

Anthropology Laboratories and Indiana Department of Transportation.

Description

In 1987, human remains representing, at minimum, 12 individuals were removed from Site 12-Hn-298 in Henry County, IN. When this site was disturbed during earth-moving activities by Indiana Department of Highways, a salvage excavation was initiated by Ball State University to document the features exposed. The salvage excavations uncovered 12 human burials and 26 other precontact-era cultural features. Radiocarbon dates from the site fall generally in the Late Woodland period ($1,000 \pm 50$, 1430 ± 60 , and $1,050 \pm 80$ RCYBP), with one Late Archaic projectile recovered in back dirt also indicating possibly multiple temporal components. Investigator (Donald Cochran) determined the burials and features represent an Albee phase occupation (ca. 800 to 1200 CE). The human remains have since been curated at Ball State University, Applied Anthropology Laboratories under accession number 87.27. The human remains belong to four juveniles, three female adults, four male adults, and one adult of indeterminate sex. The age of these individuals range from less than 6 months to over 60 years. The 5,600 associated funerary objects are 3,922 faunal elements, 16 animal bone beads, 98 shell beads, 31 animal bone tools, 1,064 floral remains or charcoal samples, 134 ceramics, 27 bifaces or biface fragments, 154 pieces of lithic debitage, 24 unifacial tools, eight cores, one ocher, three celts, 90 fire-cracked rocks, 20 miscellaneous stones, one piece of quartz, one piece of glass, two pieces of metal, one piece of cinder, one plastic button, and two soil samples.

Aboriginal Land

The human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice were removed from known geographic locations. These locations are the aboriginal lands of one or more Indian Tribes. The following information was used to identify the aboriginal land: a final judgment of the Indian Claims Commission or the United States Court of Claims, and the 1818 Treaty of St. Mary's.

Determinations

Pursuant to NAGPRA and its implementing regulations, and after consultation with the appropriate Indian Tribes, the Indiana Department of Transportation has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical

remains of 12 individuals of Native American ancestry.

- The 5,600 objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.

- No relationship of shared group identity can be reasonably traced between the human remains and associated funerary objects and any Indian Tribe.

- The human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice were removed from the aboriginal land of the Delaware Nation, Oklahoma; Delaware Tribe of Indians; and the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma.

Requests for Disposition

Written requests for disposition of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice must be sent to the Responsible Official identified in ADDRESSES. Requests for disposition may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes 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 a culturally affiliated Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization, or who shows that the requestor is an aboriginal land Indian Tribe.

Disposition of the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after August 2, 2023. If competing requests for disposition are received, the Indiana Department of Transportation must determine the most appropriate requestor 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 Ball State University, Applied Anthropology Laboratories, on behalf of the Indiana Department of Transportation, is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes identified in this notice.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.9 and 10.11.

Dated: June 21, 2023.

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: Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, TX

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) 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. The human remains and associated funerary objects were removed from Anderson County, TX.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after August 2, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Scott Pletka, TxDOT, 6230 East Stassney Lane, Austin, TX 78701, telephone (512) 865-8694, email scott.pletka@txdot.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 TxDOT. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice. Additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the inventory or related records held by TxDOT.

Description

In August and September of 2021, human remains representing, at minimum, three individuals were removed from site 41AN162 in Anderson County, TX, by archeologists working on behalf of TxDOT. A non-funerary pit feature yielded a lower right canine tooth belonging to an adult and a deciduous upper left central incisor tooth belonging to a juvenile. No associated funerary objects are present. An individual burial yielded one lower premolar, three lower molars, and four upper molars belonging to a juvenile. The 47 associated funerary objects are one possible Kiam Incised vessel, three unidentified plainware vessels, 41 incised and grog-tempered ceramic

sherds, one piece of lithic debitage, and one liter of soil fill.

Cultural Affiliation

The human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice are connected to one or more identifiable earlier groups, tribes, peoples, or cultures. There is a relationship of shared group identity between the identifiable earlier groups, tribes, peoples, or cultures and one or more Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations. The following types of information were used to reasonably trace the relationship: anthropological, archeological, biological, geographical, historical, and expert opinion.

Determinations

Pursuant to NAGPRA and its implementing regulations, and after consultation with the appropriate Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, TxDOT has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of three individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The 47 objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.
- There is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice must be sent to the Responsible Official identified in **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 a culturally affiliated Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after August 2, 2023. If competing requests for repatriation are received, TxDOT 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. TxDOT is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribe identified in this notice.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.9, 10.10, and 10.14.

Dated: June 21, 2023.

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 Amendment: California Department of Parks and Recreation, Sacramento, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; amendment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and

Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the California Department of Parks and Recreation has amended a Notice of Inventory Completion in the **Federal Register** on September 28, 2012. This notice amends the number of associated funerary objects in a collection removed from Shannon County, SD.

DATES: Disposition of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after August 2, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Dr. Leslie L. Hartzell, NAGPRA Coordinator, California Department of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296-0001, telephone (916) 425-8016, email Leslie.Hartzell@parks.ca.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 California Department of Parks and Recreation. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice. Additional information on the amendments and determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the inventory or related records held by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

Amendment

This notice amends the determinations published in a Notice of Inventory Completion in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 59647-59648, September 28, 2012). Disposition of the items in the original Notice of Inventory Completion has not occurred. During consultation regarding the original notice, Department of Parks and Recreation staff located and subsequently identified additional associated funerary objects from the Wounded Knee Massacre Site.

Site	Original No.	Amended No.	Amended description
Wounded Knee Massacre Site in Shannon County, SD.	2	12	four photographs, two armlets, two bandanas, one arm band, one lot of beads, one periodical, and one spur.

Determinations (As Amended)

Pursuant to NAGPRA and its implementing regulations, and after consultation with the appropriate Indian Tribes, the California Department of Parks and Recreation has determined that:

- The human remains represent the physical remains of two individuals of Native American ancestry.

• The 12 objects are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.

• There is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the human remains and associated funerary objects and the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of the

Cheyenne River Reservation, South Dakota; Oglala Sioux Tribe; and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North & South Dakota.

Requests for Disposition

Written requests for disposition of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice must be sent to the Responsible Official identified in