

Form 10-300
(July 1969)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Charleston	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.10.45.0036	DATE 10/15/70

1. NAME

COMMON:

Auld Mound or Yough Hall Plantation Shell Ring

AND/OR HISTORIC:

(38CH41)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Mount Pleasant

STATE:

South Carolina

CODE

39

COUNTY:

Charleston

CODE

019

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"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) forest	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Charleston

STATE:

South Carolina

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39

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

none

DATE OF SURVEY:

☐ Federal☐ State☐ County☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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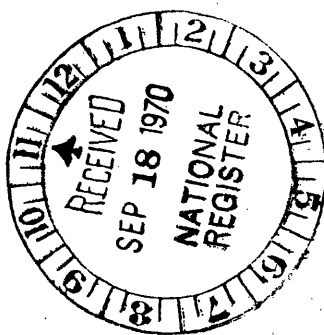
7. DESCRIPTION

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

Auld Mound is a prehistoric Indian shell midden deposited in a ring shape. The average diameter from crest to crest is about 174 feet. The ring stands 2 to 3 feet higher than an essentially flat central area and up to 6 feet above surrounding swampy terrain. The entire area is densely forested and covered by thick undergrowth. The midden is composed of oyster shell largely, but with large quantities of knobbed whelks and periwinkles present, as well as smaller amounts of other molluscs. The interstices between the shells are filled by black midden soil with some animal bone and pottery sherds. The floor of the ring does not contain any midden deposit, nor apparently the terrain surrounding the ring. The floor is approximately 5 feet above mean sea level.

[REDACTED]. A small test pit made long ago is visible in the southeast quarter of the ring, otherwise it appears intact.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☒ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☐ 19th CenturySPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1820 B.C. \pm 130 (M-1209, Crane & Griffin 1964)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☒ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

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☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☐ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

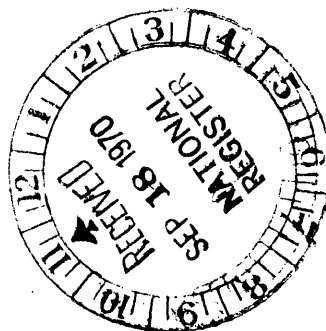
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☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Auld Mound is one of 20 or more prehistoric shell rings located from the central coast of South Carolina to the central coast of Georgia, a distance of about 150 miles. All are believed to date early in the second millenium B.C., and they contain some of the earliest pottery known in North America. Only very limited excavations have been undertaken in a few of these rings. Consequently, the function of the ring shape is unknown, although the rings appear to be carefully planned and systematically deposited structures. As such, they also present one of the earliest records of sedentary life among people who must have lived entirely by foraging. The shell rings can be expected to yield valuable information about past habitats on the coast, both from their rich content of food refuse and from their relationships to modern environments. Most are situated about 5 feet above present mean sea level, but the relationship to sea level at the time of occupation is unknown. It seems unlikely that sea level was a great deal higher about 4000 years ago than at present from the evidence of these lowlying rings. An unknown number of shell ring sites has been lost to marine erosion and to borrowing shell for road building; many of the remaining rings show the effects of unauthorized digging.

Auld Mound is one of two South Carolina shell rings virtually intact. Oyster shell collected by A. J. Waring from this site in 1960 was dated 1820 B.C. \pm 130 years (M-1209, Crane and Griffin 1964).



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Gregorie, Anne King, 1925, Notes on Sewee Indians and Indian Remains of Christ Church Parish, Charleston County, South Carolina. Contributions from the Charleston Museum, V. Charleston

Crane, H. R., and J. B. Griffin, 1964, University of Michigan Radiocarbon Dates IX. Radiocarbon, Vol. 6, pp. 1-24. Yale University, New Haven.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

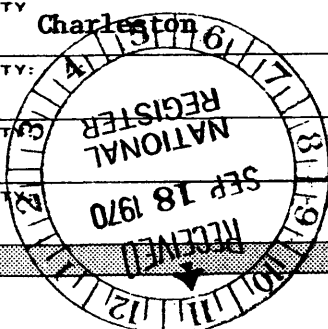
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
South Carolina	39	Charleston	019
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Dr. E. Thomas Hemmings		
ORGANIZATION Institute of Archeology and Anthropology	DATE 4-15-70	
STREET AND NUMBER: University of South Carolina		
CITY OR TOWN: Columbia	STATE South Carolina	
		CODE 39

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 S. Lep

Title Director, South Carolina Department Archives & History

Date August 29, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date OCT 15 1970

ATTEST:
William J. Hurlburt
Keeper of The National Register

Date OCT 12 1970

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