

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Kershaw	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70-7-41-0021	DATE 7/16/70



1. NAME	
COMMON: Adamson Mounds Site (38Kell)	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION	
STREET AND NUMBER: [REDACTED]	
CITY OR TOWN: [REDACTED] Camden.	
STATE: South Carolina	CODE 41
COUNTY: Kershaw	CODE 28

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	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 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) <u>Timberland</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNER'S NAME: [REDACTED]	
CODE 41	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Kershaw County Court House, Clerk's Office	
STREET AND NUMBER: Broad Street	
CITY OR TOWN: Camden	STATE: South Carolina
CODE 41	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY: South Carolina Survey of Historic Places	
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Department of Archives & History	
STREET AND NUMBER: 1430 Senate Street	
CITY OR TOWN: Columbia	STATE: South Carolina
CODE 41	

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## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ Excellent☐ Good☐ Fair

(Check One)

☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☐ Altered☒ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a prehistoric Indian village site containing one large temple mound, a smaller mound, possibly a third still smaller mound, and a burial area. It apparently served as a ceremonial center. It appears to be very little altered over the centuries and may be much as it was only a few decades after it was abandoned by the Indians, except as noted below.

Mound A, [REDACTED], oriented NW-SE. It is about 35 feet high; its base is about 150' x 200'; its flat summit is 100' x 65'. Previous minor excavation has slightly disturbed portions of the northeast and northwest sides and a small area of the summit. A "ramp" appears to be slightly indicated on the east side. Preservation is excellent.

Mound B, [REDACTED] It is circular, about 75 feet in diameter and about 10 feet high. It may have been 4 or 5 feet higher originally but excavation by persons unknown has left a 25' diameter hole 4' deep in the top. Despite this, the condition is good.

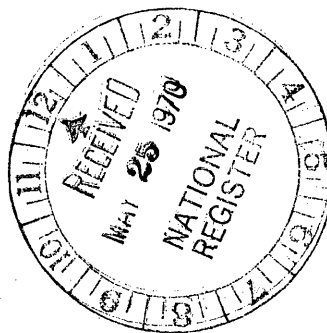
It is said that a third mound was once present but there seems to be little evidence of it now.

[REDACTED] William Blanding in the 1820's reports that a ditch and/or embankment surrounded Mound A.

Fourteen burials are known to have been excavated from the site in an [REDACTED] These are flexed adult interments in rectangular pits and infant urn burials. The pottery is generally of the Lamar series.

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SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<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)			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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			
<p>This is one of a series of sites of outstanding significance that extend through Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. Other related sites are Okmulgee, Irene, and Hollywood in Georgia; the late prehistoric component at Charles Towne, the Santee Mound, and the McDowell Mound in South Carolina; the Town Creek Site in North Carolina and others in all three states. It represents a widespread, late prehistoric Indian culture known by the names of Lamar or Irene, or Pee Dee and dates probably between A.D. 1400 and A.D. 1700.</p> <p>This particular site is of extreme importance because of its central location in the geographic range of the culture, its exceptionally good state of preservation, and its potential for adding materially to the knowledge of this rather poorly known culture complex. An understanding of this late prehistoric site in this particular area should provide major insights into the protohistoric and historic cultures of the Carolina coastal area as well as the region along the fall line and their relations to the Georgia and North Carolina complexes of the period.</p>			



# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Squier and Davis, 1848, "Ancient Monuments of the Mississippi Valley," Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge, Vol. 1.
2. George Stuart, 1967, "Protohistoric Mound Sites in the Wateree Valley," manuscript.

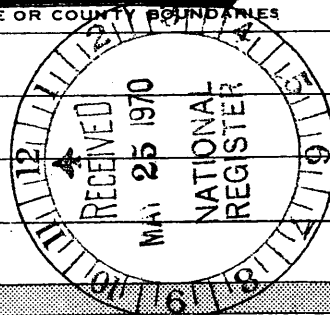
# 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds		LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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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**

ORGANIZATION: **Institute of Archeology & Anthropology** DATE: **March 12, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**University of South Carolina**

CITY OR TOWN: **Columbia** STATE: **South Carolina** CODE: **41**

# 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 Robert L. Stephenson

Title Director, S.C. Department of Archives and History

Date 5/19/70

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

Ernest Allen Connally  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JUL 16 1970

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

William J. Montague  
Keeper of The National Register

Date JUN 23 1970

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