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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

(33-Cu-8)

AND/OR COMMON

South Park Site

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Independence

VICINITY OF

23rd - Ronald M. Mottl

STATE

Ohio

CODE
039

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY

Cuyahoga

CODE

035

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Hydraulic Press Brick Company

STREET & NUMBER

Box 7786

CITY, TOWN

Cleveland

VICINITY OF

STATE

Ohio

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Cuyahoga County Recorder's Office
New Administration Building

STREET & NUMBER

1219 Ontario

CITY, TOWN

Cleveland

STATE

Ohio

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

The Archaeological Collections

DATE

1975 ff

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Archaeology Lab, Cleveland Museum of Natural History

CITY, TOWN

Cleveland

STATE

Ohio

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The South Park Site sits [REDACTED]

Originally the site was about 200 m in length with a maximum width of about 120 m. The site was very characteristic of the Late Woodland hilltop sites with a large occupation area surrounded on three sides by steep slopes and on the fourth by a narrow neck with earthen walls erected for protection.

The South Park Site has been locally known for its representation of a late prehistoric village. Preliminary excavations were conducted on the site by Greenman (1930) and Murphy (1968). These excavations showed the Whittlesey component without destroying a significant amount of the site. More extensive excavations were conducted by Brose in 1970. These excavations and the analysis thereafter documented the existence of three distinct occupations at the South Park Site during A.D. 1000-1640. These occupations have been identified by Brose (1973) to the Early, Middle, and Late Whittlesey components dating to A.D. 1000-1250, A.D. 1250-1450, and A.D. 1450-1650 respectively.

Gravel operations occurring during the 1970 excavations combined with past excavations have destroyed about seventy-five percent (75%) of the site. It was unfortunate that much of the South Park Site was destroyed by the Hydraulic Press Brick Company's operations. It is hoped the placing of the South Park Site on the National Register of Historic Places will help to preserve what remains of the site.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES A.D. 1000-1640

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The South Park Site has been recorded as one of the State's large village sites since 1930 when E.F. Greenman conducted test excavations at the site. Since that time, two other professional excavations (1968 and 1970) have unearthed a wealth of information about the site. All these excavations have shown the site to have been reoccupied several times during late prehistoric times.

Excavations at South Park has afforded archaeologists with the information necessary for a better understanding of the Whittlesey Focus. Brose (1973) has in his preliminary analysis of the site been able to separate the Whittlesey Focus into an Early, Middle, and Late stage. Controlled excavations allowed the necessary segregation of materials for this type of analysis. However, complete excavations of the site could provide the data necessary for studies on community patterning and social organization. Although 75% of this site has been destroyed through various forms of disturbances, the remaining 25% is worthy of nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for it contains undisturbed remains of several different prehistoric cultures. Many known village sites of the Whittlesey Focus have been destroyed without any form of salvage of the information they contained. It is hoped the remaining portion of the South Park Site can be protected from any uncontrolled destruction.



9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Greenman, Emerson F., 1937. "Two Prehistoric Villages Near Cleveland, Ohio." OSAHQ 46(4): 305-366.
- Brose, David S., 1973. "A Preliminary Analysis of Recent Excavations at South Park Site, Cuyahoga County, Ohio," Pennsylvania Archaeologist pp. 25-42.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one (1) acre

UTM REFERENCES

A [REDACTED]
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

D [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

[REDACTED]

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE David R. Bush, Archaeologist

ORGANIZATION Ohio Historic Preservation Office

DATE

Regional Office: Cleveland Museum of Natural History September 8, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

Wade Oval, University Circle (216) 231-4600 Ext. 58

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Cleveland

STATE

Ohio

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE SHPO

DATE 3/3/76

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: [Signature]
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

6/22/76
6.19.76