

Abstract of Information Available

A total of three cultural items have been requested for repatriation. The three objects of cultural patrimony are three historical ledger books drawings. The two Kiowa-Finley ledgers were collected by Walter Lowrie Finley, 2nd Lieutenant, 9th Cavalry while stationed at Fort Sill during 11/19/1881 to 7/16/1883. The original author was identified as Kiowa but not named.

The Koba-Russell sketchbook was given to Miss Josephine Russell in 1876 by Captain Richard H. Pratt, Commander of Fort Marion in St. Augustine, Florida. Koba, the original Kiowa author, was one of 72 warriors from a number of Plains Indian tribes imprisoned in 1875 at Fort Marion, the old Spanish fortress in St. Augustine, Florida. Miss Russell served as a volunteer school-mistress at Fort Marion, providing instruction for the Plains Indian warriors imprisoned there from 1875 to 1878. The three items were donated to the University of California San Diego at a later time.

Determinations

The University of California San Diego has determined that:

- The three 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 reasonable connection between the cultural items described in this notice and the Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma.

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 May 19, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the University of California San Diego 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 University of California San Diego 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: April 8, 2025.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Intended Repatriation: Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, Buffalo Museum of Science, Buffalo, NY

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences intends to repatriate a certain cultural item that meets the definition of an unassociated funerary object and that has a cultural affiliation with the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the cultural item in this notice may occur on or after May 19, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Kathryn H. Leacock, Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, Buffalo Museum of Science, 1020 Humboldt Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14211, telephone (716) 896-5200, email kleacock@sciencebuff.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 Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences 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 has been requested for repatriation. The one unassociated funerary item is known as catalog number C478. Museum catalog records indicate this is a ceramic vessel with a long neck and indentations on the shoulder. The ceramic is shell tempered. This funerary object was known to be part of a larger burial-ceremonial complex at Moundville, in Hale and Tuscaloosa Counties, Alabama. Moundville is culturally affiliated to the Muskogean language speaking Tribes. Accession records indicate that C478 was removed from Mound D at Moundville in Hale County Alabama. Collected by Chauncey W. Riggs and acquired by the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences in 1891.

Determinations

The Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences has determined that:

- The one unassociated funerary object described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near human remains, and are connected, either at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony of a Native American culture according to the Native American traditional knowledge of a lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization. The unassociated funerary objects have been identified by a preponderance of the evidence as related to human remains, specific individuals, or families, or removed from a specific burial site or burial area of an individual or individuals with cultural affiliation to an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.
- There is a reasonable connection between the cultural items described in this notice and The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

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 May 19, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences

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 Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences 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: April 8, 2025.

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: University of California, Riverside, Riverside, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the University of California, Riverside 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 May 19, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Megan Murphy, University of California, Riverside, 900 University Avenue, Riverside, CA 92517-5900, telephone (951) 827-6349, email megan.murphy@ucr.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 California, Riverside, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

Based on the information available, human remains representing, at least, one individual has been reasonably identified. The seven associated funerary objects are one lot of ceramic sherds, one lot of ceramic objects, one lot of glass, one lot of lithics, one lot of metal objects, one lot of fire-altered rock, and one lot of faunal bone. In 1971, archaeologists at the University of California, Riverside Archaeological Research Unit (UCRARU) learned from Gerry Smith of the San Bernardino County Museum that archaeological site CA-RIV-399 (the Painted Rock Site) at the base of the Lakeview Mountains in Riverside County was being disturbed by the construction of a canal. Tom King, Chief Archaeologist for the UCRARU, surveyed the site and noted artifacts on the surface including quartz flakes and clay pipe fragments. To prevent further damage to the site, archaeologists from the UCRARU were given permission by property owners to run a student archaeological field school in the summer of 1971. The site was described by archaeologists as an extensive occupation area with milling features and rock art. Students excavated twelve 1 x 1-meter units and uncovered approximately 135 items including sherds, lithics, fire-altered rock, and other archaeological materials. The objects were housed at UCR under accession number 24. In 2024, at the request of tribal partners, an osteologist reviewed a burnt bone fragment in the collection and concluded that it represented a human infant cranial bone. In consultation with tribal partners, the objects in the collection were also reviewed and identified as associated funerary objects based on expert tribal knowledge.

The Painted Rocks Site is an area well-known to the local Cahuilla and Luiseno Tribes as a place where their ancestors lived; it remains a place of great importance for them in modern times.

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 and associated funerary objects described in this notice.

Determinations

The University of California, Riverside has determined that:

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

- The seven objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.

- There is a reasonable connection between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, California and the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, California.

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 a culturally affiliated Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after May 19, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the University of California, Riverside 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. The University of California, Riverside 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: April 8, 2025.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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Notice of Inventory Completion: University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.