

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM  
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Tennessee</b>
COUNTY: <b>Hardin</b>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE <b>APR 27 1979</b>

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**INDIAN MOUNDS**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Shiloh National Military Park**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Shiloh Hurley vic.**

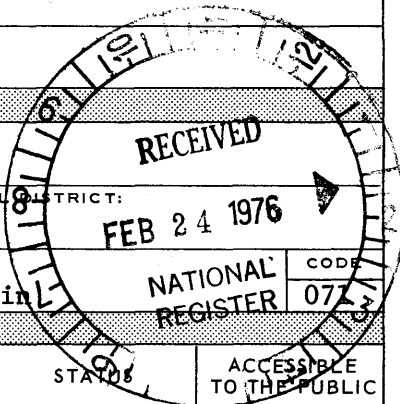
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
**6th**

STATE:  
**Tennessee**

CODE  
**47**

COUNTY:  
**Hardin**

CODE  
**0753**



**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input 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 checked="" 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. AGENCY**

**National Park Service**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)  
**Southeast Region**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**3401 Whipple Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Atlanta**

STATE:  
**Georgia**

CODE  
**13**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Park Files**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Shiloh National Military Park**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Shiloh**

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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Shiloh NMP Boundary Survey**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1939/Rev 1956**  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Park Files**

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

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

Preservation recommended.

This is a group of prehistoric Indian Mounds consisting of seven major and twenty-four smaller ones. The mounds are in a cluster along the river bluffs in bluffs in what was once a palisaded village site. There have been a number of excavations of the mounds in the past, the most thorough being conducted by the Smithsonian Institution in 1934. In addition, several early settlers had homes in the area, and a number of Civil War battlefield graves were dug there. In recent years visitors have caused erosion problems by climbing upon the mounds. It is proposed that the seven major mounds be stabilized to prevent further erosion.

Significance: 1st Order  
 (Recommended Treatment: Preservation  
 (Cost estimate for above: \$4,000.  
 Photographs enclosed

The mounds within the district are as follows:

3. Indian Mound (No. HS 3)

A conically-shaped burial mound 33' x 54' x 9½' high. This mound was found to contain twenty interments during the 1934 excavation. The effigy pipe which is in the Park's museum collection was also found in this mound.

Longitude: 88° 19' 10"      Latitude: 35° 08' 25"

4. - 9. Indian Mounds (Nos. HS 4 - HS 9)

These six large mounds are all flat-topped and generally rectangular in shape. They are believed to have served as the bases for temples or for the homes of very important persons.

4. Indian Mound (No. HS 4)

90' x 105' x 8½' high  
 Longitude: 88° 19' 16"      Latitude: 35° 08' 34"

5. Indian Mound (No. HS 5)

86' x 70' x 8½' high  
 Longitude: 88° 19' 11"      Latitude: 35° 08' 29"

6. Indian Mound (No. HS 6)

39' x 41' x 11' high  
 Longitude: 88° 19' 22"      Latitude: 35° 08' 33"

7. Indian Mound (No. HS 7)

86' x 112' x 6' high  
 Longitude: 88° 19' 14"      Latitude: 35° 08' 35"

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4. - 9. Indian Mounds (Nos. HS 4 - HS 9) (Continued)

8. Indian Mound (No. HS 8)  
47' x 47' x 12½' high  
Longitude: 88° 19' 10" Latitude: 35° 08' 34"

9. Indian Mound (No. HS 9)  
42' x 58' x 10' high  
Longitude: 88° 19' 13" Latitude: 35° 08' 30"

10. - 33. Indian Mounds (Nos. HS 10 - HS 33)  
These twenty-four smaller mounds are generally circular in shape, and rounded at the top. They are believed to have used as bases for residences.

