remains and has determined that there is no lineal descendant and no Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation.

DATES: Upon request, repatriation of the human remains in this notice may occur on or after November 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice to Kristine M. Bovy, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, University of Rhode Island, 507 Chafee Bldg., Kingston, RI 02881, email *kbovy@uri.edu,* and The Office of the General Counsel, 35 Campus Avenue, Kingston, RI 02881, email *URIGeneralCounsel@uri.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 the University of Rhode Island, 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

Unaffiliated ''Box 1,'' ''Box 2,'' ''Box 3''

Human remains representing, at least, six individuals have been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The University of Rhode Island presently holds no documentation within its archives indicating geographic origin, archaeological context, or acquisition history for the remains housed in ''Box 1,'' ''Box 2,'' and ''Box 3.'' Based on a 2022 osteological inventory, human remains representing, at least, seven individuals were present. At the request of consulting parties, non-invasive analysis of the skeletal remains was conducted on campus in 2026 to confirm Native American ancestry, at which time the remains of one individual determined not to be of Native American ancestry were removed, bringing the minimum number of individuals to six.

Consultation

Invitations to consult were sent to the Mashantucket Pequot Indian Tribe (2026); Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (2026); Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut (2026); Narragansett Indian Tribe (2026); and the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) (2026).

An invitation to consult was also sent to the Assonet Band of the Wampanoag Nation (2024), a non-federally recognized Indian group.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe; Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut; Narragansett Indian Tribe; and the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) responded to the invitation and participated in consultation.

Cultural Affiliation

The following types of information about the cultural affiliation of the human remains in this notice are available: biological, expert opinion, Native American traditional knowledge. The information, including the results of consultation, identified:

1. No earlier group connected to the human remains.
2. No Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization connected to the human remains.
3. No relationship of shared group identity between the earlier group and the Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization that can be reasonably traced through time.

Determinations

The University of Rhode Island has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of six individuals of Native American ancestry.
- No known lineal descendant who can trace ancestry to the human remains in this notice has been identified.
- No Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation to the human remains described in this notice has been clearly or reasonably identified.

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 any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization 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.

Upon request, repatriation of the human remains described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after November 30, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the University of Rhode Island 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 University of Rhode Island is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes or 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: October 22, 2026.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[N7594; NPS–WASO–NAGPRA–NPS0044067; PPWOCRADN0–PCU00RP14.R50000]

Notice of Intended Repatriation: Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, Wichita, KS

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum (WSCHM) intends to repatriate a certain cultural item that meets the definition of a sacred object and that has a cultural affiliation with the Indian Tribes in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the cultural item in this notice may occur on or after November 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural item in this notice to Jami Frazier Tracy, Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, 204 South Main Street, Wichita, KS 67202, email *jami@wichitahistory.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 WSCHM 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 one cultural item have been requested for repatriation. The one sacred object is a shield. This shield was collected ty Finlay Ross (1847–1933) and donated to the WSCHM in 1939 by his widow, Ella Fuller Ross. This shield is associated with the Anadarko Affair, also known as the Battle of the Wichita

Agency, a conflict between the Comanche and Kiowa tribes against the Agency. A 1930 article published in the ''Wichita Beacon'' newspaper mentioning both the shield and battle stated, ''The battle at the Wichita agency is commemorated by a beautiful round shield. . . belonging to Mr. Finlay Ross.'' The article further states that Ross ''took it from the Comanche village after it was captured by the calvary . . . .'' This provenance is further supported by the WSCHM accession ledger, stating, ''Shield captured at battle . . . Anadarko Indian Territory between US Troops, Civilians, and Comanche Indians August 22, 1874.'' The WSCHM records indicate no known hazardous substances used to treat the item.

Determinations

The WSCHM has determined that:

- The one sacred object described in this notice is a specific ceremonial object 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 an Indian Tribe.
- There is a connection between the cultural item described in this notice and the Comanche Nation, Oklahoma.

Requests for Repatriation

Additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural item 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 item in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after November 30, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the WSCHM must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the cultural item are considered a single request and not competing requests. The WSCHM is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes 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: October 22, 2026.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[N7593; NPS–WASO–NAGPRA–NPS0044066; PPWOCRADN0–PCU00RP14.R50000]

Notice of Intended Repatriation: Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, Wichita, KS

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum (WSCHM) intends to repatriate certain cultural items that meet the definition of sacred objects and that have a cultural affiliation with the Indian Tribes in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the cultural items in this notice may occur on or after November 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to Jami Frazier Tracy, Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, 204 South Main Street, Wichita, KS 67202, email *jami@wichitahistory.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 WSCHM 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 10 cultural items have been requested for repatriation. The 10 sacred objects are child's leggings, child's vests, moccasins, pipe bags, and a breastplate. Carl Eldridge Bitting collected seven items (leggings, vests, pipe bags, moccasins) affiliated with the Sioux and Plains in the 1930s and 1940s during his travels throughout the Plains as a wholesale jewelry salesman, donated to the WSCHM in 1957. One item (breastplate) collected by Fern Mead Jordan (1882–1959), wife of 19th century Kansas trading post operator James R. Mead (1836–1910) and donated to the WSCHM in 1972 by their daughter, Ignace Mead Jones. One item (moccasins) collected by unknown and donated by Mr. and Mrs. Bond Hammond in 1977. One item (moccasins) collected by Mattie Fabrique Nolley (1867–1963) at an unknown time and donated by F. Ross and Evelyn Little in 1988. The WSCHM records indicate no known hazardous substances used to treat the items.

Determinations

The WSCHM has determined that:

- The 10 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 or Indian Tribe.
- There is a connection between the cultural items described in this notice and the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Montana.

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 November 30, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the WSCHM 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 WSCHM is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes 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: October 22, 2026.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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