

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service**

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**Notice of Intended Repatriation:  
Museum of Ventura County, Ventura,  
CA**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Museum of Ventura County intends to repatriate certain cultural items that meet the definition of objects of cultural patrimony 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 September 2, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to Deya Terrafranca, Museum of Ventura County, 100 E. Main Street, Ventura, CA 93001, email [dterrafranca@venturamuseum.org](mailto:dterrafranca@venturamuseum.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 Ventura County, 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 two cultural items have been requested for repatriation. The two objects of cultural patrimony are baskets. They were owned by Adelina Gonsman who obtained them from an unknown source and donated by her son George Gonsman in 1981. Museum of Ventura County has no records that would indicate contact with any known hazardous substances.

**Determinations**

The Museum of Ventura County has determined that:

- The two objects of cultural patrimony described in this notice have ongoing historical, traditional, or cultural importance central to the Native American group, including any constituent sub-group (such as a band,

clan, lineage, ceremonial society, or other subdivision), according to the Native American traditional knowledge of an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

- There is a connection between the cultural items described in this notice and the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians of California.

**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 September 2, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the Museum of Ventura County 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 Museum of Ventura County 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: July 24, 2026.

**Melanie O'Brien,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service**

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**Notice of Inventory Completion: St.  
Joseph Museums, Inc., St. Joseph, MO**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the St. Joseph Museums, Inc 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 September 2, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to Tori Zieger, St. Joseph Museums, Inc., 3406 Frederick Avenue, St. Joseph, MO 64506, email [tori@stjosephmuseum.org](mailto:tori@stjosephmuseum.org).

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**Abstract of Information Available**

Human remains representing, at least, three individuals have been identified. The 101 associated funerary objects are one piece of wood, 41 faunal remains (worked and unworked), five rocks/pebbles, 10 lithics/lithic fragments, 12 shells, 29 pottery sherds, two geodes, and one metal sword. These individuals and the associated funerary objects in this notice are part of a single collection held by the museum. The collection was donated in 1957 by H.C. McWilliams of Easton, Missouri. The individuals and the associated funerary objects were collected at an unknown date from Bruce Cave, also known as Goats Bluff Cave, and has the archaeological site identification number 23PU44. It is not believed that these individuals and the associated funerary objects were collected as part of an organized archaeological excavation. There are no known hazardous materials used to treat the individuals or the associated funerary objects.

**Cultural Affiliation**

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is clearly identified by the geographical location of the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice.

**Determinations**

The St. Joseph Museums, Inc. has determined that: