore served as a military deterrent even though no battles took place. Its presence may have prevented intervention by French or Spanish controlled Indian groups. A single sherd of Spanish Majolica, found in an Indian refuse pit, indicates some contact with the Spanish. The settlement of Augusta on the west side of the Savannah River marked the end of Fort Moore as a controlling factor in the skin trade and the fort was abandoned by late 1763.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Johnston, George Milligen
 1763 A Short Description of the Province of South Carolina, with an account of The Air, Weather, and Diseases, at Charles-town.
 SOUTH CAROLINIANA edit/ by Robert L. Meriwether.

McDowell, W. L., ed.
 1955 Journals of the Commissioners of the Indian Trade September 20, 1710-August 29, 1718, Colonial Records of South Carolina.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **8**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
South Carolina	45	Aiken	003
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Richard R. Polhemus, Assistant Archeologist

ORGANIZATION: Institute of Archeology and Anthropology DATE: August 16, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
 University of South Carolina

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Charles E. Lee
 Charles E. Lee
 Director, South Carolina Department of Archives & History

Date: Sept. 6, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 8/14/73

ATTEST:
Wm. Bennett
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 7 30 73



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