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*IDENTIFICATION OF ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES
OF SOUTH CAROLINA*

Archeological Resources

Archeological resources are those remains of human occupation, prehistoric or historic, that may be found on or beneath the surface of the ground by careful, scientific excavation. They may be the remains of prehistoric Indian occupations such as chipped stone tools, pottery, bone tools, shell or other implements or other artifacts. They may be remains of campfires, the post holes where wall posts of houses or palisades once stood, underground storage or refuse pits, fragments of food remains, or other evidence of prehistoric Indians having been there. They may be above ground remains such as earthen mounds, trails, agricultural fields, etc.

These prehistoric archeological resources are grouped and classified in various ways by the archeologist to analyze their historic and cultural meaning. These groupings may be by cultural content, by socio-economic groups, or by time periods. In South Carolina these resources, or archeological sites, extend throughout all or nearly all of the time span of man's occupation of the New World, and embrace a distinctive series of socio-economic patterns or "ways of life". They range from the simplest Early Man sites of 10,000 or more years ago, when man depended, in part, on large game animals for his economic existence; through the Archaic hunting and gathering period; the beginnings of agriculture; the development of major agricultural economy, and cere-

monial centers; to the times of historic contact with the European colonists.

Archeological resources may also be historic, non-Indian sites of European or African origin. These begin with the sites of the earliest Spanish, French, and English explorers of the 16th century and extend to modern times. They include fortifications, houses, communities, shipwrecks, trails, farms, cemeteries, churches, slave quarters, and the structures as well as artifacts that are found at these sites. Historic sites, more often than prehistoric sites, contain above-ground ruins, as for example, historic houses, tombstones, or fortifications some of which may be in well-preserved condition. Even with these, however, there are sub-surface archeological remains that require excavation in order to interpret the story of the site. Also, historic sites have the added advantage that there are usually some contemporary documents that help describe and explain the site.

Whether historic or prehistoric, these archeological resources are the remains of human occupation and they lie on or beneath the surface of the ground. They are the physical remains that can be excavated, measured, studied, and interpreted by careful and competent archeologists to tell the story (or at least some of the story) of how and when these people lived in this particular place, why they changed their ways of life, and what their relationships to their environment may have been. Once these remains are disturbed, either by archeological excavation or construction projects or by any other means, the evidence of their existence is forever destroyed. It is essential, then, that any disturbance of these remains be done with the utmost archeological

excavate these sites, and to interpret their meaning within the overall story of 10,000 or more years of South Carolina's history. One of the major goals of the Institute is to develop a state-wide inventory of the sites that exist. This is being done concurrently with excavations of selected ones of these sites that require immediate excavation for one reason or another. The inventory, therefore, progresses slowly but constantly. The small but competent staff of trained archeologists in the Institute is constantly adding to the inventory, searching specific areas for sites, recording specific sites reported, and testing and analysing materials from those sites.

Archeological research began in South Carolina about a century and a half ago with Dr. Blanding's excavation in some mounds on the Wateree River in the 1820s. Since then, though, there has been only spotty attempts at archeological research in the state until recent years. A dozen or two sites were sampled or partially excavated, some with adequate techniques and records, others without. The Charleston Museum records were the best effort toward an inventory of sites, but these records concentrated primarily in the vicinity of Charleston County.

In 1968, the Institute began a systematic inventory of sites within all parts of the state. The Charleston Museum kindly loaned their records for duplicating and all other sources of site data from institutions within the state and from outside the state were brought together to develop the inventory. As many of these sites as has been feasible to check on the ground have been examined and some have been tested. Some large areas have been broadly searched for sites. Some small areas have been intensively searched. Local collectors have brought

in data about sites and when possible, these have been checked on the ground. Other sites have been added to the inventory from references in the historic documents and when possible, these have been investigated. As a result of all of this, the Institute now has more than 1,100 archeological sites recorded in the inventory.

This may seem like a large number of sites, but it is really only a beginning. After four years of effort to develop this inventory of archeological resources of South Carolina, only a small percentage of the total area of the state has been intensively investigated. It is not yet possible to answer such a simple question as "Will this particular construction project (or that one) damage any archeological resources?" With few exceptions, a realistic answer can be given only after an on-the-ground search of that particular area that has been indicated for the particular construction project. The very nature of archeological sites, being mainly beneath the surface of the ground, makes even areas where some investigation has taken place, still open to question as to what archeological resources might be revealed by excavation.

The accompanying list of sites and the map indicating the county locations of these, provide more of an index of the amount of archeological work that has been done in each county than of the archeological resources that exist in each.

