



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## National Park Service

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### Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items: Beloit College, Logan Museum of Anthropology, Beloit, WI

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Beloit College, Logan Museum of Anthropology (LMA) intends to repatriate a cultural item that meets the definition of an unassociated funerary object that has a cultural affiliation with the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice. The cultural item was removed from Ashland County, WI.

**DATES:** Repatriation of the cultural item in this notice may occur on or after [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE **FEDERAL REGISTER**].

**ADDRESSES:** Nicolette B. Meister, Logan Museum of Anthropology, 700 College Street, Beloit, WI 53511, telephone (608) 363-2305, email [meistern@beloit.edu](mailto:meistern@beloit.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 LMA. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice. Additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of the consultation, can be found in the summary or related records held by the LMA.

#### Description

One cultural item was removed from Feature 171, Burial 4 of the Marina site (47As24) in Ashland County, WI. In 1975, an excavation was directed by Robert J. Salzer under an agreement between Beloit College and the Interagency Archeological Services branch of the National Park Service. The one unassociated funerary object is wooden plank (7302.6).

La Pointe is the traditional home of the Lake Superior Ojibwa. Burial 4 dates to circa 1760-1770 and the assemblage is consistent with Ojibwa burials of the Late Historic period (1760-1820). The associated human remains are not in the possession or control of a Federal agency or museum because all human remains excavated from the site were transferred in 1976 from Beloit College to the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin.

### **Cultural affiliation**

The cultural item in this notice is connected to one or more identifiable earlier groups, tribes, peoples, or cultures. There is a relationship of shared group identity between the identifiable earlier groups, tribes, peoples, or cultures and one or more Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations. The following types of information were used to reasonably trace the relationship: anthropological, archeological, geographical, historical, and oral tradition.

### **Determinations**

Pursuant to NAGPRA and its implementing regulations, and after consultation with the appropriate Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, the LMA has determined that:

- The one cultural item described above is reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony and is believed, by a preponderance of the evidence, to have been removed from a specific burial site of a Native American individual.
- There is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the cultural item and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin.

### **Requests for Repatriation**

Additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural item in this notice must be sent to the Responsible Official identified in **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 [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE **FEDERAL**

**REGISTER]**. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the LMA 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 LMA is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribe identified in this notice.

**Authority:** Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.8, 10.10, and 10.14.

Dated: January 9, 2024.

**Melanie O'Brien,**

*Manager, National NAGPRA Program.*

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