

Superintendent's Annual Narrative Report
└ Ocmulgee National Monument
└ 1992

Calendar year 1992 saw many changes at Ocmulgee National Monument. In April, Superintendent Mark Corey transferred to Andrew Johnson N.H.S. to assume the duties of superintendent there. Chief Ranger Guy Lachine served as acting superintendent until my arrival in late August.

In May and June the park maintenance crew installed new roofing material on the Visitor Center. It appears that this waterproof membrane may finally be the answer to the problem of the flat roof that has leaked for sixty years.

Also in May the Georgia Department of Transportation announced they were going to build a four lane highway just outside the park. After public protests, Indian demonstrations, and several meetings and telephone conversations, an alternative was worked out in September to move the right of way further away from the main unit of the park. This was due in large part to adjacent property owners who offered to donate approximately 300 acres to the park.

In June the Federal Highway Administration began a construction project to resurface all roads in the park. This required more than the usual amount of involvement from the park staff due, in part, to the sensitivity of the cultural resources and the lack of understanding of the contractor's employees.

In August work was completed under contract to correct an erosion problem on the Great Temple Mound.

As fall turned to winter, I concentrated on developing relationships with community organizations. I now regularly attend the meetings of the Macon-Bibb County Convention and Visitor's Bureau Board of Directors, the Keep Macon-Bibb County Beautiful Commission Board of Directors, and I am taking every opportunity to speak to groups and impress upon them the importance of their nationally significant resource.

General Administration

Budget: The budget was formulated and tracked accurately by the Administrative Division, using NPS approved programs. Third party drafts accounted for \$28,425.39 in fiscal actions. All leave and earnings statements were appropriately processed.

Personnel: There were five appointments, three conversions, three transfers, seven awards, two terminations, a promotion, and one name change during the year.

Recruitment: Park representatives attended career day activities at Wesleyan College, Mercer University, Fort Valley State College and Jones County High School.

Travel/Training: Park staff attended seventeen training courses/seminars/workshops during 1992.

Property: Property inventory was satisfactorily completed. There were seven transfers of property to/from the park. More than a dozen items were surveyed. Significant purchases using ONPS and equipment replacement funds consisted of 36 actions. Equipment repairs for the year totalled \$8358. There were ten requests for quotes for goods or services.

Quarters: All records were prepared and maintained in accordance with NPS standards. Payroll deductions were correctly implemented, including preparations for adjustments.

Resource Management

Great Temple Mound Erosion Stabilization: This project represented the agency's most serious attempt to manage park resources in many years. After approximately seven years of planning, a final design was approved for this project which filled the major erosion scar on the western corner of the mound as well as four other scars on other slopes and numerous places on the top of the feature. Zoysia sod was planted on all repaired areas. The contractor for the highway project had this project also.

Earthlodge Preservation Guide: At the request of Superintendent Mark Corey, Allen Bohnert prepared an initial assessment of preservation needs for the Earthlodge.

Fall-Line Freeway/Eisenhower Parkway Extension: Renewed activity on this item began in April. This regionally important highway project has been underway for almost 20 years. Until last year the proposed road was to pass approximately mid-way between the park's two units. The NPS was not opposed to this route, although we did express some general concerns. Since that time, unknown to us, new route was developed which passed adjacent to the main unit of the park and directly threatened park values. The park opposed the proposed route and met with the Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) to discuss other possibilities. The park worked closely with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Department's lead agency in this type of issue. Initially, DOT was not inclined to change their proposed route.

Considerable local interest developed to protect the park. Local chapters of the Audubon Society, Sierra Club, and Wilderness Society all publicly took positions against the proposed route. The area's largest television station, WMAZ, editorially supported the park's position. The International Indian Treaty Council, regionally based in Atlanta, took a very strong position against the highway.

In a September a multi-agency meeting was held at the park. At that time it was explained that the Scott family planned to donate approximately 300 acres of land to the park (see below). These new additions would include lands through which the proposed route was to go. DOT decided it was in everyone's best interest to reconsider their route and provide us with another alignment. The park offered to assist in finding a new route for the highway.