Specific Site Locations

It will be noted that none of these sites is precisely pinpointed as to locality. Sites are listed only as within each county. This is

necessary as a means of protecting the known sites from unauthorized digging by well-meaning but untrained "relic collectors". If the locations of these sites were made public, there would be but very little time pass before someone would be digging into them and thus destroying what little remains there are of these past ways of life. In order to protect the sites, their locations must remain confidential until there is some means available to properly investigate them by trained archeologists.

Construction Project Procedure

The procedure that must be adopted by any agency with any kind of construction project that changes the surface of the ground is to inquire about that specific area by letter to the Director of the Institute of Archeology and Anthropology, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina 29208. This will result in a search of the inventory records for known sites in that specific area and a letter listing the sites, if any, that are on record. It will, with few exceptions, also be required that a ground-search of the area be made for additional sites before the project begins the ground-surface alterations.

Summary

In summary, then, it is emphasized that many kinds of archeological resources exist in South Carolina, both of the prehistoric and historic eras.

An inventory of these resources is being developed by the Institute of Archeology and Anthropology of the University of South Carolina.

That inventory is barely more than begun, even though more than 1,100 sites are on record.

Specific site locations are not and cannot be indicated in order to protect these non-renewable archeological resources from being vandalized.

The procedure for any agency anticipating a construction project, is a letter to the Director of the Institute indicating the specific area of concern. Known site locations in this area will be reported to the agency probably with recommendations for further search in the area.

It is to be emphasized that a lack of sites presently on record does not indicate that none exist. With few exceptions A QUALIFIED ARCHEOLOGIST MUST INSPECT EVERY PROJECT before or during construction. The longer the lead time before construction, the less chance the archeologist has of interfering with that construction.

The following list of sites by county, the tabulation of kinds of sites for the whole state, and the state map indicate the latest information from the Institute as of July 1, 1972.

TOTALS OF RECORDED ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES
IN SOUTH CAROLINA, BY COUNTY

Abbeville (AB)	38	Darlington (DA)	16	Lee (LE)	3
Aiken (AK)	16	Dillon (DN)	1	Lexington (LX)	27
Allendale (AL)	18	Dorchester (DR)	4	McCormick (MC)	
Anderson (AN)	8	Edgefield (ED)	8	Marion (MA)	45
Bamberg (BM)	4	Fairfield (FA)	35	Marlboro (ML)	3
Barnwell (BR)	1	Florence (FL)	14	Newberry (NE)	6
Beaufort (BU)	71	Georgetown (GE)	14	Oconee (OC)	36
Berkeley (BK)	58	Greenville (GR)	8	Orangeburg (OR)	16
Calhoun (CL)	17	Greenwood (GN)	19	Pickens (PN)	13
Charleston (CH)	61	Hampton (HA)	2	Richland (RD)	21
Cherokee (CK)	3	Horry (HR)	13	Saluda (SA)	10
Chester (CS)	51	Jasper (JA)	6	Spartanburg (SP)	13
Chesterfield (CT)	2	Kershaw (KE)	13	Sumter (SU)	8
Clarendon (CR)	33	Lancaster (LA)	1	Union (UN)	6
Colleton (CN)	4	Laurens (LU)	1	Williamsburg (WG)	3
				York (YK)	<u>12</u>
				TOTAL	762

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SOUTH CAROLINA
ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES ON THE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Of 138 sites in the state of South Carolina approved for the National Register of Historic Places, the following 19 are archeological sites.

P = Prehistoric Site.

H = Historic Site.

1. Camden Fortifications (38KE1), Kershaw County -H-
2. Santee Indian Mound and Fort Watson (38CR1), Clarendon County -P&H-
3. Price's Post Office (38SP1), Spartanburg County -H-
4. Pinckneyville (38UN1), Union County -H-
5. Site of Charles Towne (38CH1), Charleston County -P&H-
6. Landsford Canal (38CS5), Chester County -H-
7. Old Dorchester (38DR3), Dorchester County -H-
8. Ninety Six and Star Fort (38GR1,2,3,4, and 5), Greenwood County -H-
9. McDowell Site (38KE12), Kershaw County -P-
10. Adamson Mounds Site (38KE11), Kershaw County -P-
11. Chester Field Shell Ring (38BU29), Beaufort County -P-
12. Sea Pines Shell Ring (38BU7), Beaufort County -P-
13. Hankel Mound Shell Ring (38BU7), Charleston County -P-
14. Fig Island Shell Ring (38CH42), Charleston County -P-
15. Buzzard's Island Shell Ring (38CH23), Charleston County -P-
16. Sewee Mound Shell Ring (38CH45), Charleston County -P-
17. Auld Mound Shell Ring (38CH41), Charleston County -P-
18. Horse Island Shell Ring (38CH14), Charleston County -P-
19. Skull Creek Shell Ring (38BU8), Beaufort County -P-

