

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: West Virginia
COUNTY: Kanawha
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: St. Albans Site	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	
West Virginia		Third	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
West Virginia	54	Kanawha	039

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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) W.Va. Dept. of Highways Storage & Maintenance Area

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY		
OWNER'S NAME: State of West Virginia		
STREET AND NUMBER: 1800 Washington Street, East		
CITY OR TOWN: Charleston	STATE: West Virginia	CODE 54

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION		
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Kanawha County Courthouse		
STREET AND NUMBER: 416 Kanawha Blvd., East		
CITY OR TOWN: Charleston	STATE: West Virginia	CODE 54

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

The St. Albans Site is situated between [REDACTED]. For a distance of several miles, the highway parallels the river, the space between the two varying from about 25 to 100 feet. The edge of the bank near the site is 22 feet above the normal water level, but was 6 feet higher before alluvium was removed for construction of [REDACTED]. The original ground surface can be observed along the river bank in several areas where large pedestals of earth with trees on top were left standing. During the time of the last aboriginal occupation, the surface of the alluvium in this area was between 40 and 45 feet above the river, since the level of the Kanawha River was raised about 15 feet when the Winfield Dam was constructed approximately [REDACTED]. Continuous build-up of the levee by overbank deposition created an ideal camping place for prehistoric people between ca. 12,000 B.C. and A.D. 1700. Core samples taken from the site indicate occupation to a depth of 37 feet below the present surface in an area about one mile long. Only about 4,500 square feet of the site has been excavated thus far, most of this to a depth of only 17 feet below the surface.

The present surface of the site is covered with grass and trees; the upper or eastern end of the site is occupied by a State Department of Highways maintenance garage and equipment storage and parking lot. The area excavated in 1964-65 has been backfilled and reseeded, and the river bank stabilized with large slabs of concrete. The local Garden Club has planted a number of dogwood trees parallel to the river and is interested in creating a city park for the St. Albans area on the site. This would in no way endanger the site and would serve as protection against unauthorized digging.

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8. 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 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/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science	
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>The St. Albans Site is important for several reasons: first, it is one of the deepest stratified sites thus far discovered in North America; second, it is one of the oldest; third, each occupation zone is separated from the one above and below by a sterile zone of either clay or sand; fourth, only one type of projectile point has been found in each occupation zone, showing that only one type of point was being used at any given time; and fifth, sufficient charcoal was present in most of the zones to obtain dates (for the first time) on the various point types.</p> <p>Seven different types of projectile points were recovered from the excavation, ranging in age from 7900 to 6210 B.C. Only two of these types had previously been named from other areas (one from a site in Tennessee and the other from a site in North Carolina).</p> <p>Few other sites are comparable to the St. Albans Site. With the exception of several sites in North Carolina, the other deep sites are either in caves or rock shelters, and most of these have been disturbed by rock-falls and pits dug by later inhabitants. The various zones or strata in the St. Albans Site were undisturbed by rodents, roots, or man, thus creating a unique situation and adding to the importance of the site.</p> <p>The various artifacts recovered have added greatly to our knowledge of the Early Archaic Period, not only in West Virginia, but the entire eastern United States.</p>			

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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- Brennan, Louis A. American Dawn: A New Model of American Prehistory. New York: Macmillan and Co., 1970 (pp. 203-05).
- Brennan, Louis A. Beginner's Guide to Archaeology. Harrisburg, Pa.: Stackpole Co., 1973 (pp. 29-30).

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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW						
NE						
SE						
SW						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 13

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: Miss Bettie J. Broyles, Head, Section of Archeology, W.Va. Geological & Economic Survey & James E. Harding, Research Analyst, W.Va. Antiquities Commission.

ORGANIZATION: West Virginia Antiquities Commission

DATE: February 7, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: Old Mountainlair, West Virginia University

CITY OR TOWN: Morgantown

STATE: West Virginia

CODE: 54

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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

Leonard M. Davis

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date March 12, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

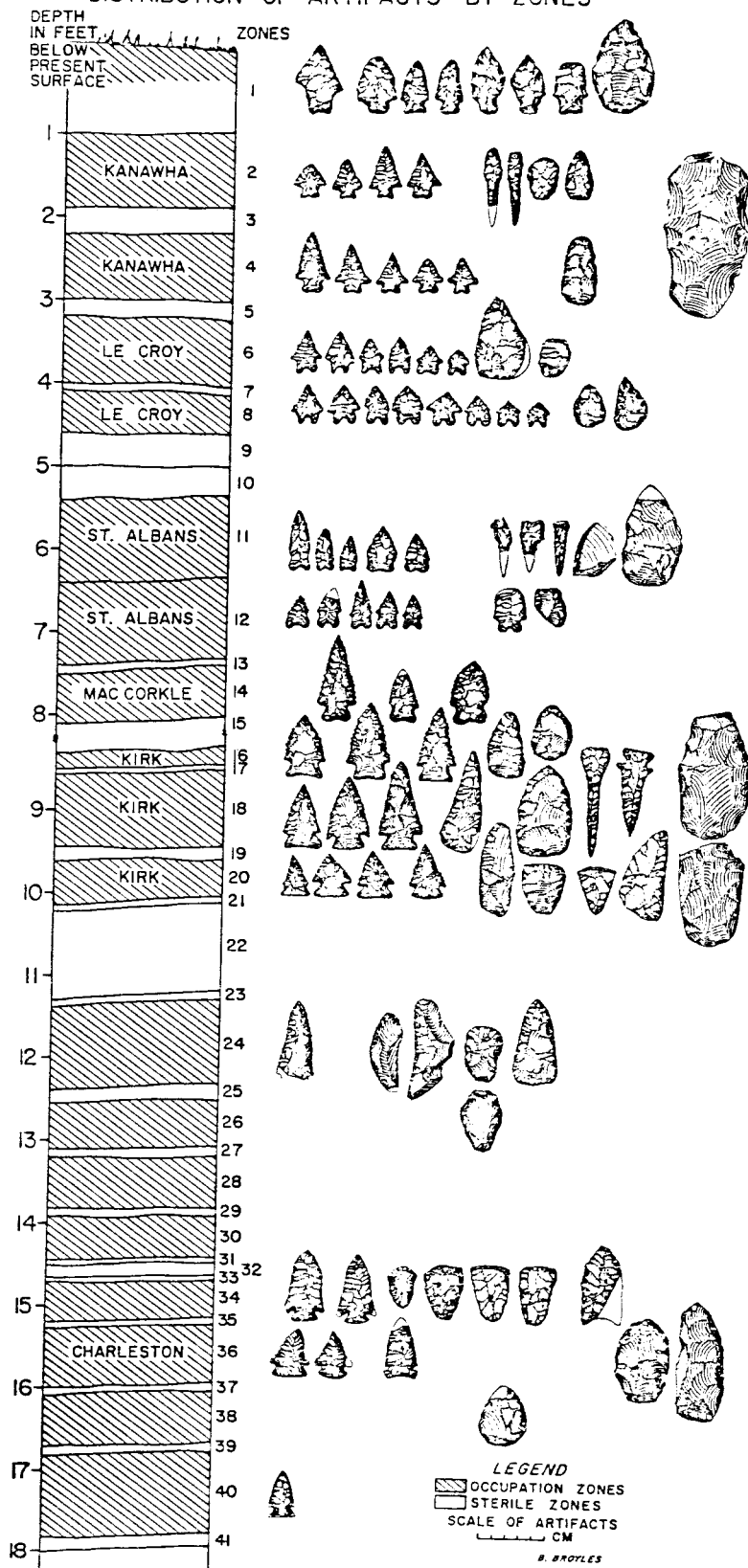
Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

DISTRIBUTION OF ARTIFACTS BY ZONES



RADIOCARBON DATES

6210 B. C. \pm 100 years

6300 B. C. \pm 100 years

6870 B. C. \pm 500 years

6880 B. C. \pm 700 years

6850 B. C. \pm 320 years

6900 B. C. \pm 320 years

6980 B. C. \pm 160 years

7900 B. C. \pm 500 years