Facilities Development/Maintenance

Road Resurface: Under the direction of the Federal Highway Administration the park road was completely resurfaced in FY 1992. This project had many delays and problems however the final product was satisfactory and benefitted the public.

Roof Replacement: Two of the five sections of the Visitor Center roof were covered utilizing a new rubberized membrane fabric. The work was done by our Maintenance Division with the minor advisory assistance from the staff from Fort Sumter. The crew did an outstanding job on a project that proved to be much more difficult than first believed.

Raze Buildings at Drakes Field: Drakes Field, a recent addition to the park, contained two buildings from the former Macon Recreation Department sports complex. These were demolished.

Construct Fence at Drakes Field: A six foot high chain link fence was installed under contract around the 18 acre Drakes Field addition to the park. This fence will define the park boundary and provide protection for this area.

Quarters: The interior of the Dunlap House (Quarters 1) was repainted under contract. All quarters were maintained to NPS standards.

Public Use

Parkwide visitation for 1992 was 125,018. The Visitor Center count was 50,524. This represents an overall decrease of two percent. Normal visitor use patterns were significantly disrupted by the highway construction project in the park.

Interpretation

Programs: Park Rangers presented 260 separate programs to various groups in 1992. These programs were primarily to elementary and secondary school students and reached 9,718 persons. In addition, the park's Discovery Lab was utilized by 88 groups, benefitting 2,458 students.

Calendar of Events: The Calendar of Events program consisted of 33 presentations which reached 2,458 persons. As in the past, these programs presented a diverse and interesting mix of activities to the public.

Children's Workshop: The Davis Homes Children's Workshop was successfully presented for the third year. As in 1991, the Macon Housing Authority inquired as to the possibility of expanding the program to include more children. Our staffing and funding limitations currently prevent further expansion of this program. We are looking into nontraditional options.

Lantern Light Tours: The interpretive highlight of 1992, as in past years, was the Cherry Blossom Lantern Light Tours. Fourteen tours were presented to 720 persons. A new route was developed due to the park road construction project. Despite the modifications, the program retained its integrity, thanks primarily to the efforts of the staff and volunteers.

Site Bulletins: Four new site bulletins were written (Fort Hawkins, the Creek Nation Today, the Mississippian Culture, and a trail map). There was some discussion, but no further work was completed on the draft handbook.

Law Enforcement

Case Incidents: Park commissioned staff recorded 64 incidents during 1992. These incidents included two traffic accidents with fatalities (one on a road on the park boundary and one on the Interstate that runs through park), and fifteen Part II offenses. Of those incidents eleven were closed during the year. Rangers also participated in one search incident.

Poaching: In November, evidence was found indicating that poaching was occurring at the Lamar Unit. Increased patrol activity occurred in this area.

Assistance to Other Agencies: Park staff served on one detail in 1992, providing security on the Payette Large Fires in Idaho.

Defensive equipment: Employee safety and protection was enhanced through the purchase of OC-10 Mace, personal body armor, and the acquisition through transfer of an M-1 Carbine rifle.

Land Acquisition

Scott Property Donation: Shortly after the first media attention occurred concerning the Freeway, the park was contacted by the owners of the Scott property, a 156 acre tract located along the park's south boundary. After a period of discussion the family eventually determined that they wished to donate approximately 300 acres. Most of the property falls on the current boundary of the park and includes one known archeological site. Discussions are under way to find an interim owner for the property to provide some tax relief for the current owners. Legislation will be needed to change the park boundary so that the land can be accepted. At this time there appears to be no opposition to the park accepting the property.

Cooperating Association

The Ocmulgee National Monument Association worked closely with park staff and made major contributions to the quality and quantity of interpretive programs.

Association sales reached a new record, surpassing the \$53,000 mark. The addition of American Indian art to the sales inventory helped account for this increase.

