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(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

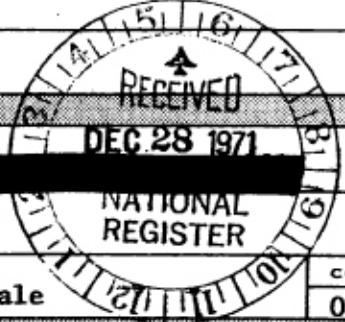
STATE: South Carolina  
 COUNTY: Allendale  
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 ENTRY NUMBER: JUN 19 1972 DATE:

1. NAME

COMMON: Lawton Mounds  
 AND/OR HISTORIC: 38AL11

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: [REDACTED]  
 CITY OR TOWN: [REDACTED]  
 STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45 COUNTY: Allendale CODE: 005



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <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) None <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: [REDACTED]

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Allendale County Courthouse  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
 CITY OR TOWN: Allendale 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 and History  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 1430 Senate Street, P.O. Box 11,188 Capitol Station  
 CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input 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	

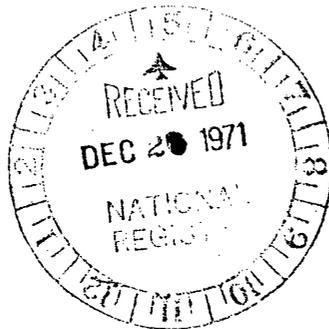
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lawton Mounds Site consists of two low earthen flat-topped mounds and surrounding village area, enclosed by a ditch and parapet.



Within this enclosure (330 x 480 feet) there are large trees and dense undergrowth. Logging seems not to have affected the area within the ditch although there are traces of past logging all about the site. Some digging has occurred on both mounds and in the village area, but it has not seriously damaged the site. Both the mounds and enclosing ditch are uncommonly well preserved. In fact their shapes must be quite close to the original appearance of these structures, except perhaps slightly altered by erosion.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

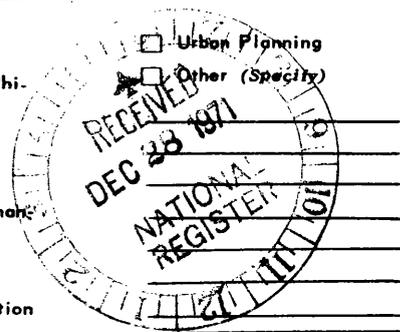
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century             | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input 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    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce               | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications         | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation           | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |  |   |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The small pottery collection obtained, as well as the platform mounds themselves, indicates construction and occupation during the Savannah II period, approximately A.D. 1200-1300. Scientific excavation of this site should produce evidence of temple structures on the mounds, house remains within the village area, a cemetery area, and perhaps indications of a defensive palisade paralleling the ditch. There is no other known Savannah period village site in South Carolina, except those with abundant earlier or later remains in addition to Savannah. Certainly, there is no other mound site in the state so well preserved. This site seems particularly well adapted to excavation, interpretation, and restoration. Archeologically, the Savannah II period is of particular interest because of evidence for the spread of strong ceremonialism into the South Carolina-Georgia area at this time. Flat-topped earthen mounds, substructures for religious buildings, first appear, and exotic artifacts of apparent religious significance characterize excavated sites of this period.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Clarence B. Moore, 1898, "Certain Aboriginal Mounds of the Savannah River." P.C. Stockhausen, Philadelphia. (Moore put a trench in the North Mound, and was disappointed by the absence of human burials with fine artifacts).

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		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: [REDACTED]

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
South Carolina		Allendale	
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Dr. E. Thomas Hemmings

ORGANIZATION: Institute of Archeology and Anthropology      DATE: 4-16-71

STREET AND NUMBER:  
University of South Carolina

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia      STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 29208

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

Title Director, South Carolina Department Archives & History

Date December 16, 1971

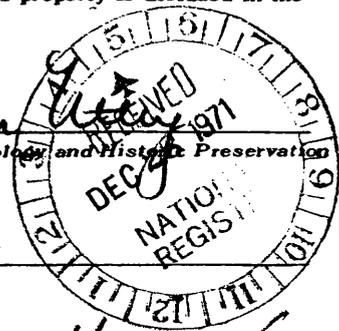
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert H. ...  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/19/72

ATTEST:  
William M. ...  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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