

# FILHIOL MOUND

GPS Coordinates: *Latitude: 32.339555 Longitude: -92.093144*

Driving Directions:

— *From I-20 (exit 118), head south on US 165. Go 11.7 miles to marker on right.*

— *From La 4, head north on US 165. Go 17.7 miles to marker on left.*

Number of Mounds: *1*

Number of Visible Mounds: *1*

Summer Viewing: *Poor*

Winter Viewing: *Good*



Filhiol is a platform mound, 7 feet tall and about 100 by 100 feet at its base. It's on a natural levee deposit on the Ouachita River. The site includes a historic cemetery. While early reports of the site describe a conical mound with a circular base, recent mapping suggests a square base. Parts of the mound may have been leveled in the 1800s for the Watkins family cemetery. Cores show that the mound was probably built in two stages and that there has been extensive disturbance since then. Charcoal from the surface of the first stage dates the mound to AD 700–1200 (Coles Creek period). Frances Anne Filhiol Bres is buried in the mound. She was the granddaughter of Jean Baptiste Filhiol, who in the 1790s was military commander of Poste du Ouachita (Fort Miro, the settlement which became Monroe). □