

U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.10.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: Merced College, Merced, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), Merced College has completed an inventory of human remains and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains in this notice may occur on or after October 14, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice to Jeff Buechler, Social Sciences—Stop 35, Merced College, 3600 M Street, Merced, CA 95348, email jeffrey.buechler@mccd.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of Merced College and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

On an unknown date, human remains representing at least one individual were removed from an unrecorded site labeled "Mariposa," an unknown location presumably in or near the town of Mariposa in Mariposa County. No associated funerary objects are present.

In the 1920s, human remains representing at least one individual, were removed from a rock shelter in Indian Gulch, presumably somewhere along Indian Gulch Road, south of Hornitos and ten-to-thirty miles from the Don Pedro Reservoir in Mariposa

County. These were said to have been removed by "an old timer, a former surveyor with an intimate knowledge of the area around Coulterville" and whose name may have been Maclean. In or before 1970, the human remains were donated to Merced College. No associated funerary objects are present.

On an unknown date, human remains representing at least one individual were removed from "Bagby Cove" (or possibly "Cave," the written documentation is unclear), presumably near the town of Bagby on Lake McClure in Mariposa County. No associated funerary objects are present.

Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is clearly identified by the information available about the human remains.

Determinations

Merced College has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of three individuals of Native American ancestry.
- There is a reasonable connection between the human remains described in this notice and the Bishop Paiute Tribe; Bridgeport Indian Colony; Northfork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California; Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians of California; and the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria of California.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under

ADDRESSES: Requests for repatriation may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and, if joined to a request from one or more of the Indian Tribes, the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation (aka American Indian Council of Mariposa County, Inc.), a non-federally recognized Indian group.

2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or a culturally affiliated Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

Repatriation of the human remains in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after October 14, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, Merced College must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to

repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains are considered a single request and not competing requests. Merced College is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.10.

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Notice of Proposed Transfer or Reinterment: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Grey Towers National Historic Site, Milford, PA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Grey Towers National Historic Site (Grey Towers NHS), proposes to transfer human remains listed in a notice of inventory completion published in the **Federal Register** on May 14, 2025.

DATES: Repatriation, transfer, or reinterment of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after October 14, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Send written request for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects to Joseph Koloski, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, FS, Grey Towers National Historic Site, 151 Grey Towers Drive, Milford, PA 18337, email joseph.koloski@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the Grey Towers NHS, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in its inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

This notice follows publication of a notice of inventory completion in the **Federal Register** (90 FR 20490, May 14, 2025). Human remains representing at least one individual have been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The cranium, incomplete right femur, incomplete right tibia, and incomplete left tibia of an adult probable male was located at Grey Towers NHS. Geographical location of removal, date of removal, and acquisition history are unknown. There is no indication these remains were treated with potentially hazardous materials.

Consultation

Invitations to consult were sent to the Delaware Nation, Oklahoma; Delaware Tribe of Indians; and the Stockbridge Munsee Community, Wisconsin. Email correspondence followed between Grey Towers NHS and the Delaware Nation; Delaware Tribe of Indians; and the Stockbridge Munsee Community. The tribal representatives agree that no lineal descendant or culturally affiliated Tribe can be identified.

Cultural Affiliation

The following types of information about the cultural affiliation of the human remains in this notice are available: biological and expert opinion. The information, including the results of consultation, identified:

1. No earlier group connected to the human remains.
2. No Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization connected to the human remains.
3. No relationship of shared group identity between the earlier group and the Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization that can be reasonably traced through time.

Determinations

The Grey Towers NHS has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of one individual of probable Native American ancestry.
- No known lineal descendant who can trace ancestry to the human in this notice has been identified.
- No Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation to the human remains in this notice has been clearly or reasonably identified.
- The Delaware Nation, Oklahoma; Delaware Tribe of Indians; and the Stockbridge Munsee Community, Wisconsin have requested transfer of the human remains described in this notice.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation.

Repatriation, transfer, or reinterment of the human remains described in this notice may occur on or after October 14, 2025. If requests for repatriation are received, the Grey Towers NHS must evaluate the requests and respond in writing to the requestors. The Grey Towers NHS is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.10.

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Notice of Intended Repatriation: Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Denver Art Museum intends to repatriate certain cultural items that meet the definition of sacred objects and that have a cultural affiliation with the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the cultural items in this notice may occur on or after October 14, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Send additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to Jennifer (Jennie) Trujillo, Denver Art Museum, 100 W 14th Avenue Parkway, Denver, CO 80204, email jtrujillo@denverartmuseum.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the Denver Art Museum, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the summary or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

A total of two cultural items have been requested for repatriation. The two sacred objects are wooden Prayer Sticks. In 1960, the museum purchased a single Prayer Stick from Willis Tilton of Topeka, Kansas. The object was identified at the time as a "typical prayer stick of the Kennekuk Church, ca. 1820." According to museum records, it was originally collected as part of a larger group of Prayer Sticks by Floyd Schultz, a Clay Center, Kansas businessman and civic leader, who was also an amateur archeologist and ethnologist (catalog #E91D). Schultz described items E91A-F in his records as "Prayer sticks. Kickapoo. Obtained from Mae Shoptese, a Potawatomi Indian woman." A second Prayer Stick was donated to the museum in 1985 by Dr. Charles J. Norton of Denver, Colorado. Museum records indicate that this Prayer Stick was purchased by Norton from Pat Read, an art dealer based in Lawrence, Kansas, around 1959-61. Consultation with representatives of the Kickapoo Tribe has confirmed that both objects are Prayer Sticks from the Kennekuk Church, which is located exclusively on the Kickapoo Reservation in Kansas. Based on tribal consultation and a review of museum records, the Denver Art Museum has determined that these Prayer Sticks are ceremonial objects used by members of the Kennekuk Church in religious practices. They continue to hold active significance in the church's present-day services. The inscriptions on the sticks contain prayers specific to the Kennekuk religion and possess spiritual meaning for all members of the church. According to church tradition, these Prayer Sticks are intended either to remain with the Kennekuk Church or to be used in burial services. If not interred with individual members, the sticks are passed along to other church members. As such, they are considered inalienable and should not have left the community.