SITE TYPES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Abbeville (38AB)

4 prehistoric sites
1 village site
1 mound
1 stone circles
1 stone cairn
3 fish weir
1 prehistoric fish camp site
14 Archaic camp sites
4 Woodland sites

2 Woodland fish camp sites
1 Mississippian? village site
3 historic house ruins
3 historic buildings
5 Unidentified

Total: 44 sites

Aiken (38AK)

2 prehistoric sites
1 village site
1 camp site
1 sand mound
1 mound
1 cache
2 Archaic sites
2 fort-trading post ruins

1 historic ruin
1 historic watering place
1 historic pottery
17 Unidentified

Total: 31 sites

Allendale (38AL)

3 village sites
2 mounds
2 shell middens
1 quarry
2 flint workshops
4 Archaic sites

2 Woodland village sites
1 historic ruin
38 Unidentified

Total: 55 sites

Anderson (38AN)

3 Archaic camp sites
1 Mississippian village site
3 historic buildings

20 Unidentified

Total: 27 sites

Bamberg (38BM)

1 Archaic site
1 historic house
1 Confederate earthwork

4 Unidentified

Total: 7 sites

Barnwell (38BR)

- 1 prehistoric village
- 2 historic buildings
- 9 Unidentified

Total: 12 sites

Beaufort (38BU)

- 2 village sites
- 3 mounds
- 3 Wilmington mound sites
- 1 Irene burial mound
- 2 burial mound sites
- 2 Temple mound sites
- 2 shell enclosures
- 2 shell rings
- 1 early ceramic shell ring
- 14 shell middens
- 2 early ceramic shell midden
- 4 Wilmington shell middens
- 2 Irene shell middens
- 5 Archaic sites
- 2 Woodland sites
- 3 Mississippian sites

- 2 ceramic occupation areas
- 3 Multi-component sites:
 - Late Archaic to Early Woodland
- 1 Multi-component site:
 - Early Woodland to Mississippian
- 1 Multi-component site:
 - Archaic to historic
- 1 historic boat
- 1 historic rice mill
- 1 historic intertidal peat deposit
- 7 historic ruins
- 1 historic cemetery
- 7 historic buildings
- 7 Unidentified

Total: 82 sites

Berkeley (38BK)

- 6 Indian sites
- 1 burial mound
- 1 burial
- 4 Multi-component sites:
 - prehistoric to historic
- 12 historic sites
- 3 historic ruins
- 2 historic mounds

- 6 historic buildings
- 6 historic Indian sites
- 22 Unidentified

Total: 63 sites

Calhoun (38CL)

- 1 possible mound
- 2 Archaic sites
- 1 Woodland site
- 4 Multi-component sites:
 - Archaic to Woodland
- 1 Multi-component site:
 - prehistoric to historic
- 1 historic ruin

- 1 Revolutionary War earthwork
- 8 Unidentified

Total: 19 sites

Charleston (38CH)

5 village sites
3 camp sites
5 mounds
9 shell rings
15 shell middens
1 Wilmington site
1 ceramic occupation site
1 Multi-component site:
 prehistoric to historic
1 historic Indian burial site
1 historic site
5 historic fort sites
8 historic ruins

7 historic buildings
1 historic seawall shell midden
1 historic ship wreck
1 historic train track
1 fossil bone deposit
33 Unidentified

Total: 99 sites

Cherokee (38CK)

1 Archaic soapstone quarry
2 historic iron works

Total: 3 sites

Chester (38CS)

1 mound
31 Archaic sites
4 Archaic camp sites
1 Archaic workshop site
1 Woodland site
2 fish weir
6 Multi-component sites:
 Archaic to Woodland

5 historic ruins
4 historic buildings
1 historic cane press
1 historic canal
1 Revolutionary War battlefield
3 Unidentified

Total: 61 sites

Chesterfield (38CT)

1 historic building
2 Unidentified

Total: 3 sites

Clarendon (38CR)

1 Archaic workshop site
1 Woodland site
1 Deptford site
1 Thom's Creek village midden
2 Lamar burial sites
1 Multi-component site:
 Archaic to Woodland

1 Multi-component site:
 prehistoric to historic
24 Unidentified

Total: 32 sites

Collenton (38CN)

- 1 Late Archaic site
- 2 historic earthworks
- 4 historic buildings
- 1 historic ruin

1 Unidentified

Total: 9 sites

Darlington (38DA)

