



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: Mütter Museum of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Mütter Museum of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia has completed an inventory of human remain, in consultation with the appropriate Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations, and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and present-day Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations. Lineal descendants or representatives of any Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to request transfer of control of these human remains should submit a written request to the Mütter Museum of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. If no additional requestors come forward, transfer of control of the human remains to the lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, or Native Hawaiian organizations stated in this notice may proceed.

DATES: Lineal descendants or representatives of any Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to request transfer of control of these human remains should submit a written request with information in support of the request to the address in this notice by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Lowell Flanders, Collections Manager, College of Physicians of

Philadelphia, 19 S 22nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, telephone (215) 560-8004, email lflanders@collegeofphysicians.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003, of the completion of an inventory of human remains under the control of the Mütter Museum of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA. The human remains were removed from Rock Island Arsenal, located on Arsenal Island (originally known as Rock Island) in Rock Island County, Illinois.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003(d)(3). The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of the Native American human remains. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Consultation

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by the Mütter Museum of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of the Cheyenne River Reservation, South Dakota; Crow Creek Sioux Tribe of the Crow Creek Reservation, South Dakota; Crow Tribe of Montana; Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe of South Dakota; Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of the Lower Brule Reservation, South Dakota; Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota; Oglala Sioux Tribe (previously listed as Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota); Prairie Island Indian Community in the State of Minnesota; Rosebud Sioux Tribe of the Rosebud Indian Reservation, South Dakota; Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community of Minnesota; Spirit Lake Tribe, North Dakota; Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North & South Dakota; Upper Sioux Community, Minnesota; and the Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota

(hereafter referred to as “The Tribes”).

History and description of the remains

At an unknown date in the 19th century, human remains representing, at minimum, one individual were removed from Rock Island Arsenal, located on Arsenal Island (originally known as Rock Island) in Rock Island County, Illinois. The human remains were donated to the Mütter Museum sometime in the 19th century. The donor is unknown. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

Tribal affiliation was determined from writing on the squamous portion of the temporal bone stating “Sioux Indian prisoner... Died at Rock Island.” Rock Island Arsenal was originally established as a government site in 1816, with the building of Fort Armstrong. From approximately 1863 to 1865, it was a prison for Confederate prisoners of war. How this individual came to be present at the Arsenal is unclear.

Determinations made by the Mütter Museum of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

Officials of the Mütter Museum of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia have determined that:

- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(9), the human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry.
- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the Native American human remains and The Tribes.

Additional Requestors and Disposition

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lflanders@collegeofphysicians.org, by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER
PUBLICATION IN THE **FEDERAL REGISTER**]. After that date, if no additional
requestors have come forward, transfer of control of the human remains to The Tribes
may proceed.

The Mütter Museum of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia is responsible
for notifying The Tribes that this notice has been published.

Dated: January 21, 2021.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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