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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: The University of Tennessee, Department of Anthropology, Knoxville, TN

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Department of Anthropology (UTK), 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 Dr. Ellen Lofaro, University of Tennessee (UTK), Office of Repatriation, 5723 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37996, email nagpra@utk.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 UTK, 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, 100 individuals have been identified. The four lots of associated funerary objects are one lot of ceramic sherds, one lot of fauna and shell, one lot of lithics, and one lot of objects placed with or near human remains. These individuals and objects were recovered from the Carrigan or Gigen's Cemetery site (40MT33) in Montgomery County, TN, by Paul Eden and H.C. "Buddy"

Brehm with Southeastern Indian Antiquities Survey (SIAS) in September 1974. This site dates to the Mississippian Period, ~1000–1450 CE. These individuals and objects were transferred to UTK in 1975 for examination and retained.

Human remains representing, at least, one individual has been identified. The two lots of associated funerary objects are two lots of objects placed with or near human remains. This individual and objects were recovered from Coleman Cave (40MT16) in Montgomery County, TN. One individual and one lot of objects were discovered at UTK as part of the McIlhaney Collection in July 2024. The circumstances of recovery and what brought this individual and objects to UTK are currently unknown. The second lot of objects were donated by an unknown caver to the Cave Archaeology Research Team project directed by Jan Simek at UTK likely in the 1990s. This cave site dates from the Archaic to Mississippian periods.

Human remains representing, at least, one individual has been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. This individual was recovered by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office from an unknown location in Montgomery County and sent to the UTK Forensic Anthropology Center (FAC) in August of 1983 for examination. After FAC staff determined that the individual was Native American, and not of medicolegal concern, they were retained by the FAC as case 83-18. They remained at the FAC until they were recently transferred to the UTK Office of Repatriation.

To our knowledge, no potentially hazardous substances have been used to treat any of the Ancestral remains or associated funerary objects.

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 and associated funerary objects described in this notice.

Determinations

UTK has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of 102 individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The six lots 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.

- There is a connection between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and the Cherokee Nation; Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; The Muscogee (Creek) Nation; Thlophlocco Tribal Town; 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, UTK 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. UTK are 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 Inventory Completion: Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Archaeology, Nashville, TN

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Archaeology (TDEC–DOA) has completed an inventory of human remains from Morgan County, Alabama 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 16, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice to Phillip R. Hodge, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Archaeology (TDEC–DOA), 1216 Foster Avenue, Cole Building #3, Nashville, TN 37243, email phil.hodge@tn.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 TDEC–DOA, 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.

Unknown Site, Morgan County, AL

Human remains representing, at least, one individual. These ancestral remains were recovered from the Tennessee River shoreline approximately three miles from Decatur, Alabama in 1955. No additional information is available on how these materials entered TDOA care. There is no known exposure to hazardous substances or treatments.

Cultural Affiliation

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

Determinations

The TDEC–DOA 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; Poarch Band of Creek 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 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 16, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the TDEC–DOA 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. The TDEC–DOA 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 Inventory Completion: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the University of Michigan has completed an inventory of human remains (hereinafter referred to as "Ancestral remains" or "Ancestors") and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the Ancestral

remains and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the Ancestral remains in this notice may occur on or after January 16, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send written requests for repatriation of the Ancestral remains in this notice to Dr. Ben Secunda, University of Michigan, Office of the Vice President for Research, Suite G269, Lane Hall, Ann Arbor, MI 48109–1274, email bsecunda@umich.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 University of Michigan, 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

Ancestral remains representing, at least, two individuals have been identified. On an unknown date prior to 1951, the Ancestors were removed from an unspecified location on the shore of Lake Champlain west of Orwell Village in Vermont. W.A. Dewey donated the Ancestral remains to the U–M Museum of Anthropological Archaeology (UMMAA). The year of acquisition is uncertain, but the sequence of UMMAA's accession records may suggest the donation was made in the 1920s. No time period has been determined for the burial. There are no associated funerary objects present. Although early records indicated the presence of animal bone fragments, no animal bone fragments have been located among the UMMAA's holdings, and it is believed that this may have been a mis-notation of Ancestral remains. Consultation occurred with representatives of the Stockbridge Munsee Community, Wisconsin; as well as the Wabanaki First Nation of Wôlinak and Odanak, Canada.

The University of Michigan has no record of, nor do its officials have any knowledge of, any treatment of the Ancestors with pesticides, preservatives, or other substances that represent a potential hazard to the collection(s) or to persons handling the collection(s).

Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is reasonably identified by the geographical location or acquisition