

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: Fairfield	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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1. NAME	
COMMON: Blair Mound (38FA48)	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Winnsboro			
STATE South Carolina	CODE 045	COUNTY: Fairfield	CODE 039

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" 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:	
[REDACTED]	
STATE: South Carolina	CODE 045

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:	
Fairfield County Courthouse	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Winnsboro	STATE: South Carolina
CODE 045	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY: A Basic Inventory of Archeological Sites in South Carolina	
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local	
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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7. DESCRIPTION

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

Blair Mound is an earthen structure in the form of a low,

[REDACTED],

The mound was constructed on the site of a late Woodland trash midden. Originally the mound consisted of a platform with sloping sides. At least one, and probably two rebuilding phases elevated the mound above the original ground surface. The surrounding area, containing other vestiges of the prehistoric archeological site, is a sloping area

[REDACTED]

A large structure featuring paired wall posts was built at the base of the mound and remnants of a wattle-and-daub structure were detected in association with the first mound-building phase. Although no extra-mound structures were found, test pits within the 10 acre area of the site revealed scattered prehistoric trash, two hearths, and one human burial.

In addition to artifacts from both Archaic and Late Woodland cpmtxts, pottery identified with the South Appalachian Mississippian Tradition was found in association with the mound structures.

At present the mound itself is in poor condition. Leveling operations have been conducted at least twice within this century in order to render the area more suitable for agriculture. Perhaps 40% of the mound base is 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 Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) see dates below.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☒ Prehistoric☐ Historic☐ Agriculture☐ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape

Architecture

☐ Literature☐ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Blair Mound Site represents one of the significant remains of an important prehistoric cultural development in South Appalachian Culture Province. It is a part of the sidespread Mississippian Culture Pattern that spread from the Mississippi Valley to the south Atlantic Seaboard bringing with it cultural elements and ways of life that dramatically changed the prehistoric living patterns of the area. Other sites of this Mississippian Pattern are found in Georgia (e.g. Etowah Mounds), North Carolina (e.g. Town Creek Mound), Alabama (e.g. Moundville), etc. The Blair Mound represents a late phase of this Pattern apparently existing in the period of A.D. 1300-1400.

This cultural pattern based in elaborate religious and ceremonial procedures, including the building of temple mounds, is abundant in Alabama and Georgia. Several are known along the Piedmont of North Carolina. In South Carolina they occur along the central and lower Savannah River and along the Broad, Santee, and Wateree Rivers. Mostly they are located in a twenty mile wide zone on either side of the geological fall-line running N-S to S-W across the center of the state. Blair Mound and one other (Turkey Creek Mound) are the farthest up into the Piedmont of any in South Carolina.

It is from intensive study of this and related sites that origins and development of some of the known historic Indian tribes may ultimately be described and understood.

DateEarlier than
1500 BC755±90BP
(1195 AD)

625±75BP

ContextArchaic Occupation
(Pre-mound)Terminal Pre-mound
Woodland occupationProbable Initial
Mound Building StageSourceCross-Area Inference
(see Coe, 1964)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Teague, George A.

1972 Archeological Survey and Excavation in the Parr and Monticello Reservoirs Region, South Carolina.
Manuscript in progress at 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	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: _____

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:
Robert L. Stephenson, Director and George Teague, Archeologist

ORGANIZATION: Institute of Archeology and Anthropology DATE: April 22, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
University of South Carolina

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

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION	NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION
<p>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:</p> <p>National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name: <u>Charles E. Lee</u></p> <p>Title: <u>State Historic Preservation Officer</u> S.C. Dept. of Archives and History</p> <p>Date: <u>May 20, 1974</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>AK Maclellan</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date: <u>8/23/74</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>Wm. Shultz</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date: <u>8-22-74</u></p>

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