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**CEDAR BAYOU ARCHEOLOGICAL DISTRICT
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORICAL PLACES INVENTORY
NOMINATION FORM**

BY

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8 JUNE 1975

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TEXAS

Date Entered MAR 2 1979

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Dial-Williamson House (PINE HILL PLANTATION)	11/2/79 Marshall vicinity Harrison County
Cedar Bayou Archeological District	12/1/79 Baytown Harris County

Also Notified

Honorable John G. Tower
Honorable Lloyd M. Bentsen
Honorable Sam B. Hall, Jr.
Honorable Robert C. Eckhardt
Mr. Richard Leverty,
Corps of Engineers

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Cedar Bayou Archeological District

3005760

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

4 miles southeast of Baytown, Texas

CITY, TOWN

Baytown

☒

VICINITY OF

8,9

STATE

Texas

CODE

048

COUNTY

Harris

CODE

201

Chambers

071

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☒ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers
Galveston District

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Galveston

VICINITY OF

STATE

Texas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Clerk's Office, Harris County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Houston

STATE

Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

County Files

DATE

1972

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☒ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Texas Archeological Survey

CITY, TOWN

Austin

STATE

Texas

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

—EXCELLENT
☒GOOD
 —FAIR

—DETERIORATED
☒RUINS
 —UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒UNALTERED
 —ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ORIGINAL SITE
 —MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The area included in the district includes the channel and associated brackish water lakes of the mouth of Cedar Bayou, brackish water marshes and low flat grassy areas with motts of oaks and other trees. In this area are 17 recorded archeological sites. The sites are as follows:

- 41HR50 located on an arm of the Beaumont upland 16-17 feet above sea level. A portion of the site was removed in the late 1920s and has been damaged by relic hunters.
- 315003 41HR56 On a point of the Beaumont upland 11-12 feet above sea level. The site contains stratified cultural deposits of pre-ceramic and ceramic horizons. The site has been lightly damaged by relic hunters and suffers erosion due to wave action.
- 315004 41HR57 The site is located on a remnant of the Beaumont upland and has been slightly disturbed by brush clearing.
- 315005 41HR58 A small exposure of shell apparently undisturbed.
- 315006 41HR59 Located on a point of the Beaumont uplands the site is approximately 12 feet above sea level. The site is stratified but has been somewhat disturbed by shell quarrying or by relic hunters.
- 315007 41HR76 The site is located on the bend of Cedar Bayou known as Devil's Elbow and is comprised of a thin cultural deposit near the surface.
- 315008 41HR136 The site is a stratified site having two distinct strata attributable to the ceramic horizon. The site appears to be undisturbed but is suffering erosion of its edge due to wave action.
- 315009 41HR138 The site is located on a point of the Beaumont upland approximately 15-17 feet above sea level and consists of a shell midden.
- 315010 41HR203 This is a small oyster shell midden disturbed by relic hunters
- 315011 41HR204 This is a shell midden located on Boaz Island protected by a barn located over the major portion of the site.
- 315012 41HR205 An extensive site located on the southern shore of Ash Lake having a midden deposit at least three feet thick. Some minor wave erosion is evinced at the site.
- 315013 41CH58 The site is located on a point of the Beaumont uplands 8-13 feet above sea level. The deposit is at least one foot thick but approximately 50% of the site has been disturbed by relic hunters.
- 315014 41CH59 The site is a shell midden located on a point of the Beaumont uplands.
- 315015 41CH214 This site is a very extensive and virtually undisturbed midden having a thickness of 1-2 feet containing shells, pottery, faunal remains and other material. The site is in danger of beach erosion.
- 315016 41CH215 This site is a small inundated midden containing shells, pottery and animal bones.
- 315017 41CH217 The site is a badly eroded shell midden.
- 315018 41CH218 This site is a thinly scattered midden partially damaged by wave action.

318041 CH 216

All chambers Co. N.R. Sites recorded under INDEX No. 300072 - THC Nos. dropped. 5/81

NUMBERS CO. SITES
 ENDED UNDER ORIGINAL THC INDEX #3 (0033--). AJT 12/82

NEW SITES : 41 CH 216
 41 HR 137
 41 HR 108

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The seventeen archeological sites included in this district tend to be located on points of the Beaumont uplands projecting into the marsh-bayou environment. This is in contrast to the nearby Wallaceville Reservoir area where sites are located within the marsh. Sites 41CH215, CH217 and CH218 are the only sites within the marsh. In addition, the oyster Crassostrea occurs more frequently in the sites near the mouth of the bayou while the clam Rangia cuneata occurs in the sites away from the mouth. Six of the sites were found to contain disturbed areas or deposits as a result of indiscriminate digging by relic hunters (sites 41HR50, 56, 57, 59, 203 and CH58). This digging varied in extent but in no case was the site totally destroyed.