10. Indian Mound (No. HS 10)  
Diameter 28'; Height 2'  
Longitude: 88° 19' 16" Latitude: 35° 08' 37"

11. Indian Mound (No. HS 11)  
Diameter 17'; Height 1'  
Longitude: 88° 19' 15" Latitude: 35° 08' 33"

12. Indian Mound (No. HS 12)  
Diameter 33'; Height 3'  
Longitude: 88° 19' 11" Latitude: 35° 08' 31"

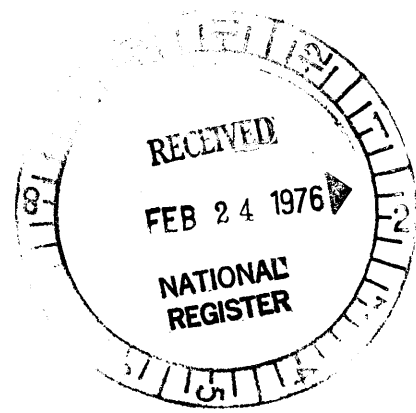
13. Indian Mound (No. HS 13)  
Diameter 12'; Height 1'  
Longitude: 88° 19' 15" Latitude: 35° 08' 34"

14. Indian Mound (No. HS 14)  
Diameter 24'; Height 2'  
Longitude: 88° 19' 22" Latitude: 35° 08' 35"

15. Indian Mound (No. HS 15)  
Diameter 22'; Height 2'  
Longitude: 88° 19' 22" Latitude: 35° 08' 35"

16. Indian Mound (No. HS 16)  
Diameter 26'; Height 2'  
Longitude: 88° 19' 18" Latitude: 35° 08' 34"

17. Indian Mound (No. HS 17)  
Diameter 25'; Height 2'  
Longitude: 88° 19' 18" Latitude: 35° 08' 33"



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10. - 33. Indian Mounds (Nos. HS 10 - HS 33) (Continued)

18. Indian Mound (No. HS 18)  
Diameter 30'; Height 2½'  
Longitude: 88° 19' 19" Latitude: 35° 08' 32"

19. Indian Mound (No. HS 19)  
Diameter 34'; Height 2'  
Longitude: 88° 19' 19" Latitude: 35° 08' 29"

20. Indian Mound (No. HS 20)  
Diameter 29'; Height 1½'  
Longitude: 88° 19' 16" Latitude: 35° 08' 29"

21. Indian Mound (No. HS 21)  
Diameter 22'; Height 1'  
Longitude: 88° 19' 15" Latitude: 35° 08' 29"

22. Indian Mound (No. HS 22)  
Diameter 14'; Height 1'  
Longitude: 88° 19' 17" Latitude: 35° 08' 28"

23. Indian Mound (No. HS 23)  
Diameter 12'; Height 1'  
Longitude: 88° 19' 16" Latitude: 35° 08' 28"

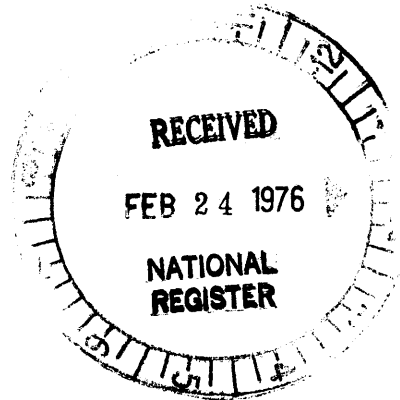
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Diameter 16'; Height 1½'  
Longitude: 88° 19' 15" Latitude: 35° 08' 28"

25. Indian Mound (No. HS 25)  
Diameter 24'; Height 2'  
Longitude: 88° 19' 14" Latitude: 35° 08' 28"

26. Indian Mound (No. HS 26)  
Diameter 16'; Height 1'  
Longitude: 88° 19' 11" Latitude: 35° 08' 27"

27. Indian Mound (No. HS 27)  
Diameter 14'; Height 1'  
Longitude: 88° 19' 11" Latitude: 35° 08' 27"

28. Indian Mound (No. HS 28)  
Diameter 19'; Height 1½'  
Longitude: 88° 19' 10" Latitude: 35° 08' 26"



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29. Indian Mound (No. HS 29)

Diameter 25'; Height 2'

Longitude: 88° 19' 10" Latitude: 35° 08' 23"

30. Indian Mound (No. HS 30)

Diameter 22'; Height 1½'