The park's Calendar of Events, sponsored by the Association, continued to provide the highest quality interpretive programming for park visitors. Of particular note were two lectures concerning the Columbus Quincentennial which placed the park in the focus of a community wide commemorative effort. Other programs included the popular Pine Needle Basket workshop and the Prehistoric Weapons and Tools Demonstration.

The park's Lantern Light Tours, a part of Macon's Cherry Blossom Festival, was again a highlighted event drawing a capacity attendance. This Association sponsored event received significant attention by local media.

Children's Workshops, financially assisted by the Association, continued to support the Secretary's educational thrust by "adopting" the local housing project. In the past three years almost 100 children from the neighborhood have

been reached during the intensive three day park experience. Workshops open to the general public continue to operate at capacity.

The Association also sponsored a reception given by Regional Director Coleman introducing the new park superintendent to the community. The Annual Meeting of the Association was highlighted by an interpretive program concerning the early military organizations of Georgia.

As always, the Board of Directors and Business Manager Patty Ellis lead the Association with positive professionalism. Their efforts continue to make the difference in the interpretive programs of Ocmulgee National Monument.

Community Relations/Cooperative Activities

One of my primary goals as superintendent was to establish the park as an active partner in community activities. I have attended meetings of community interest groups and I have personally met with the Chairman of the County Commissioners and the Mayor in order to offer assistance in any way. I hope to eventually position the park in the eyes of the community so that it will be automatically considered any time an issue of development, resource protection, tourism, or other related activity comes up.

Creek Nation: The park received a long awaited statement from the Nation concerning ceremonial use of park sites and features. Work can now begin on a park policy statement concerning such use. This needs to be coordinated with SERO due to the possible impacts servicewide.

Take Pride in America: The park and it's cooperator, the Keep Macon Bibb Beautiful Commission, received a National Award in the Take Pride in America program for our 1991 Ocmulgee Indian Festival. For the past decade we have worked with the Keep Macon-Bibb County Clean Commission on this project. This year's program was an Ocmulgee River Clean-up held on September 26. As a member of the TPiA committee the park worked on the planning for this event but had only a small part in the actual clean-up.

MAINTENANCE
CY 1992 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

QUARTERS

1. PAINTED INTERIOR OF QTR. #1 (CONTRACT).

VISITOR CENTER

1. REROOF TWO SECTIONS OF VISITOR CENTER'S ROOF.

CONTRACTS

1. MAIN VISITOR ROAD AND PARKING AREA PAVEMENT RESURFACED.
2. GREAT TEMPLE MOUND COMPLETED.
3. FENCING OF DRAKE'S FIELD AREA.

NEW EPQUIPMENT

1. JOHN DEERE MOWER.
2. JOHN DEERE SLOPE MOWER.
3. JOHN DEERE AMT.

EQUIPMENT FROM OTHER PARKS

1. TWO CV 80 MOTOR SCOOTERS.
2. ONE RIDING LAWN MOWER

TRAINING

1. HOMER LESLIE ATTENDED CHIEF OF MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP.
2. JEROME WALKER ATTENDED CHIEF OF MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP.

OTHER

1. CLEARED VISTA AT RAILROAD CUT.

ADMINISTRATION
CY 1992 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

BUDGET-FY92

ONPS - 418.9
FEE - 24.0
EQUIP - 53.2
VIP - 1.3
CYCLIC- 79.8
COS - 7.0

TOTAL - 584.2 TOTAL FTE - 13.0

ALL REPROGRAMMING OF BUDGET PERFORMED AND ALL AOP'S AND PMP'S SUBMITTED AS REQUESTED.

MONTHLY ACCOUNT ACTIVITY REPORT AND UNDELIVERED ORDER REPORT FOR EACH MONTH REVIEWED AND CORRECTED AS NEEDED.

FY 1992 AND FY 1993 BUDGETS WERE FORMULATED AND EXECUTED BY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT. ALL EXPENDITURES WERE TRACKED USING AFS.

ALL 444 AND UNDISTRIBUTED LABOR REPORTS REVIEWED WHEN RECEIVED.

DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS RECEIVED FOR THIRD PARTY DRAFT WERE REVIEWED AS SOON AS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED PROMPTLY.

PERSONNEL

APPTS - BOYD, CORNELIUS, MARSH, TEMPLE, MALCOLM (ROOF PROJECT)
CONVERSIONS - CRENSHAW, GRANADE, KITCHENS, THOMAS
PROMOTIONS - MARSH
TERMINATIONS - BOYD, RILEY
NAME CHANGE - CHAMPMAN
CHANGE IN WORK SCHEDULE - GRANADE, KITCHENS
TRANSFERS - COREY, MARSH
REQUEST TO WAIVER FURLOUGH - LAWSON
AWARDS - BOYD, FLOWERS(2), HEARD, LACHINE, LESLIE, MARSH

TOTAL AMOUNT OF AWARDS \$2100

WESLEYAN COLLEGE/MERCER UNIVERSITY CAREER DAY-ATTENDED BY GUY LACHINE AND THERESA THOMAS 2/92

JONES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CAREER DAY - ATTENDED BY DEBBIE HEARD AND THERESA THOMAS 2/92

FORT VALLEY STATE COLLEGE MOTIVATION TASK FORCE - ATTENDED BY THERESA THOMAS AND SAM LAWSON 4/92

TRAINING/TRAVEL

BUNDY - MEETING WITH REGIONAL DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY
REGIONAL DIRECTOR/FALL LINE FREEWAY
FLOWERS - ATMORE POW WOW, ATMORE, ALABAMA
INTERPRETING NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURES
INTERPRETIVE SKILLS (INSTRUCTOR)
SAFETY
LAW ENFORCEMENT REFRESHER
MUSEUM MANAGEMENT
RANGER RENDEVOUS (AS PREVIOUS FREEMAN
TILDEN AWARD WINNER)
HEARD - GSA SEMINAR
DI-134
LACHINE - CHIEF RANGER'S CONFERENCE
SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE
MEETING WITH USFWS & DOT/FALL LINE FREEWAY
LAWSON - EXPLORING COLONIAL FRONTIERS
LESLIE - CHIEF OF MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP
MARSH - LAW ENFORCEMENT REFRESHER
THOMAS - OWCP TRAINING
GSA SEMINAR
WORKSHOP FOR IMPREST FUND
CASHIERS AND TPD AGENTS
WALKER - CHIEF OF MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

ONE GTR ISSUED FOR SYLVIA FLOWERS TO TRAVEL TO IDAHO FOR PAYETTE
FIRE. DATES OF DUTY 8/24/92-9/10/92.

PROPERTY

PROPERTY INVENTORY COMPLETED 6/26/92.

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY: 1987 EXCEL HUSTLER 400 - TRANSFERRED
TO CUIS; CUSHMAN TURF TRUCKSTER - TRANSFERRED TO FOSU;
RECEIVED FROM ANJO - DEWEZE MOWER, 2 YAMAHA MOTORCYCLES,
1 BED COVER FOR CHEVY TRUCK (TO BE SURVEYED);
RECEIVED FROM CUGA - M-1 CARBINE RIFLE

SURVEY OF PROPERTY: 1986 EXCEL HUSTLER 400 (SOLD BY GSA)
1984 IBM COMPUTER SYSTEM (SOLD BY GSA)
SEARS PENSKE ENGINE ANALYZER (TRANSFERRED
TO STATE OF GA)
PENSKE DIAGNOSTIC OSCILLISCOPE (TRANSFERRED
TO STATE OF GA)
SOFTWARE-BTRIEVE, CROSSTALK, MINI-LEDGER
DATE STAMP MACHINE, RAPID PRINT
CALCULATOR, VICTOR, ELECTRONIC
CALCULATOR, OLIVETTI, ELECTRONIC
MICROSCOPE, EDU-SCIENCE
MISC SCRAP ITEMS RECYCLED

PURCHASES IN CY 92 (ONPS & EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT):

JOHN DEERE AMT 626
JOHN DEERE 2755 TRACTOR
GORILLA MOWER ATTACHMENT
JOHN DEERE F935 MOWER
MOTOROLA REPEATER
SINGER VACUUM CLEANER
GATEWAY 2000 486 COMPUTER SYSTEM
HAYES ULTRA 96 MODEM (2)
EPSON LQ2550 PRINTER
HEWLETT PACKARD LASER JET III PRINTER
HOUR METER FOR AMT 626
MITRE SAW
PRESSURE WASHER
BOX DRILL
HAMMER DRILL
LAW ENFORCEMENT VESTS (2)
LEISTER WELDER
LOTUS 123 UPGRADE
WORDPERFECT 5.1 UPGRADE (3)
WORDPERFECT 5.1 (2)
DOS 5.0 UPGRADE (3)
DESIGN CAD SOFTWARE
GRAMMATIK SOFTWARE
MORE FONTS SOFTWARE
NORTON UTILITIES SOFTWARE
DOS 5.0 FOR WINDOWS

EQUIPMENT REPAIRS:

VISITOR CENTER HEATING & AC UNIT - \$4,026.58
REPAIR OF JOHN DEERE TRACTOR - \$1705.46
REPAIR OF EXCEL HUSTLER 440 MOWER - \$1,800.00
BURGLAR ALARM PANEL - \$321.00
REPAIR OF 1986 HUSTLER - \$505.12

REQUEST FOR QUOTES/CONTRACTS

REPAIR VC ROOF - IN CONJUNCTION WITH FORT SUMTER CHIEF OF
MAINTENANCE DON GRONWALDT - 6/92
PURCHASE OF TRACTOR WITH ATTACHMENT TO REPLACE SLOPE MOWER 8/92
RAZE BUILDINGS AND FENCE DRAKE'S FIELD 4/92-9/92
GREAT TEMPLE MOUND STABILIZATION - FIRST PHASE 4/92
GREAT TEMPLE MOUND STABILIZATION - SECOND PHASE - DUE TO
INCLEMENT WEATHER 5/92
INSTALLATION OF REPEATER 7/92
INSTALLATION OF CRYSTALS FOR HAND HELD RADIOS AND MOBILES 7/92
FEDERAL HIGHWAY PROJECT/RANDOLPH & CO -10/91-9/92
PAINT INTERIOR OF QUARTERS #1
CLEAN CARPET IN QUARTERS #1

IMPREST FUND/THIRD PARTY DRAFTS

21 REPLENISHMENT VOUCHERS WERE PROCESS TOTALLING \$28,425.39

147 THIRD PARTY DRAFTS WERE ISSUED RESULTING IN ONLY 2 VOIDS FOR CY 1992.

DEPOSITS

\$3,587.55 WAS DEPOSITED TO DONATIONS ACCOUNT IN CY 1992. TOTAL CARRYOVER \$6,804.66 FOR A TOTAL OF \$10,393.11 IN DONATION ACCOUNT BY END OF CY 1992.

GENERAL

PREPARED AND MAINTAINED ALL RECORDS FOR QUARTERS #1 & #2.
PREPARED QUARTERS DEDUCTIONS FOR OCCUPANTS FOR CY 1992, PREPARED RENTAL ADJUSTMENTS EFFECTIVE 3/92, AND PREPARED HOUSING RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR NEW OCCUPANT 9/92.
PERFORMED ANNUAL MANAGEMENT INSPECTION 9/92 AND INSPECTED ALL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS WITH SUPERINTENDENT, CHIEF RANGER AND CHIEF OF MAINTENANCE.

TRIED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH TELEPHONE PIONEERS OF AMERICA TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTION ON USE OF TDD PURCHASED IN FY 1991. ALL CALLS WERE NOT RETURNED.

