

Abstract of Information Available

Based on the information available, human remains representing, at least, eight individuals have been reasonably identified. The, at least, 10 associated funerary objects are one pocketknife, one .22 caliber bullet, one brooch, and seven lots of coffin hardware and coffin fill. In the 1840s, The Chickasaw Nation citizens founded the community of Willis along the Red River in what became Marshall County, Oklahoma. A city cemetery was established that was estimated to hold 500 graves, many of which were unmarked. Between December 1942 and March 1943, USACE Tulsa contracted a company to relocate Willis Cemetery prior to the inundation of Lake Texoma. Due to the age of the cemetery at the time and the loss of original grave markers, several internments were missed during the relocation effort. Over time, multiple inadvertent discoveries of human remains have occurred eroding from the shoreline of Lake Texoma from the original Willis Cemetery location. Site 34MA86, previously recorded as a precontact artifact scatter, was updated to a multicomponent site to include the Willis Cemetery. The remains of at least eight individuals with funerary objects have been recovered over time. In February 1998 two adults and one child were recovered with three lots of coffin hardware with the assistance of a representative from Chickasaw Nation. In 2001 the remains of one child and one young adult male with funerary objects including two lots of coffin hardware and fill, one pocket knife, and one .22 caliber bullet were recovered. In 2008 the remains of one young adult female with no associated funerary objects were recovered by law enforcement, determined to be not of forensic interest, and remitted to the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey (OAS). In August 2016 OAS was informed of an inadvertent discovery, and in conjunction with USACE Tulsa exhumed two individuals and funerary objects including two lots of coffin hardware and fill, and one brooch. Currently all eight individuals and all funerary objects are located at the Tulsa District Archaeological Repository.

Determinations

The USACE Tulsa has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of eight individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The at least 10 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 Chickasaw Nation has 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 January 20, 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 February 18, 2025. If competing claims for disposition are received, the USACE Tulsa 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 USACE Tulsa 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: January 13, 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: U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, Basom, NY

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 the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Northeast Region, Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) 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 February 18, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Thomas Roster, Refuge Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Northeast Region, Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, 1101 Casey Road, Basom, NY 14013, telephone (585) 948-5445 Ext. 7030, email tom_roster@fws.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 USFWS, 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

Based on the available information, human remains representing, at least, two individuals have been reasonably identified. The seven associated funerary objects include ground stone gorgets, a lithic flake, worked antler, a pipe stem, faunal remains, and a ceramic fragment. The individuals and associated funerary objects were donated to the USFWS by the Owens Family between 1992 and 2000. The individuals and associated funerary objects were likely collected as early as 1962 at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, most likely near Feeder Road and Suttons Marsh. In addition, a friend of the Owens Family noted that a portion of the materials may have also been collected from the Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area, which included one site that was transferred to the Tonawanda Indian Reservation. No additional provenience information is known.

Cultural Affiliation

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

geographical location of the individuals and associated funerary objects described in this notice.

Determinations

The USFWS has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of two individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The seven 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 Tonawanda Band of Seneca.

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 February 18, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the USFWS 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. The USFWS 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.

Dated: January 13, 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 Disposition: Arizona Army National Guard, Camp Navajo, Bellemont, AZ

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Arizona Army National Guard 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 February 18, 2025. If no claim for disposition is received by January 20, 2026, the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice will become unclaimed human remains and associated funerary objects.

ADDRESSES: Shelby Manney, Deputy Environmental Programs Manager, Departments of the Army and the Air Force, Joint Force Headquarters-Arizona, Arizona Army National Guard, 5636 East McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85008, telephone (602) 267-2740, email manneys@emo.azdema.gov and shelby.a.manne.nfg@army.mil.

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 Arizona Army National Guard, 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 one individual have been reasonably identified. The three associated funerary objects are ceramic sherds. On November 13, 2021, an archaeological field crew encountered the individual and associated funerary objects during a cultural resource inventory of an archaeological site on Camp Navajo located in Bellemont, Coconino County,

Arizona. Per installation procedures, the Coconino County Sheriff's Office was informed and subsequently determined that the discovery warranted examination by the Coconino County Office of the Medical Examiner (CCOME). On November 15, 2021, the individual and associated funerary objects were recovered as part of an investigation. CCOME officially confirmed that the discovery is archaeological on November 24, 2021. In consultation with the Indian Tribes, the Arizona Army National Guard recovered and housed the individual and associated funerary objects until final disposition.

Determinations

The Arizona Army National Guard has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry.
- The three 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 Hopi Tribe of Arizona has 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 January 20, 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 February 18, 2025. If competing claims for disposition are received, the Arizona Army National Guard 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 Arizona Army National Guard is responsible for