

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	South Carolina	
COUNTY:	Chester	
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ENTRY NUMBER		DATE
		AUG 28 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
McCollum Fish Weir (38855)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: [REDACTED]

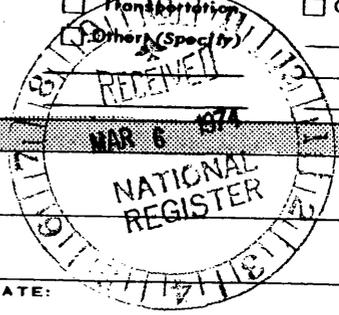
CITY OR TOWN: [REDACTED]

STATE: South Carolina

CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: State of South Carolina

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE: South Carolina

CODE: 045

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: A Basic Inventory of Archeological Sites in South Carolina

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Institute of Archeology and Anthropology

STREET AND NUMBER: University of South Carolina

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia

STATE: South Carolina

CODE: 045

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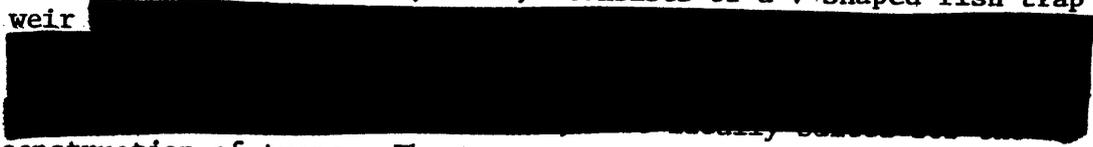
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7. DESCRIPTION

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

McCollum Fish Weir (38CS55) consists of a V-shaped fish trap or weir



construction of traps. The traps were constructed by aligning sloping rows of stone to form a wide V with the mouth facing upstream. A long tapering cane basket or a brush trap was usually placed across a small opening in the apex of the V. The current, flowing into the mouth of the trap, would channel fish into a position from which they could not escape (Ryan 1971: 7).

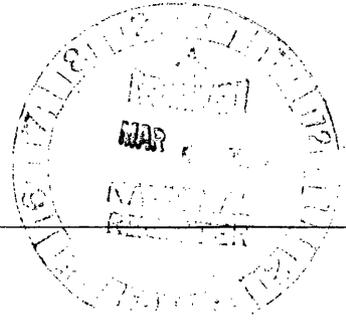
When the first Europeans arrived in this country, weirs were still used by the Indians. Consequently, we have several reliable ethnographic accounts describing their use and construction. In 1705 Robert Beverley wrote the following account of a fish trap in Virginia:

At the Falls of the Rivers, where the Water is shallow and the Current strong, the Indians use another kind of Weir, thus made: They make a Dam of loose Stone, whereof there is Plenty at hand, quite a-cross the River, leaving one, two, or more Spaces or Tunnels, for the Water to pass thr'o; at the Mouth of which they set a Pot of Reeds, wove in Form of a Cone, whose Base is about three Foot, and perpendicular ten, into which the Swiftness of the Current carries the Fish, and there lodges them (Beverley 1705).

Over seventy years later James Adair described a similar trap still in use:

The Indians have the art of catching fish in long crails, made with canes and hickory splinters, tapering to a point. They lay these at a fall of water, where stones are placed in two sloping lines from each bank, till they meet together in the middle of the rapid stream, where the entangled fish are soon drown. Above such a place, I have known them to fasten a wreath of long grape vines together, to reach across the river, with stones fastened at proper distance to rake the bottom; they will swim a mile with it whooping and plunging all the way, driving the fish before them into their large cane pots (Adair 1775).

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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 checked="" 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) <u>fishing</u> |
| <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

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Fish weirs or traps have been reported on many of the major streams along the eastern seaboard from Georgia to New York (Strandberg and Tomlinson 1969: 312). In South Carolina, Hemmings located three fish traps [redacted] (Hemmings 1970: 48). Unfortunately, we are unable to date the earliest use of fish traps along the eastern coast. Archeological evidence in the form of a Morrow Mountain Archaic point, 5050-4050 B.C., found in a fish trap on the Potomac River suggests that some of the structures may be very old (Strandberg and Tomlinson 1969: 312). On the other hand, weirs were still being constructed by both Colonials and Indians during the eighteenth century. Traps of Indian origin were sometimes repaired by the colonists and put back in service. In 1765 John Calhoun states that the settlers reported the Indian fish dam across Little River in South Carolina (Meriwether 1940: 169).

Because of the important role played by fish weirs both in the life of the colonists near the river and before them, the Indians, these fast disappearing structures should be protected like a page of past history for the future.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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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NW	0 . "	0 . "				
NE	0 . "	0 . "				
SE	0 . "	0 . "				
SW	0 . "	0 . "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: [REDACTED]

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Maryjane G. Rhett, Researcher

ORGANIZATION: Institute of Archeology & Anthropology DATE: 1/18/74

STREET AND NUMBER:
University of South Carolina

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: South Carolina CODE: 045

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. Lop

Title Historic Preservation Officer
S.C. Dept. of Archives & History

Date January 28, 1974

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

A. K. [Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 8/28/74

ATTEST:

Charles [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 8-27-74

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McCollum Fish Weir

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1971 Archeological Survey Along the Broad River Near Leeds, South Carolina. Research Manuscript Series No. 12. Institute of Archeology and Anthropology, University of South Carolina, Columbia.

Strandberge, Carl H. and Ray Tomlinson

1969 Photoarchaeological Analysis of Potomac River Fish Traps. American Antiquity, Vol. 34, No. 3. Salt Lake City.