The cultural historical resources of the Galveston Bay area are dwindling due to urban and industrial expansion and resultant land modifications. The Cedar Bayou resources include some of the better preserved examples of sites in the Galveston Bay region.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

Ambler, J. Richard
1967 Three Prehistoric Sites near Cedar Bayou, Galveston Bay Area. State Building Commission, Archeology Program, Report No. 8. Austin, Texas.
Shafer, Harry J.
1972 An Assessment of the Archeological Resources to be Affected by the Cedar Bayou Navigation Project, Texas. Texas Archeological Salvage Project, Report No. 6.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A	1,5	31,46,9,0	3,218,712,1,0	✓	B	1,5	31,46,9,0	3,218,514,2,0	✓
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING			ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	
C	1,5	31,30,5,0	3,218,318,0,0	✓	D	1,5	31,31,1,0	3,218,714,9,0	✓
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING			ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The west boundry parallels the north-south segment of the Tri-City Beach road north to an intersection with Cedar Bayou thence east to a paved county road then south to Water Oak Gully thence southwest to Shell Point, thence north northwest to the west end of Boaz Island, thence to Tri-City Beach Road.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	Harris	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	Chambers	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE John W. Clark, Jr. Archeologist
Joe R. Williams, Project Director

ORGANIZATION Texas Historical Commission
STREET & NUMBER P.O. Box 12276
CITY OR TOWN Austin
DATE 8 June 1975
TELEPHONE 512 475 6604
STATE Texas

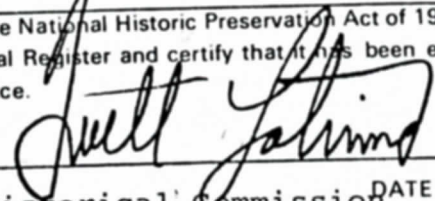
12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 PRESEPVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



TITLE Executive Director, Texas Historical Commission
DATE October 6, 1975

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

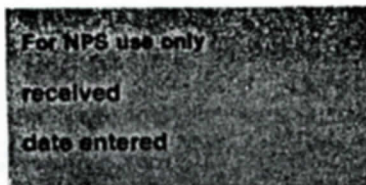
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ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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CEDAR BAYOU ARCHEOLOGICAL DISTRICT, CHAMBERS & HARRIS COUNTY

UTMs GIVEN TO BETTER REFLECT BOUNDARY SHAPE

Original boundary:

		Easting	Northing
Zone 15	A	314690	3287210
	B	314690	3285420
	C	313050	3283800
	D	313110	3287490

These new UTM's are given to better represent the shape of the boundary drawn on the original map in the nomination:

		Easting	Northing
Zone 15	A	314690	3287210
	B	314690	3285420
	C	313050	3283800
	D	312960	3284060
	E	313110	3287490

Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at UTM point A, the boundary runs south along County Road 1405 1800 m to point B, then southwest 2300 m to point C, then north northwest 280 m to point D, then north 3460 m to point E, then east southeast 1620 m to point A.

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Dense shell midden at 41HR205

