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#### Abstract of Information Available

A total of five cultural items have been requested for repatriation. The five sacred objects are one adze, one wall fragment, one stone pestle, one sling stone, and one poi pounder. These cultural items were collected by Fallis F. Rees during a trip to the Hawaiian Islands in the early 1960s. The exact collection locations are unknown, but Rees visited both Hawai'i Island and O'ahu during his trip. Rees donated the five sacred objects to the DUMA in 1967. There is no record at DUMA that the items were treated with any potentially hazardous substance.

#### Determinations

The DUMA has determined that:

- The five 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.
- There is a reasonable connection between the cultural items described in this notice and Hui Iwi Kuamo'o.

#### 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 February 17, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the DUMA 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 DUMA 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.

Dated: January 9, 2026.

**Melanie O'Brien,**

*Manager, National NAGPRA Program.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

[N6853; NPS-WASO-NAGPRA-NPS0041831; PPWOCRADNO-PCU00RP14.R50000]

#### Notice of Inventory Completion: Field Museum, Chicago, IL

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Field Museum 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 February 17, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice to June Carpenter, Field Museum, 1400 S Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60605, email [jcarpenter@fieldmuseum.org](mailto:jcarpenter@fieldmuseum.org).

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#### Abstract of Information Available

Human remains representing, at least, eight individuals have been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The human remains are hair clippings belonging to eight individuals, identified with the tribal designation

“Piegan” or “Blood, Piegan.” Field Museum staff believe they were collected under the direction of Franz Boas and Frederick Ward Putnam for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. The hair clippings were accessioned into the Field Museum's collection in 1939. No information regarding the individual's name, sex, age, or geographic location has been found. There is no known presence of any potentially hazardous substances.

#### 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 described in this notice.

#### Determinations

The Field Museum has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of eight individuals of Native American ancestry.
- There is a connection between the human remains described in this notice and the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana.

#### 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 February 17, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the Field Museum 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 Field Museum is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and any other consulting parties.

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

Dated: January 9, 2026.

**Melanie O'Brien,**

*Manager, National NAGPRA Program.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

[N6861; NPS-WASO-NAGPRA-NPS0041839; PPWOCRADNO-PCU00RP14.R50000]

#### Notice of Inventory Completion: Museum of the Cherokee People, Cherokee, NC

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Museum of the Cherokee People (MotCP) 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 February 17, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice to Evan Mathis, Museum of the Cherokee People, P.O. Box 1599, 589 Tsali Blvd., Cherokee, NC 28719, email [evan.mathis@motcp.org](mailto:evan.mathis@motcp.org).

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#### Abstract of Information Available

Human ancestral remains representing, at least, one individual has been identified from an unknown archaeological site in Northern Georgia. No associated funerary objects are present. After completing the consultation process with federally recognized Tribal Nations, this site is culturally affiliated with the Cherokee Nation, the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, the Seminole Nation, the

Seminole Tribe of Florida, and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians. It is unknown when or by whom the individuals were removed, but they were transferred to the Augusta Richmond County Museum (ARCM) sometime prior to 1981. Richard Wescott, the Executive Director of the ARCM, transferred the individuals to the Museum of the Cherokee People in 1992, where they have been housed since that time. To our knowledge, no hazardous substances were used to treat any of the human ancestral remains.

#### 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 Museum of the Cherokee People has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry.
- There is a connection between the human remains described in this notice and the Cherokee Nation; Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; Poarch Band of Creek Indians; Seminole Tribe of Florida; The Muscogee (Creek) Nation; The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma; and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

#### 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 February 17, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the Museum of the Cherokee People 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 Museum of the Cherokee People is responsible for

sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and any other consulting parties.

**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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**Melanie O'Brien,**

*Manager, National NAGPRA Program.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

[N6863; NPS-WASO-NAGPRA-NPS0041841; PPWOCRADNO-PCU00RP14.R50000]

#### Notice of Inventory Completion: Museum of the Cherokee People, Cherokee, NC

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Museum of the Cherokee People (MotCP) 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 February 17, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice to Evan Mathis, Museum of the Cherokee People, P.O. Box 1599, 589 Tsali Blvd., Cherokee, NC 28719, email [evan.mathis@motcp.org](mailto:evan.mathis@motcp.org).

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#### Abstract of Information Available

Human ancestral remains representing, at least, one individual has been identified from an unknown site, potentially in Aiken County, South Carolina. No associated funerary objects