UPDATED AND MANAGED FY 92 CYCLIC AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT LISTS.

PROCESSED ALL LEAVE AND EARNING STATEMENTS AND T&A'S BY PRINTING AT PARK BEGINNING 1/92.

ALL PAYROLL WAS SUBMITTED AND CORRECTED AS NEEDED BY CLERK TYPIST AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT.

INSTALLED PPFS VERSION 2.54 SOFTWARE
INSTALLED AFS93 SOFTWARE
INSTALLED SNAP/TRAC SOFTWARE
INSTALLED DI-134 SOFTWARE
INSTALLED CC:MAIL SOFTWARE
INSTALLED PC COMM SOFTWARE
INSTALLED FPROT-VIRUS PROTECTION SOFTWARE

ACCESSED MUFFIN IN 4/92 WITHOUT ASSISTANCE AND WITHOUT ERROR.

PURCHASED ALL SUPPLIES, RENTAL EQUIPMENT AND RECRUITED ALL PERSONNEL TO ASSIST IN THE CYCLIC ROOF PROJECT. PROJECT ALSO RESULTED IN BUILDING BEING FLOODED ON 6/29/92 AND DAMAGED CEILING TILES AND BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM BEING REPAIRED DUE TO FLOOD.

JOHN DEERE TRACTOR HAD MINIMAL DAMAGE WHEN LIGHTNING STRUCK TREE AT QUARTERS #1 AND TREE FELL ON TRACTOR. ALSO WIND AND LIGHTNING TOOK DOWN TREE IN FRONT OF VISITORS CENTER RESULTING IN \$550.00 FOR LORD'S TREE SERVICE TO REMOVE TREES.

CHEVROLET PICKUP HAD MINIMAL DAMAGE WHEN JEROME WALKER HAD ACCIDENT IN PARKING LOT OF LOWE'S ELECTRIC ON JULY 8, 1992. JEROME BACKED INTO ANOTHER VEHICLE ALSO BACKING OUT OF PARKING LOT. NO TICKETS WERE ISSUED. INSURANCE COMPANY OF OTHER VEHICLE HAS CONTACTED OUR OFFICE.

PROCESSED ALL REQUESTS FOR EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION.

RECEIVED \$7,000 TO ASSIST PARK WITH CHANGE OF STATION COSTS OF PARK SUPERINTENDENT WITH EOD 8/23/92.

ALL MONTHLY BILLS AND PURCHASE DOCUMENTS WERE PAID PROMPTLY.

ALL REPORTS ON BUDGET, PROPERTY, PERSONNEL, RECRUITMENT PERFORMED BY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT AND SUBMITTED BY DUE DATE.

FILE DISPOSITION WAS COMPLETED 8/92 AND NEW FILES SET UP FOR FY 1993.

EMAIL AND CCMail WAS ACCESSED BY CLERK TYPIST DAILY.

CLERK TYPIST SERVED AS TYPIST FOR SUPERINTENDENT AND DIVISION CHIEFS AND ALSO SERVED AS RECEPTIONIST FOR PARK.

MINUTES WERE TAKEN FOR STAFF AND SQUAD MEETING BY CLERK TYPIST AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT.

CLERK TYPIST ASSISTED RANGER DIVISION WHEN THEY EXPERIENCED STAFF SHORTAGES.

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTED WITH STABILIZATION OF GREAT TEMPLE MOUND PROJECT AS A MEMBER OF THE STRIKE TEAM TO PLACE SOD ON TOP OF MOUND AS CARRIED TO TOP.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT SERVED AS UNIFORM COORDINATOR FOR PARK AND CLERK TYPIST TRACKED ALL ORDERS SENT AND RECEIVED.

CLERK TYPIST SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE SURVEY BOARD.

UTILIZED TRAVEL MANAGER TO PROCESS ALL TRAVEL VOUCHERS.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT SERVED AND PARK EO COORDINATOR.