

the physical remains of at least one individual of Native American ancestry. Officials of the national Park Service have also determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(3)(A), the two objects listed above are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony. Lastly, officials of the National Park Service have also determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3005(a)(5)(A) Mr. Billie can trace his ancestry directly and without interruption by means of the traditional kinship system of the Independent Seminole Nation of Florida to the individual whose remains and funerary objects are being claimed.

This notice has been sent to Mr. Bobby C. Billie, the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains and associated funerary objects should contact Wallace Hibbard, Superintendent, Big Cypress National Preserve, HCR 61, Box 110, Ochopee, FL 34141; telephone: (941) 695-2000 ext. 10, before May 16, 1997. Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects to Mr. Bobby C. Billie may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: April 3, 1997.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

**Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains from Missouri and Montana in the Possession of the Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, MO**

AGENCY: National Park Service

ACTION: Notice

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d), of the completion of an inventory of human remains from Missouri and Montana in the possession of the Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, MO.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by Missouri Historical Society professional staff in

consultation with representatives of the Arapaho Tribe, Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribe of Oklahoma, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Devil's Lake Sioux Tribe, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Nation, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and Yankton Sioux Tribe.

During 1906-1907, human remains representing one individual was recovered from the Utz site, Saline County, MO, during an American Bureau of Ethnology survey. Mr. Gerard Fowke, project director of the survey, donated these remains to the Missouri Historical Society during this time. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

The Utz site has been identified as a Missouri village occupied between 1450-1712 AD based on continuous occupation, continuity of material culture, and historical documents.

Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the Missouri Historical Society have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(1), the human remains listed above represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry. Officials of the Missouri Historical Society have also determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these Native American human remains and the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma.

In 1911, human remains representing one individual were donated to the Missouri Historical Society by Mrs. Louis Tesson of St. Louis, MO. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

According to accession documents, Dr. Louis Tesson made a riding quirt from the radius of a "Sioux Indian" whose body lay on the Little Big Horn Battlefield at an unspecified time following the battle. U.S. Army records indicate Dr. Tesson was in the field with the 5th Infantry at Cantonment, Tongue River, WY during the summer of 1876, and was posted at Fort Custer, MT near the site of the Little Bighorn Battlefield from April 1877 to April 1880. Morphological evidence indicates this is a human radius.

Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the Missouri Historical Society have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(1), the human remains listed above represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry. Officials of

the Missouri Historical Society have also determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these Native American human remains and the Arapaho Tribe, Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribe of Oklahoma, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Devil's Lake Sioux Tribe, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Nation, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and Yankton Sioux Tribe.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Arapaho Tribe, Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribe of Oklahoma, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Devil's Lake Sioux Tribe, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Nation, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and Yankton Sioux Tribe. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains and associated funerary objects should contact Patti Wright, Associate Curator of Native American Ethnology, Missouri Historical Society, 225 S. Skinker, P.O. Box 11940, St. Louis, MO 63112-0040; telephone: (314) 746-4537, before May 16, 1997.

Repatriation of the human remains to the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma; and Arapaho Tribe, Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribe of Oklahoma, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Devil's Lake Sioux Tribe, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Nation, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and Yankton Sioux Tribe may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations within this notice.

Dated: April 9, 1997.

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