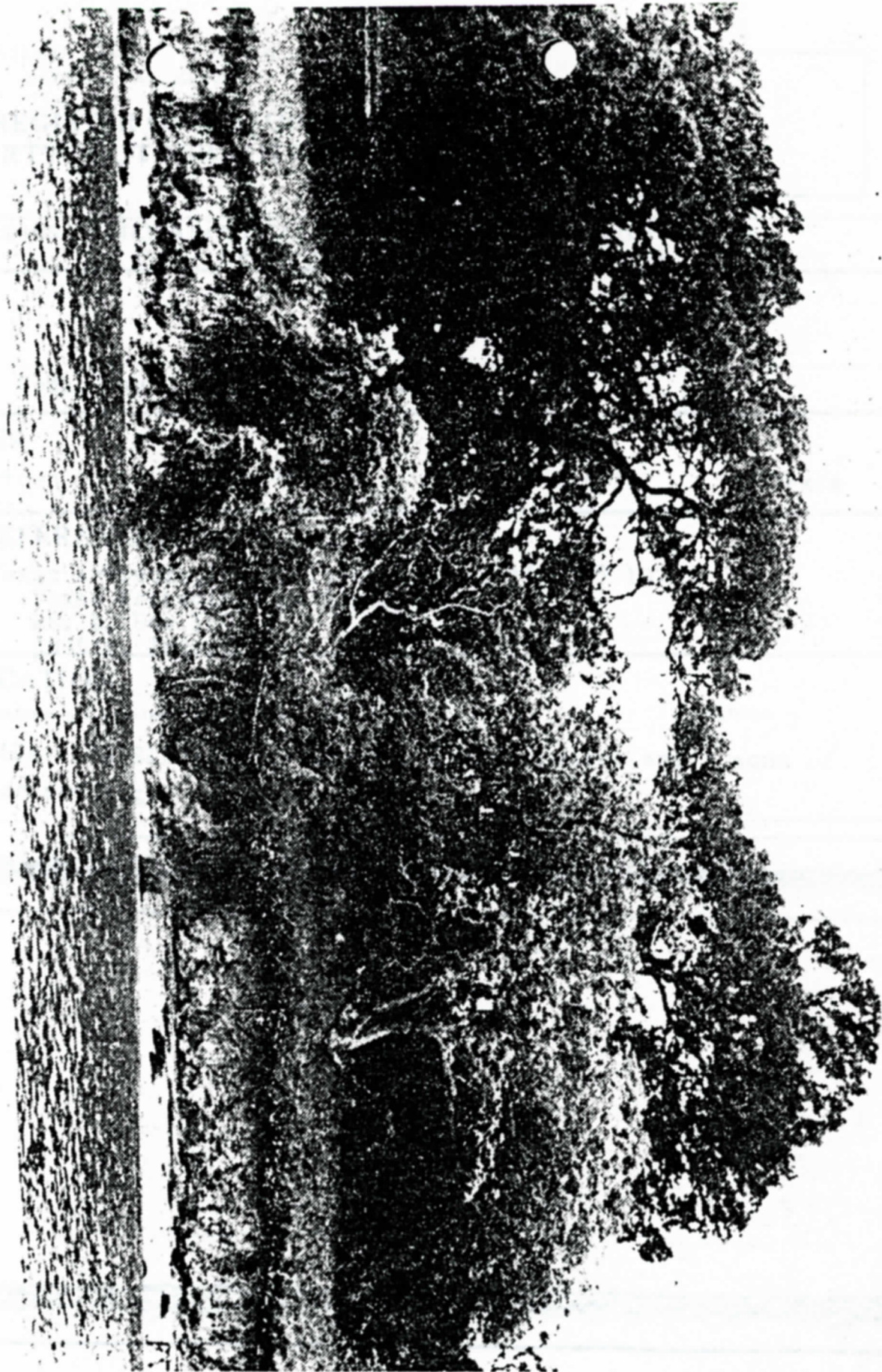
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Site 41CH56 (Devil's Elbow Site) showing bluff erosion and a zone of shell midden eroding.

