

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Beaufort	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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## 1. NAME

COMMON:

Indian Hill Site (38BT25)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

## 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE

South Carolina

CODE

45

COUNTY:

Beaufort

CODE

013

## 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <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) <del>SITE UNUSED</del>
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

## 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

## 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Beaufort County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Beaufort

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## 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 &amp; History

STREET AND NUMBER:

1430 Senate St.

CITY OR TOWN:

Columbia,

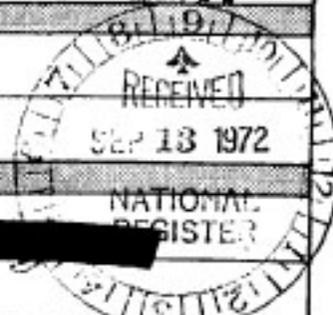
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**7. DESCRIPTION**

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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Without exploratory excavation, it is very difficult to accurately determine a site's original function and configuration. Previous archaeological investigations at similar sites and C. B. Moore's trench enables us to predict the site's physical appearance when it was occupied by the Indians. A more detailed picture must await future excavations.

Judging from the size of the mound the site probably served as a regional ceremonial center performing religious, social and economic functions. Religious activities were centered on or near the mound which served as the base for a temple or other special purpose structure. Broken pieces of pottery, shell, and occasional fragments of animal bone found in the adjacent fields indicate that the village was close to the mound. The slight rise in elevation southeast of the mound may have been formed by the accumulation of midden debris discarded by the Indians or it could be the remains of a now plowed and eroded platform or burial mound. The subsistence base was probably centered around maize agriculture, but this may have been extensively supplemented by collecting wild marine and estuarine resources.

The village probably consisted of clusters of houses constructed of wattle and daub. In addition to domiciliary structures, special purpose buildings, such as a mortuary, may also occur in the village area.

At present, the mound is in excellent condition with the exception of the 18 foot wide trench dug into the north side by Moore. The steep sides and dense vegetation undoubtedly discourage cultivation. The mound rises to a height of 13 feet, 2 inches with a basal diameter of 138 feet east-west and 129 feet north-south. The summit is circular, 62 feet across.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                       |                                       |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <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 DATES (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <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 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 type="checkbox"/> Commerce               | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications         | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation           |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Judging from the scanty evidence available from C. B. Moore's excavations at the site in 1898, it appears that the mound once served as a substructure for a building dedicated to religious or ceremonial purposes. Moore's mention of irregular streaks of clay and sand suggests that the mound was built in more than one construction stage. The successive building stages were probably carried out by destroying the existing structure and then adding an additional layer of earth on the top and sides of the mound. After the mound had been raised to the desired height, a new building was constructed on the summit. The post holes found during the 1898 excavations probably belong to one of the buildings.

Preliminary analysis of the pottery from the adjacent village area indicates that the site had close cultural affinities with the Savannah II Phase from coastal Georgia (Caldwell and McCann, 1941). The pottery suggests that the site was inhabited between 900 - 1400 A. D.

Of significant scientific interest is the apparent lack of any cultural material later than Savannah II. Pottery characteristic of the succeeding Irene Phase has not been found at the site. In addition to the architectural features associated with the mound, excavations at the site can be expected to yield information concerning cultural developments during this period.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Moore, Clarence B.  
 1898 "Certain Aboriginal Mounds of the Coast of Carolina,"  
Journal of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia,  
 vol. XI, pp. 152-162.

Caldwell, Joseph R. and Catherine McCann  
 1941 Irene Mound Site, Chatham County, Georgia, University of  
 Georgia Press, Athens.

**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	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW						
NE						
SE						
SW						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
South Carolina		Beaufort	013
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Thomas M. Ryan - Archeologist

ORGANIZATION: Institute of Archeology and Anthropology DATE: August 22, 1972

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, S. C. Dept. of Archives & History  
 Date: 9/6/72

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

A. R. Montrose  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: MAR 22 1974

ATTEST:  
Constance  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3 21 74

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