

- There is a connection between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska.

#### 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 August 29, 2024. If competing requests for repatriation are received, Kansas State 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. Kansas State University 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: July 17, 2024.

**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, Bureau of Reclamation, Oklahoma-Texas Area Office, Oklahoma City, OK

**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, Bureau of Reclamation, Oklahoma-Texas Area Office (OTAO) (Reclamation) 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 August 29, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written requests for repatriation of human remains to Kate Ellison, Bureau of Reclamation, 5924 NW 2nd Street, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK 73127-6514, or by email to [kellison@usbr.gov](mailto:kellison@usbr.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Ellison, Bureau of Reclamation, at telephone (405) 470-4816, or by email to [kellison@usbr.gov](mailto:kellison@usbr.gov). Individuals who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**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 Reclamation, 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, 13 individuals have been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. A contractor conducted an inventory of artifacts and human remains for Reclamation in 2023 at the Museum of the Great Plains in Lawton, Oklahoma. The artifacts and human remains were recovered by local collectors from the W.C. Austin Project (Lake Altus), Oklahoma before 1990.

#### 34GR—

Human remains representing one individual were found in a box with mixed rock and ground stone from Greer County, Oklahoma. No associated funerary objects are present.

Human remains representing one individual were found in a box among faunal bones from Greer County, Oklahoma. No associated funerary objects are present.

#### 34GR3

Human remains representing one individual were found in a box with archeological artifacts. No associated funerary objects are present.

#### 34GR4—Rattlesnake Slough

Human remains representing one individual were found in a box with archeological artifacts. No associated funerary objects are present.

#### 34GR6

Human remains representing eight individuals were found in a box with archeological artifacts. No associated funerary objects are present.

Radiocarbon dating performed in 1985 at site 34GR6 identified that the site was occupied during the two periods: 1,270 ±90 B.P. and 1,390 ±90 B.P. The 120-year gap between the two dates is a reasonable period for a single group to occupy a location.

#### 34GR8—Taylor

Human remains representing one individual were found in a box with archeological artifacts. No associated funerary objects are present.

#### 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

Reclamation has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of 13 individuals of Native American ancestry.

- There is a connection between the human remains described in this notice and the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco, & Tawakonie), Oklahoma.

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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 described in this notice to a requestor

may occur on or after August 29, 2024. If competing requests for repatriation are received, Reclamation 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. Reclamation 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: July 17, 2024.

**Melanie O'Brien,**

*Manager, National NAGPRA Program.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

[NPS-WASO-NAGPRA-NPS0038349; PPWOCRADNO-PCU00RP14.R50000]

#### Notice of Inventory Completion: 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, 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 August 29, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Dr. Ellen Lofaro, University of Tennessee, Office of Repatriation, 5723 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37921-6053, telephone (865) 974-3370, email [nagpra@utk.edu](mailto: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, 24 individuals have been identified. The seven associated funerary objects are one lot of faunal remains, one lot of historic objects, one lot of ceramics, one lot of mica, one lot of lithics, one lot of botanicals, and one lot of shell. In September 2004, local children found the remains in a cave, (site 40AN236), in Anderson County, TN. Members of the Anderson County Sherriff's Department were called to investigate. The Sherriff's Department contacted the UTK Forensic Anthropology Center (FAC) for assistance in recovering the remains. The remains were removed in 2004 and housed at the FAC as case 04-23. In 2009, the remains were transferred to Dr. Nicholas Herrmann (formerly of UTK) at Mississippi State University. At an unknown date, the remains were returned to the FAC, where they remained until they were recently transferred to the UTK Office of Repatriation (OR). To our knowledge, no potentially hazardous substances were used to treat the remains or objects.

Human remains representing, at least, one individual have been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. On February 11, 2008, a person brought the remains (found in a cave on her property), to the Anderson County (Tennessee) Sherriff's Department. Investigators contacted the FAC, and on February 14, Nicholas Herrmann accompanied the investigators to the cave. Herrmann recorded multiple individuals within the cave, severely disturbed by looters. Except for the original remains brought to the Sherriff's Department, all the remains found in the cave were reburied on site by Herrmann after his examination. The original remains were examined by Herrmann, determined to be Native American, and were retained by the FAC as case 08-03. They remained at the FAC until they were recently transferred to the OR. To our knowledge, no potentially hazardous substances were used to treat the remains.

Human remains representing, at least, two individuals have been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. On October 6, 1981, a member of the Elizabethton Police Department contacted Dr. William Bass to inform him that remains had been disinterred by a backhoe during construction of a culvert in Elizabethton, Carter County, TN. The remains were sent to the FAC for examination and arrived at UTK on October 12, 1981. Patrick Willey

examined the remains on October 22. They were determined to be Native American, and they were retained as case 81-22. They remained at the FAC until they were recently transferred to the OR. Some of the remains have been "repaired" using glue, but to our knowledge, no potentially hazardous substances were used to treat the remains.

Human remains representing, at least, one individual have been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. On March 17, 1991, the remains were found in a rock shelter in Eagan, Claiborne County, TN. On March 18, the Claiborne County Sherriff's Office called Bass at UTK for assistance. UTK graduate student Theresa Woltanski met a representative of the Sherriff's Office at the site and determined the remains were likely archaeological. The remains were brought to the FAC for examination, were determined to be Native American, and were retained as case 91-9. They remained at the FAC until they were recently transferred to the OR. To our knowledge, no potentially hazardous substances were used to treat the remains.

Human remains representing, at least, three individuals have been identified. The two associated funerary objects are one lot of faunal remains, and one lot of lithics. At an unknown date, these remains were removed from an unknown cave site in Tazewell, Claiborne County, TN, by an unknown party. On May 18, 1993, a Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) agent transferred the remains to the FAC for examination, and upon completion, they were determined to be Native American, and were retained as case 93-22. They remained at the FAC until they were recently transferred to the OR. Some of the remains were "repaired" using glue, and plaster is present on some of the remains. To our knowledge, no other substances, hazardous or other, were used to treat the remains.

Human remains representing, at least, one individual have been identified. The two associated funerary objects are one lot of faunal remains, and one lot of burial soil. At an unknown date, an unknown party removed the remains from a cave site in Claiborne County, TN. On February 26, 1996, the remains were transferred from the Claiborne County Sherriff's Office to the FAC for examination, and upon completion, they were determined to be Native American and were retained as case 96-8. They remained at the FAC until they were recently transferred to the OR. Some of the remains were "reconstructed" using glue, but to our knowledge, no potentially hazardous