

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
	(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

The McMeekin Shelter is formed by a granite outcrop on the
[REDACTED]
 sheltered area is less than two meters in horizontal depth.

Excavation of the major portion of the site revealed a geologic sequence as follows. On top of decomposed bedrock was deposited 60 cm. of coarse, alluvial sand. Overlying this sand are three thin levels of dark, humic soils. Evidence of human occupation of the site is found in the humic soil levels and at the top of the lower alluvial sand deposit.

Artifacts recovered include 86 ceramic sherds, 52 flake stone tools, two grinding tools, and over 500 pieces of chipping debris.

In addition, two of the upper levels contain informal hearths and pieces of burned bone.

Of the diagnostically sensitive artifacts, projectile points show little discernible change through time. Only two of the 86 sherds, both found in the lowest levels, had been surface decorated. One of the sherds was simple stamped, while the other was check stamped. However, a number of sherds in the upper levels showed evidence of smudging and burnishing. Taking into account stylistic similarities within the area, it is suggested that a number of short term occupations occurred at the site from ca. AD 1200 to ca. AD 1400.

At present, the condition of the shelter is good, but the majority of the sheltered area has been excavated to sterile levels.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <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 DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) ca. 1200-1400 A.D.

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 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

The McMeekin Shelter is significant in that it provides information about poorly known aspects of both culture-history and past lifeways during the late prehistoric period on the Carolina Piedmont.

The geomorphic processes peculiar to this region, in particular extreme erosion, have largely precluded investigation of non-flood plain located areas of prehistoric activity. The protected and spatially bounded nature of McMeekin Shelter, a seldom found situation on the Carolina Piedmont, has allowed verification and assessment of certain elements in a previously undetermined pattern of settlement and subsistence activities.



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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.
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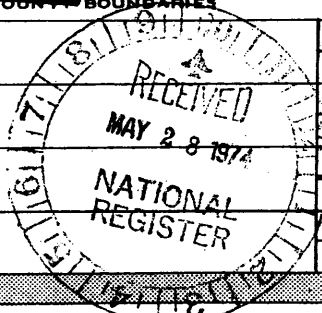
10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: [REDACTED]

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION: Institute of Archeology and Anthropology DATE: 4/19/74

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. Lee
 Title: State Historic Preservation Officer
S.C. Dept. of Archives and History

Date: May 20, 1974

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

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

Date: 8/23/74

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 8.22.74