- 1 Woodland village site
- 1 Wilmington Savannah site
- 1 Multi-component site:
paleo-Indian to Mississippian
- 1 historic earthwork
- 1 historic ruin

1 historic building
10 Unidentified

Total: 16 sites

Dillon (38DN)

- 1 historic cotton gin
- 1 historic building
- 1 Unidentified

Total: 3 sites

Dorchester (38DR)

- 1 historic Westo village site
- 1 historic town
- 1 historic fort
- 2 historic ruins

2 Unidentified

Total: 7 sites

Edgefield (38ED)

- 1 mound
- 2 shell midden
- 1 Archaic site
- 1 historic pottery
- 4 historic buildings

5 Unidentified

Total: 14 sites

Fairfield (38FA)

- 3 mounds
- 1 rock shelter
- 41 Archaic sites
- 1 Woodland site
- 3 Multi-component sites:
Archaic to Woodland

9 historic buildings
4 Unidentified

Total: 62 sites

Florence (38FL)

- 1 camp site
- 1 Irene-Pee Dee cemetery
- 2 Multi-component sites:
prehistoric to historic
- 1 historic site

- 1 historic ruin
- 10 Unidentified

Total: 16 sites

Georgetown (38GE)

- 1 village site
- 1 ceramic shell midden
- 1 Jeremy shell midden
- 1 Late Woodland village site
- 1 Lamar village site
- 3 Multi-component sites:
Archaic to historic
- 1 historic ship wreck

- 4 historic buildings
- 1 possible trading post site
- 1 canal
- 8 Unidentified

Total: 23 sites

Greenville (38GN)

- 1 pictograph
- 1 petroglyph
- 1 camp site
- 1 cave site
- 2 mounds
- 5 historic buildings
- 1 historic bridge

- 1 historic charcoal kiln
- 1 historic cemetery
- 1 historic mill

Total: 15 sites

Greenwood (38GR)

- 1 village site
- 1 mound
- 2 Archaic camp sites
- 3 historic fortifications
- 2 historic towns

- 1 trading post
- 1 historic pottery
- 3 Unidentified

Total: 14 sites

Hampton (38HA)

- 2 ceramic village sites
- 1 Woodland Mississippian village site
- 3 Unidentified

Total: 6 sites

Horry (38HR)

2 village sites
1 shell midden
1 Archaic cache
1 Archaic dune site
2 Woodland sites
1 Woodland mound
1 Woodland shell midden

1 Waccamaw village
1 historic building
1 historic earthworks
3 Unidentified

Total: 15 sites

Jasper (38JA)

2 mounds
2 Archaic sites
3 Woodland sites
1 Multi-component site:
 Woodland to historic
1 historic site

2 historic buildings
2 Unidentified

Total: 13 sites

Kershaw (38KE)

2 mounds
1 midden
1 ditch and embankment
2 Lamar mounds
1 early ceramic village site
1 possible Woodland village site

1 historic fort
1 historic pottery
1 historic town
4 Unidentified

Total: 15 sites

Lancaster (38LA)

1 mound
1 burial site
5 prehistoric sites

4 historic buildings

Total: 11 sites

Laurens (38LU)

1 temple mound
2 historic buildings
1 Unidentified

Total: 4 sites

Lee (38LE)

6 prehistoric sites
3 Unidentified

Total: 9 sites

Lexington (38LX)

- 2 village sites
- 1 mound
- 3 Archaic sites
- 2 Woodland sites
- 1 Paleo-Indian sites
- 1 Thom's Creek village site
- 4 Multi-component sites:
Paleo-Indian to Woodland
- 2 Multi-component sites:
Paleo-Indian to historic

- 2 Multi-component sites:
Archaic to Woodland
- 3 historic ruins
- 1 historic building
- 14 Unidentified

Total: 36 sites

Marion (38MA)

- 1 prehistoric site
- 2 burial sites
- 14 Archaic sites
- 17 Woodland sites
- 3 Multi-component sites:
Archaic to Woodland
- 1 Multi-component site:
Woodland to historic

- 1 historic Indian site
- 6 Unidentified

Total: 45 sites

Marlboro (38ML)

- 1 Pee Dee village site
- 1 Multi-component site:
prehistoric to historic
- 3 historic buildings

- 2 Unidentified

Total: 7 sites

McCormick (38MC)

- 2 historic buildings

Total: 2 sites

Newberry (38NE)

- 2 village sites
- 1 fish trap
- 11 Archaic sites
- 1 Archaic workshop
- 1 Archaic camp site

- 2 historic buildings

Total: 18 sites

Oconee (380C)

