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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: St. Louis County Office of the Medical Examiner, St. Louis, MO

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the St. Louis County Office of the Medical Examiner (MEO) 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 November 21, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Dr. Lindsay Trammell, St. Louis County Office of the MEO, 6059 North Hanley Road, St. Louis, MO 63134, telephone (314) 615-0809, email LTrammell@stlouiscountymo.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 St. Louis County MEO 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, two individuals have been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. Remains were discovered in a private residence in Florissant, Missouri on May 5, 2024. They were reportedly originally collected by a private citizen in the 1960's in Clarksville, Missouri, near the Clarksville Mound Groups site, 23PI6. These remains are from the Late Woodland to Emergency Mississippian Period and culturally affiliated with the Osage Nation.

Cultural Affiliation

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

Determinations

The St. Louis County MEO has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of two individuals of Native American ancestry.
- There is a connection between the human remains described in this notice and The Osage Nation.

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 November 21, 2024. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the St. Louis County MEO 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 St. Louis County MEO 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 Intended Repatriation: Museum of Us, San Diego, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Museum of Us intends to repatriate certain cultural items that meet the definition of unassociated funerary objects 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 November 21, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Carmen Mosley, NAGPRA Repatriation Manager, Museum of Us, 1350 El Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA 92101, telephone (619) 239-2001 Ext. 42, email cmosley@museumofus.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 Us, 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 12 cultural items have been requested for repatriation. The 12 unassociated funerary objects are from three separate acquisitions.

In December of 1954, Adele Ronecker of San Diego, CA, donated one blade from Stewart County, TN and one bird effigy pipe from Southeastern United States to the San Diego Museum of Man (now Museum of Us), along with a collection of 112 other Native American cultural items from California, Texas, New Mexico, Southeastern United States, Mexico and Southeast Asia. Acquisition records indicate that Ms. Ronecker received the cultural items from Lemley Osborne of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

In May of 1955, the San Diego Museum of Man (now Museum of Us) purchased one shell gorget from Hamilton County, TN, along with 11 other Native North American items,