Longitude: 88° 19' 11" Latitude: 35° 08' 22"

31. Indian Mound (No. HS 31)

Diameter 14'; Height 1'

Longitude: 88° 19' 15" Latitude: 35° 08' 34"

32. Indian Mound (No. HS 32)

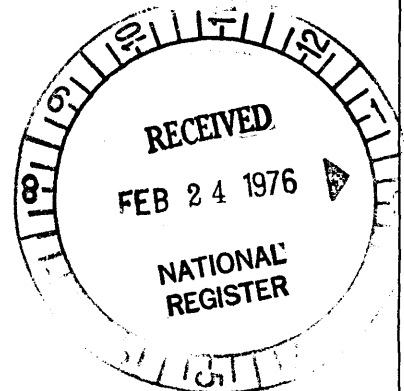
Diameter 26'; Height 2'

Longitude: 88° 19' 17" Latitude: 35° 08' 32"

33. Indian Mound (No. HS 33)

Diameter 28' Height 2½'

Longitude: 88° 19' 15" Latitude: 35° 08' 36"



**B. 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 |
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

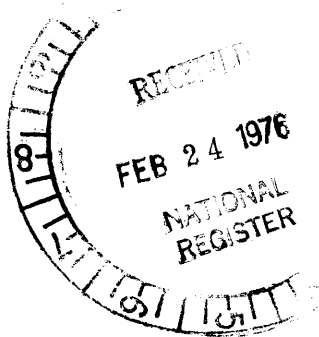
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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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

While these mounds played only a peripheral part in the Battle of Shiloh (April 6-7, 1862), for which the area was set aside as a National Military Park and later placed on the National Register; they are considered to be one of the finest groups of such mounds along the Tennessee River. Archeological evidence shows that these mounds were constructed before the Indians had any contact with European trade goods and that they may date back as early as 800 years ago. Most of the mounds have been dug into, or otherwise disturbed, in the past. Although these excavations apparently resulted in the finding of a considerable number of artifacts (including the stone human effigy pipe now in the park's museum collection), even the most recent and thorough excavation, that conducted by the Smithsonian Institution in 1933-34, was limited to the testing of only three mounds and a small percentage of the village area. Hence the major portion of the site remains undisturbed. It thus constitutes a major archeological resource. Approximately 30 burials were recovered from Dr. Robert's 1933-34 excavations; the stone human effigy pipe from Colonel Cornelius Cadles 1899 excavations.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Chambers, Moreau, "The Indian Mounds - Shiloh National Military Park", National Park Service, (No date).

Roberts, "Indian Mounds in Shiloh Battlefield", Explorations and Field Work of the Smithsonian Institution in 1934, pp. 65-68.

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
NW	35°	08'	42"	88°	19'	26"	°	'	"
NE	35°	08'	42"	88°	19'	08"	°	'	"
SE	35°	08'	18"	88°	19'	08"	°	'	"
SW	35°	08'	18"	88°	19'	26"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 78

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Robert Nash, Chief I&RM** DATE: **4-15-75**

BUSINESS ADDRESS: **Shiloh National Military Park**

STREET AND NUMBER:  PHONE: **901-689-3410**

CITY OR TOWN: **Shiloh** STATE: **Tennessee** CODE:

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

- Yes
- No
- None

*Herbert E. Styer*  
State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is  National  State  Local

*J. P. McLeod* 2/13/79  
Federal Representative Signature Date  
*Asst. Dir. Cultural Resources*  
Title

