

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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#### Notice of Intended Repatriation: Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Boston, MA

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston intends to repatriate certain cultural items that meet the definition of unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects, and/or 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 April 20, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to Victoria Reed, Bettina Burr Chair for Provenance, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115, email [vreed@mfa.org](mailto:vreed@mfa.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 Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 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 six sacred objects include one war bonnet, two pairs of moccasins (four moccasins total) and three pairs of leggings (six leggings total). The two objects of cultural patrimony are eagle whistles.

The moccasins were given to the MFA by collectors Sarah Spooner and Denman Waldo Ross in 1893 and 1902, respectively, and have been catalogued as Sioux. The leggings were gifts of Ross in 1902 and were likewise catalogued as Sioux. No earlier collecting history for these items is available. The war bonnet was given to the MFA by Gretel Anspach in 2003 and catalogued as Plains. It had been acquired by the donor's family from a New York dealer or collector, and its provenance before the 1960s is not known. The eagle whistles were purchased by the MFA in 1984 and catalogued as Great Plains. They were said to come from sources in New England but otherwise have no documented ownership history.

#### Determinations

The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston has determined that:

- The six 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.
- 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 Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Montana.

#### 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 April 20, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston 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 Museum of Fine Arts, Boston 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

[N6992; NPS-WASO-NAGPRA-NPS0042344; PPWOCRADNO-PCU00RP14.R50000]

#### Notice of Inventory Completion: Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Santa Barbara, CA

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Santa Barbara, CA 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 April 20, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice to Luke Swetland, President and CEO, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2559 Puesta del Sol, Santa Barbara, CA 93105, email [lswetland@sbnature2.org](mailto:lswetland@sbnature2.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 Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 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. No associated funerary objects are present. The human remains include one reconstructed/repatriated cranium and mandible donated by Miss Gladys Hodges, of Santa Barbara, CA, in 1980. This skull was likely discovered by Miss Hodges' tenant, William Thomas Frey (an art restoration enthusiast) while hiking in the hills around the Santa Barbara/Ventura region.

Human remains representing, at least, 19 individuals have been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The human remains include four crania, and more than 36 bones and bone fragments. These Ancestral remains are of unknown provenience and most likely have been in the Museum's possession since the early 1900s.

Human remains representing, at least, one individual have been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The human remains include one cranium donated by the Santa Barbara State Teachers College in 1925.

#### 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 Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of at least 21 individuals of Native American ancestry.
- There is a connection between the human remains described in this notice and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation, 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.
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 April 20, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History 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 Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History 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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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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#### Notice of Inventory Completion: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest, Gainesville, GA

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest 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 April 20, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to Judy Toppins, Forest Supervisor, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest, 1755 Cleveland Highway, Gainesville, GA 30501, email [judy.toppins@usda.gov](mailto:judy.toppins@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 Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest, 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 three individuals have been identified from three different sites in Greene County, Georgia.

Scull Shoals Mounds (site 9GE4) was excavated from 1983 to 1985 and the level where the ancestor was found dates to the Middle Mississippian Savannah period. One individual and 154 associated funerary objects were removed from the site. The 154 associated funerary objects include 143 pottery sherds, one quartz point tip, nine quartz flakes, and one chert flake tool.

Cold Springs (site 9GE10) was excavated from 1977 to 1978 and this burial dates to the Late Mississippian Lamar period. One individual and one associated funerary object, a partial pottery vessel, were removed from the site.

Site 9GE1227 was excavated in 1989 and dates to the Late Mississippian Lamar period. One individual and 580 associated funerary objects were removed from the site. The 580 associated funerary objects include five quartz flakes, one quartz shatter, 497 pottery sherds, 63 daub, six pebbles, six unmodified rocks, one fire cracked rock, and one mussel shell.

#### 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

The Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of three individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The 735 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.