



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## National Park Service

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### Notice of Intended Repatriation: 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 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 **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Nicolette B. Meister, Beloit College, 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, 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 object (16928) is an undrilled slate gorget removed by Charles Hatch in 1891 from a burial in a mound located on his farm in Lot 118, Stockbridge Reservation, Calumet County, WI. Frederick Stanton Perkins purchased the gorget from Mr. Hatch and sold it to the LMA in 1904. The Stockbridge Munsee Community, Wisconsin lived in New York and Massachusetts before relocation to the east shore of Lake Winnebago in Calumet County, WI in the 1830s. Lot 118 was assigned to Austin E. Quinney, a Mohican sachem. Because the gorget was removed from a

mound, it may pre-date Stockbridge Munsee occupation in Calumet County. Lake Winnebago falls within the ancestral territory of the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin and the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin. The LMA has no record that the gorget was exposed to any hazardous substances while in the LMA's stewardship.

### **Determinations**

The LMA has determined that:

- The one unassociated funerary object described in this notice is 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 object has 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 item described in this notice and the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin; Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin; and the Stockbridge Munsee Community, Wisconsin.

### **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 **[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 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: March 21, 2025.

**Melanie O'Brien,**

*Manager, National NAGPRA Program.*

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