

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the California State University, Sacramento intends to repatriate certain cultural items that meet the definition of 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 16, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to Dr. Mark R. Wheeler, Senior Advisor to President Luke Wood, California State University, Sacramento, 6000 J Street Sacramento, CA 95819, email mark.wheeler@csus.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 California State University, Sacramento, 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 at least two cultural items have been requested for repatriation. The two objects of cultural patrimony include one lot each of faunal remains and modified shell. An unknown number of unidentified cultural items may be missing from the collections, which may include other categories of items. The faunal remains (accession 81-488) were collected by a student from a known location in Sacramento County and the modified shell (1974-30-80) came to the University through a donation and likely originates from Sacramento County. The California State University, Sacramento is unaware of any treatment of the objects of cultural patrimony with pesticides, preservatives, or other substances that represent a potential hazard to the objects or to persons handling the objects.

Determinations

The California State University, Sacramento has determined that:

- The two objects of cultural patrimony described in this notice have ongoing historical, traditional, or cultural importance central to the

Native American group, including any constituent sub-group (such as a band, clan, lineage, ceremonial society, or other subdivision), according to the Native American traditional knowledge of an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

- There is a connection between the cultural items described in this notice and the Wilton Rancheria, California.

Requests for Repatriation

Additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items 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 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 cultural items in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after January 16, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the California State University, Sacramento must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the cultural items are considered a single request and not competing requests. The California State University, Sacramento is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the 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. 3004 and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.9.

Dated: November 24, 2025.

Melanie O'Brien,
Manager, National NAGPRA Program.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service**

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**Notice of Inventory Completion:
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and

Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Western Kentucky University has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and associated funerary objects and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after January 16, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to Nikki A. Wilcox, Western Kentucky University, 1906 College Heights Blvd., Bowling Green, KY 42101, nikki.wilcox@wku.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 Western Kentucky University, 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 at least one individual have been identified on the campus of Western Kentucky University. No associated funerary objects are present.

One Ancestor was identified in the summer of 2025 by a faculty member of the Department of Society, Culture, Crime, and Justice Studies, on the first floor of a building on campus.

While sorting through a filing cabinet, one human skull was identified in the back of a filing cabinet, tucked behind a row of documents. These documents were various archaeological essays and reports. The remains are described as still having a layer of dirt covering the surface.

There is no further provenience information for this individual, however due to the context information it is more than likely that the Ancestor is from the area. This is further supported by the fact that there was an active archaeologist who used to operate out of the building, and who excavated nearly exclusively within the state of Kentucky.

There is no known exposure to hazardous substances.

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

Western Kentucky University has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry.
- There is a connection between the human remains described in this notice and the Cherokee Nation; Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; The Chickasaw Nation; and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects 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 and associated funerary objects described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after January 16, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, Western Kentucky University must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects are considered a single request and not competing requests. Western Kentucky University 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 21, 2025.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Intended Repatriation: Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Denver, CO

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Denver Museum of Nature and Science (DMNS) 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 January 16, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to Michele Koons, Denver Museum of Nature & Science, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205, email Michele.Koons@dmns.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 Museum of Nature and Science, 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 eight cultural items have been requested for repatriation. The eight sacred objects are one medicine bundle with herbs, one medicine tube, two medicine roots, and four prayer reeds. The eight sacred objects are: AC. 8234, a medicine bundle, collected by Howard B. Roloff in 1965 from an unknown medicine man at Brighton Reservation. The bundle is made of wool and cloth. The medicine bundle contains seven different herbs used in the "Black Drought"[sic] for purification rites in the Green Corn Dance. The same packet of herbs is usually used twice or even four times, and only at the time of the Green Corn Dance. AC.8235, a medicine tube, collected by Howard B. Roloff in 1965 from Ada Tommie at the Hollywood Reservation, Florida. The

medicine tube is made of reeds. The bundle was donated to DMNS by Mary Crane on 27 May 1983. AC.8236, medicinal root, collected by Howard B. Roloff in 1965 from the Seminole in Florida. The root was donated to DMNS by Mary Crane on 27 May 1983. The root was used to treat wounds and carbuncles by an unknown medicine man from Immokalee, Florida. AC.8237, medicinal roots, collected by Howard B. Roloff in 1965 from a medicine woman, Ada Tommie, from the Hollywood Reservation. The roots are tied with blue cloth and are used to treat high blood pressure. The same roots are also found in medicine bundles. The roots were donated to DMNS by Mary Crane on 27 May 1983. AC.8396A-D, four prayer reeds, collected by Howard B. Roloff from Josie Billie in 1966. Bamboo reeds bored out and tied with red cloth in three places made by Josie Billie, the biggest medicine man at Big Cypress. AC. 8234, AC.8235. AC.8236, AC. 8237, and AC.8396A-D were formerly in the "Seminole Section" of DMNS North American Indigenous Cultures Hall, which has been closed to the public since June 2023.

Determinations

The Denver Museum of Nature and Science has determined that:

- The eight sacred objects described in this notice are specific ceremonial objects needed by a traditional Native American religious leader for present-day adherents to practice traditional Native American religion, according to the Native American traditional knowledge of a lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization.

- There is a reasonable connection between the cultural items described in this notice and the Seminole Tribe of Florida and The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

Requests for Repatriation

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