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PHOTO NO 3

Site 41CH58 (arrow) as seen from Cedar Bayou

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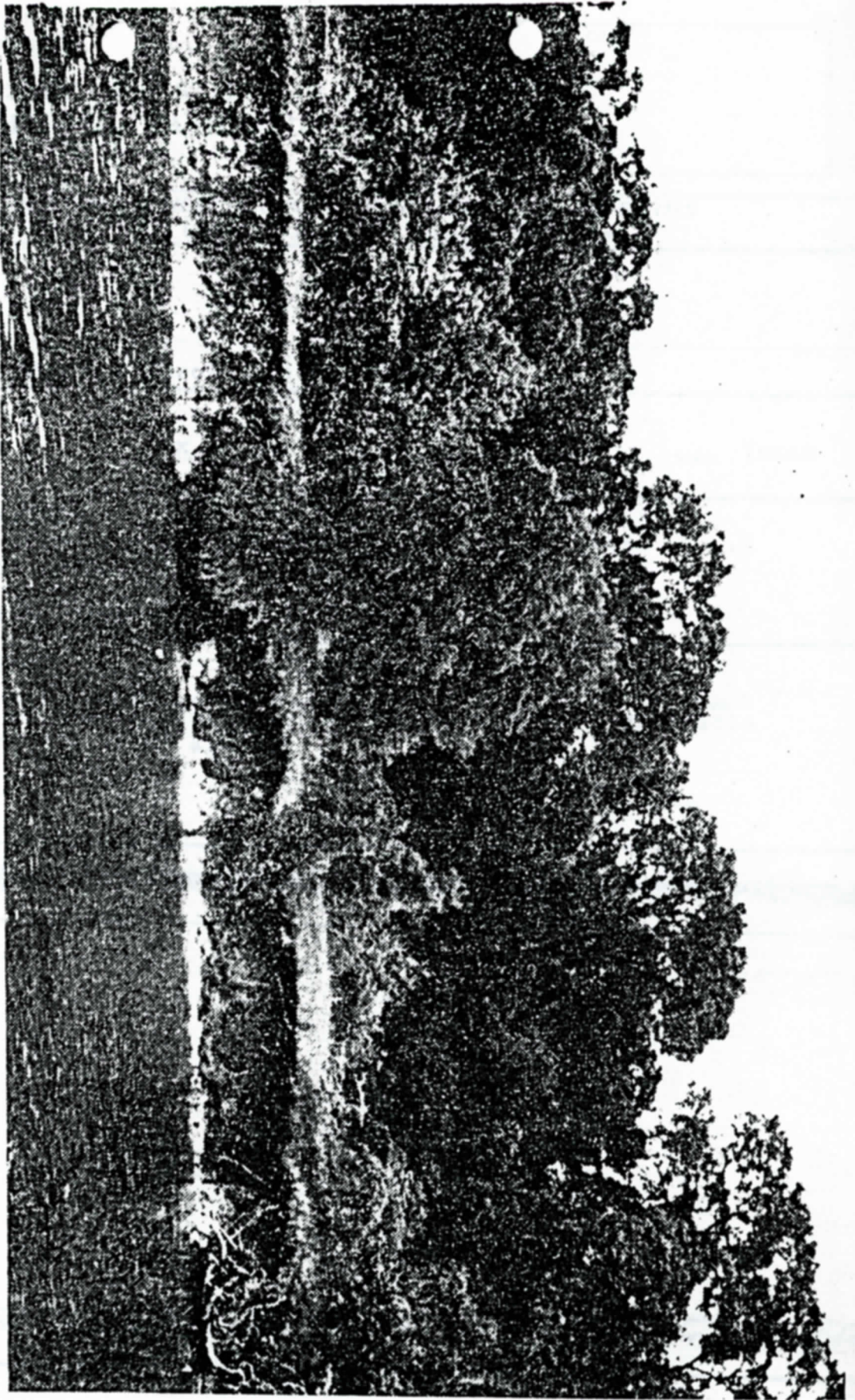
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The northern part of 41CH214; bluff erosion has exposed buried cultural deposit.

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Close-up view of eroding cultural deposit of shell and artifacts
along the northern portion of 41CH214

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CEDAR BAYOU ARCHEOLOGICAL DISTRICT, HARRIS AND CHAMBERS COUNTIES

1. Justification of Boundaries

The boundaries of the district are drawn to include the sites within a comprehensive survey conducted by Shafer (1972). They tend to cluster and to be somewhat separate from sites located in contiguous and adjacent surveys. The boundaries then are drawn to include the sites within easily definable borders utilizing relatively permanent landmarks such as roads, shore lines, etc.

2. Research Value

The sites have considerable research value in terms of understanding the adaptation to fluctuation of salinity of Cedar Bayou through time. This is measurable in terms of the types of mollusks encountered in the sites. Likewise, the adaptations of near bay and inland bayou bank occupations provide research potential. Research value principally (as viewed at present) involve environmental and economic adaptation in an area of stress - i.e. fluctuating salinity.

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Austin, Texas 78711

MEMORANDUM

TO: National Park Service, National Register Division
Attn: Yvonne Stewart
FROM: Cynthia Banks, Archeologist, National *CLB*
Register Department
RE: Archeological Nominations

DATE: 4/16/85

The attached continuation sheets are being submitted as updates to the districts and sites they represent. Two districts have additional sites which do not change the originally marked areas of significance. All sites fall within the original boundaries. Two sites have historic names to be included in Item 2. Geographical data is also included to update the information to the UTM grid system and in many cases to reflect the actual configuration of the district boundary. One site has incorrect directional information which is corrected here.

Cedar Bayou Archeological District - Chambers and Harris Counties

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ADDITION OF ONE SITE TO DISTRICT.

The additional site, 41CH216, was surveyed and recorded at the same time the sites listed on the original nomination were recorded. It is possible this site was inadvertently omitted from the original nomination. This site, 41CH216 is a shell midden.

The eighteen sites making up this district are 41CH58, 59, 214-218, 41HR50, 56-59, 76, 136, 138, 203-205.

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