3 village sites
6 mounds
1 Old Quartz Industry workshop
1 " " " village
1 " " " camp
5 Woodland sites
1 Lamar site
19 Cherokee village site
1 " rock cairn
1 Multi-component site:
Archaic to Woodland

1 Multi-component site:
Woodland to historic
2 historic buildings
1 historic bridge
1 historic tunnel
6 Unidentified

Total: 50 sites

Orangeburg (380R)

1 burial site
1 Archaic camp site
1 village site
1 Multi-component site;
Archaic to historic

2 historic sites
13 Unidentified

Total: 19 sites

Pickens (38PN)

1 earthwork
1 burial site
1 Archaic site
2 Woodland sites
1 Deptford site
3 Cherokee sites
1 Cherokee burial site

1 Old Quartz Industry village site
1 historic fort
2 historic buildings
1 Unidentified

Total: 15 sites

Richland (38RD)

1 camp site
1 Archaic site
1 Woodland site
1 Pee Dee site
1 Lamar site
1 Multi-component site:
Archaic to Woodland

2 historic sites
4 historic dumps
22 historic buildings
18 Unidentified

Total: 52 sites

Saluda (38SA)

2 Archaic sites
1 Multi-component site:
Archaic to historic

7 Unidentified

Total: 10 sites

Spartanburg (38SP)

9	Archaic soapstone quarry	1	Unidentified
1	Archaic site		
6	historic buildings	Total:	20 sites
1	historic mill		
2	historic cemetery		

Sumter (38SU)

1	mound	1	canoe ..
3	Woodland sites	4	Unidentified
2	historic buildings	Total:	11 sites

Union (38UN)

1	mound	1	Revolutionary War battlefield
1	fish weir	1	historic canal
1	Archaic camp site	Total:	10 sites
1	historic ruins		
4	historic buildings		

Williamsburg (38WG)

1	historic building	Total:	4 sites
1	historic ruin		
2	Unidentified		

York (38YK)

2	village sites	5	Unidentified
5	rock shelters	Total:	14 sites
1	historic building		
1	historic fort		

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7	fish weir	2	shell enclosures
2	rock cairn	6	rock shelters
1	pictograph	1	cave site
1	petroglyph		
1	stone circle		
2	cache		
26	<u>village sites</u>	28	<u>sites</u>
2	Old Quartz Industry village sites	7	prehistoric sites
3	ceramic village sites	123	Paleo-Indian
5	Woodland village sites	3	Archaic sites
1	Pee Dee village site	45	ceramic occupation sites
1	Thom's Creek village site	5	Woodland sites
1	Lamar village site	3	Mississippian sites
19	Cherokee village sites	2	Cherokee sites
1	Waccamaw village site	2	Deptford sites
		2	Lamar sites
		1	Pee Dee sites
		1	Wilmington
7	<u>camp sites</u>	1	Thom's Creek sites
1	Old Quartz Industry camp site	1	Wilmington Savannah site
36	Archaic camp sites	1	earthworks
2	Woodland camp sites	1	ditch and embankment
1	<u>quarry</u>		<u>Multi-component sites</u>
10	Archaic soapstone quarry sites	24	Archaic to Woodland
		6	Archaic to historic
2	<u>workshop sites</u>	1	Paleo-Indian to Mississippian
3	Archaic workshop sites	1	" " to Woodland
1	Old Quartz Industry workshop site	1	" " to historic
		2	Woodland to Mississippian
6	<u>burial sites</u>	3	Woodland to historic
2	Lamar burial sites		
1	Cherokee burial site		
1	Irene-Pee Dee burial site		
36	<u>mounds</u>		
3	Wilmington mounds		
1	Woodland mound		
2	Lamar mounds		
1	historic mound		
3	<u>burial mounds</u>		
1	Irene burial mound		
3	temple mounds		
11	<u>shell rings</u>		
1	early ceramic shell ring		
35	<u>shell midden</u>		
1	Woodland shell midden		
1	Jeremy shell midden		
3	early ceramic shell midden		
2	Irene shell midden		
4	Wilmington shell midden		

19	historic sites
124	historic buildings
39	historic ruins
2	historic ship wrecks
2	boats
1	watering place
2	bridges
2	iron works
1	train track
1	tunnel
3	canals
4	pottery
3	cemetery
4	towns
1	charcoal kiln
18	fortifications
4	trading posts
2	battlefields
4	dumps
1	seawall shell midden
1	intertidal peat deposit
1	fossil bone deposit
1	Indian burial site
7	Indian sites
1	Westo village site

331 Unidentified

Total: 1103 sites in South Carolina