

Archaeology and Historic Sites Section (Historic Preservation Division) Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement

In this position you may have access to sensitive information concerning archaeological sites in Mississippi. In order to protect these archaeological resources, this information must remain confidential. The Mississippi laws pertaining to this information are listed below.

SEC. 39-7-41. Certain archaeological records exempt from requirement of public access. Records in the possession of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History or any other public body as defined in paragraph (a) of section 25-61-3 which contain information about the location of any specific archaeological site and which in the opinion of any such agency possessing such records would, upon the disclosure thereof, create a substantial risk of damage or destruction to the historical value of such archaeological site or create a substantial risk of damage or destruction to private property rights, shall be exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

SOURCES: Laws, 1983, ch. 424, Sec. 17, eff from and after July 1, 1983.

Penalties for disclosing locational information:

SEC. 39-7-35. Penalties for violations of chapter; finder's fee for arrest and conviction of violator.

(1) Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or by confinement in jail for not more than thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and confinement. Each day of continued violation of any provision of this chapter shall constitute a distinct and separate offense for which the offender may be punished.

(2) The board at its discretion may grant a "finder's fee," not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), for the arrest and conviction of any person in violation of this chapter.

SOURCES: Codes, 1942, Sec. 6192-117; Laws, 1970, ch. 267, Sec. 17; 1983, ch. 458, Sec. 12, eff from and after July 1, 1983.

Violations of this agreement will terminate the volunteer's service and subject the volunteer to penalties. By signing this confidentiality agreement, I _____, understand the serious nature of this volunteer work and will not divulge locational information of Mississippi's archaeological sites nor use locational information for personal access.

Signature

Date