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

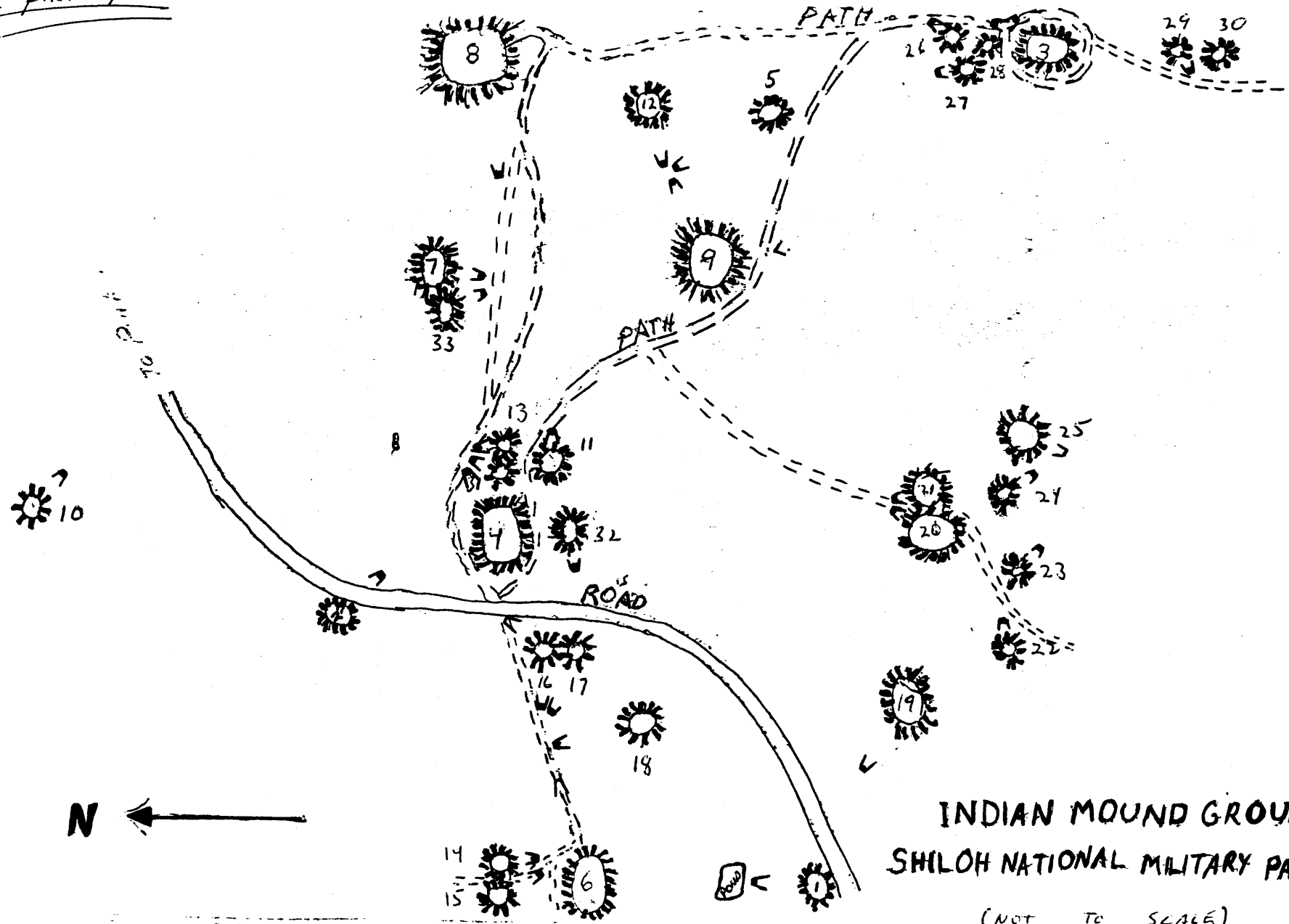
*Charles A. Smith*  
for ~~MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER~~  
Date **4.27.79**

ATTEST:  
*Herbert A. Britz*  
Keeper of the National Register  
Date **4/27/79**

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TENNESSEE RIVER



INDIAN MOUND GROUP  
SHILOH NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

(NOT TO SCALE)

858  
155  
32

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVAL

Name change to Shiloh Indian  
Mounds Site

Keeper *Amy Federman 9/26/89*

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Herbert L. Harper 7/27/89  
Herbert L. Harper, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Date  
Tennessee Historical Commission

Edwin Bearss 8/22/89  
Edwin Bearss, Federal Preservation Officer Date  
National Park Service

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