

the requestor is a lineal descendant or an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation.

Repatriation of the associated funerary objects described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after January 15, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the Peabody Essex Museum must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the associated funerary objects are considered a single request and not competing requests. The Peabody Essex Museum is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and any other consulting parties.

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

Dated: November 17, 2025.

**Melanie O'Brien,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

[N6603; NPS–WASO–NAGPRA–NPS0041337; PPWOCRADN0–PCU00RP14.R50000]

#### Notice of Intended Disposition: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, National Forests in Mississippi, Jackson, MS

**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, National Forests in Mississippi intends to carry out the disposition of human remains and associated funerary objects removed from Federal or Tribal lands to the lineal descendants, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization with priority for disposition in this notice.

**DATES:** Disposition of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after January 15, 2026. If no claim for disposition is received by December 16, 2026, the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice will become unclaimed human remains and associated funerary objects.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written claims for disposition of the human remains and

associated funerary objects in this notice to William MacNeill, Heritage Program Manager, National Forests in Mississippi, 6425 Lakeover Road, Suite A, Jackson, MS 39213, email [william.l.macneill@usda.gov](mailto:william.l.macneill@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 National Forests in Mississippi, and additional information on the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the identifications in this notice.

#### Abstract of Information Available

Based on the information available, human remains representing at least three individuals have been reasonably identified. The 10 boxes of associated funerary objects include ceramic sherds, lithic flakes, and projectile points. These were recovered from the Little Spanish Fort Site/22Sh522 on the Delta National Forest in Sharkey County, Mississippi. This is a large site with a mound, earthen ditch, and bank that has documented cultural components including the Archaic, Middle and Lake Woodland (Marksville, Baytown, and Deasonville), and Mississippian periods. The human remains and funerary objects were removed during a University of Southern Mississippi field school in 1993. The Little Spanish Fort is located within the historical and ancestral lands of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, and the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians.

#### Determinations

The National Forests in Mississippi has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of three individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The 10 boxes of objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.
- The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma have priority for disposition of the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice.

#### Claims for Disposition

Written claims for disposition of the human remains and associated funerary

objects in this notice must be sent to the appropriate official identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. If no claim for disposition is received by December 16, 2026, the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice will become unclaimed human remains and associated funerary objects. Claims for disposition may be submitted by:

1. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization identified in this notice.

2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that they have priority for disposition.

Disposition of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after January 15, 2026. If competing claims for disposition are received, the National Forests in Mississippi must determine the most appropriate claimant prior to disposition. Requests for joint disposition of the human remains and associated funerary objects are considered a single request and not competing requests. The National Forests in Mississippi is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and to any other consulting parties.

**Authority:** Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3002, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.7.

Dated: November 17, 2025.

**Melanie O'Brien,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

[N6611; NPS–WASO–NAGPRA–NPS0041342; PPWOCRADN0–PCU00RP14.R50000]

#### Notice of Inventory Completion: Columbus-Belmont State Park, Kentucky State Parks, Columbus, KY

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), Columbus-Belmont State Park, Kentucky State Parks, 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 January 15, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice to Jennifer Spence, Parks Curator, Kentucky State Parks, Mayo-Underwood Building, 5th Floor, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40601 email [jennifer.spence@ky.gov](mailto:jennifer.spence@ky.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 Columbus-Belmont State Park, Kentucky State Parks, 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

Human remains representing three individuals have been identified. Based on institutional knowledge, the remains were originally removed from a mound in Hickman County, Kentucky. They were curated for many years at the museum at Columbus-Belmont State Park before being transferred in 2001 to the William S. Webb Museum of Anthropology at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, where they remain in storage. There is no indication that any potentially hazardous substances were used to treat the remains.

#### Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is reasonably identified by the geographical location of the human remains described in this notice.

#### Determinations

Columbus-Belmont State Park, Kentucky State Parks, has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of three individuals of Native American ancestry.
- There is a connection between the human remains described in this notice and the Cherokee Nation; Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; Quapaw Nation; Shawnee Tribe; and The Chickasaw Nation.

#### 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.

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 an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation.

Repatriation of the human remains described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after January 15, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, Columbus-Belmont State Park, Kentucky State Parks 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. Columbus-Belmont State Park, Kentucky State Parks, is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and any other consulting parties.

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

Dated: November 17, 2025.

**Melanie O'Brien,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

**[N6644; NPS-WASO-NAGPRA-NPS0041378; PPWOCRADNO-PCU00RP14.R50000]**

**Notice of Intended Repatriation: Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University (PMAE) intends to repatriate certain cultural items that meet the definition of unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony 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 January 15, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to Jane Pickering, Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, 11 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138, email [jpickering@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:jpickering@fas.harvard.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 the PMAE, 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 30 cultural items has been requested for repatriation. Unless otherwise noted, all items were likely removed by Frank Hamilton Cushing between 1886 and 1889 as part of the Hemenway Southwestern Archaeological Expedition.

The one lot of unassociated funerary objects from the Casa Blancas in Maricopa County, AZ, consists of shell fragments, ceramic beads, and ceramic fragments.

The one lot of sacred objects from the Casa Blancas in Maricopa County, AZ, consists of stone pendants, stone discs, stone projectile points, ceramic fragments, and faunal remains.

The one lot of unassociated funerary objects from the Ciudad de la Mesa site in Maricopa County, AZ, consists of ceramic, stone, obsidian, and shell items.

The one lot of sacred objects from the Ciudad de la Mesa site in Maricopa County, AZ, consists of shell items.

The one lot of unassociated funerary objects from the La Ciudad de los Pueblitos site in Maricopa County, AZ, consists of bone faunal remains and ceramic items.

The one lot of sacred objects from the La Ciudad de los Pueblitos site in Maricopa County, AZ, consists of stone and ceramic items.

The one lot of unassociated funerary objects from the Las Acequias site in Maricopa County, AZ, consists of ceramic, shell, bone, turquoise, wood, and obsidian items, fiber basket fragments, corn and other floral remains, and faunal remains.