

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: South Carolina | |
| COUNTY: Chester | |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| ENTRY NUMBER MAR 23 1972 | DATE |

1. NAME

COMMON:

McCollum Mound or Turkey Creek Mound and Village (38CS2)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE

South Carolina

CODE

45

COUNTY:

Chester

CODE

023

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 | 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 |
| Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious | Formerly cultivated | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | now abandoned | |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Chester

STATE

South Carolina

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

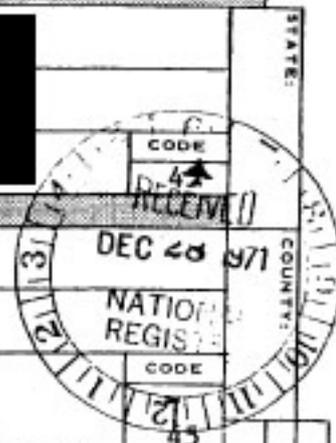
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7. DESCRIPTION

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

The Turkey Creek Mound and associated village

The mound's flat summit stands 15 feet above the present ground surface. The mound's basal circumference measures 340 feet and has a 147 foot circumference on the top. The area of occupation is

In 1884, Dr. Edward Palmer of the Bureau of American Ethnology excavated a 12 foot wide trench into the mound from the south side. This trench is still visible, but it has been widened considerably by unauthorized digging. Vandals in search of Indian relics have dug into the mound in several places - fortunately at least 2/3 of the mound remains undisturbed.

Shortly prior to 1884, the land owner, Mr. W. M. McCollum, reportedly removed some four feet of the mound to make cultivation easier. Today the mound is forested and covered by thick undergrowth.

Dr. Palmer noted dark soil discolorations which could mark the location of aboriginal house sites. This surface discoloration is no longer evident, but village debris and pieces of daub used in wall construction were found in several places.

was cultivated at one time. Today the field is no longer cultivated and is presently covered with briars, weeds, and small trees.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Probably late prehistoric-historic site

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|--|
| <input checked="" 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 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

The Turkey Creek site is one of less than two dozen mounds of aboriginal origin in the state of South Carolina. Based on Palmer's notes and subsequent digging, the mound was built in three, possibly more, stages. Associated with one of the latter construction stages is a one foot thick layer of fired earth and charred timbers. From what we know of other mounds in this region, this probably represents the remains of a structure that once stood on the mound summit. Before the next stage was added, this structure burned, thus preserving much of the construction detail which would have been otherwise lost.

Pottery from the site is clearly related to the Lamar ceramics complex of Georgia and the Irene complex from the lower Savannah River. [redacted] artifacts of European manufacture were found in possible association with an aboriginal house. Judging from the ceramics, the Turkey Creek mound and village were probably inhabited during the late prehistoric and early historic periods.

We can expect this stratified mound to yield valuable knowledge on the cultural development in the Carolina Piedmont during this crucial period prior to the coming of the Europeans. The exceptionally well preserved remains of the burned wattle and daub structure should also provide detailed knowledge of the wall and roof construction. The possibility of finding the carbonized remains of the contents of the structure is most interesting.

While the mound is the most imposing feature of the site, the associated village should provide valuable insights into the day-to-day activities of the people. Test excavations in the midden north of the mound indicate that the original occupation surface is now buried by two feet of water-deposited silt. Thus we have a single isolated archeological component sealed by later deposits. A yet undiscovered cemetery can also be expected to occur in or near the village area.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Unpublished notes on file at the University of Georgia, Department of Anthropology and the Institute of Archeology and Anthropology, University 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 | | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | |
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| SE | ° ' " | ° ' " | | | | |
| SW | ° ' " | ° ' " | | | | |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: [REDACTED]

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

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|----------------|------|---------|------|
| South Carolina | | Chester | |
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mr. Thomas M. Ryan

ORGANIZATION: Institute of Archeology and Anthropology DATE: 4-26-71

STREET AND NUMBER:
University of South Carolina

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

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 E. Lee
Title: Director, South Carolina Department Archives & History
Date: December 16, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest A. Conrad
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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ATTEST: [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: MAR 9 1972

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