



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the University of Kansas 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 [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE **FEDERAL REGISTER**].

ADDRESSES: Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to Dr. Thomas Torma, Repatriation Program Manager, The University of Kansas, Office of Audit, Risk, and Compliance, 1450 Jayhawk Boulevard, 351 Strong Hall, Lawrence, KS 66045, email t-torma@ku.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 Kansas, 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

Human remains representing, at least, 158 individuals have been identified from 11 sites in Kansas and Nebraska. The 10 associated funerary objects include lots of artifacts.

The Laflin Mound Site (14CY23) is located in Clay County, Kansas. The one associated

funerary object includes one lot of artifacts. This site was excavated in 1925 by Floyd Schultz, who donated his collection to the University of Kansas in 1948. Records indicate a Hopewell affiliation. The funerary objects are associated with human remains listed in a Notice of Inventory Completion published in the *Federal Register* on April 18, 2025 (90 FR 16545).

The Goeckler Mound Site (14CY24) is located in Clay County, Kansas. Human remains representing, at least, one individual has been identified. The one associated funerary object includes one lot of artifacts. This site was excavated in 1924 and 1925 by Floyd Schultz who donated his collection to the University of Kansas in 1948. Records indicate an Early Ceramic affiliation.

The Robert Younkin Site (14CY26) is located in Clay County, Kansas. Human remains representing, at least, eight individuals have been identified. The one associated funerary object includes one lot of artifacts. This site was excavated in 1925 by Floyd Schultz, who donated his collection to the University of Kansas in 1948.

The Timber Creek Site (14CY32) is located in Clay County, Kansas. Human remains representing, at least, 54 individuals have been identified. The one associated funerary object includes one lot of artifacts. This site was excavated in 1925 and 1926 by Floyd Schultz, who donated his collection to the University of Kansas in 1948. Analysis of ceramics indicates a Late Woodland and Central Plains affiliation.

The Dan Younkin Site (14GE2) is located in Geary County, Kansas. Human remains representing, at least, 17 individuals have been identified. The one associated funerary object includes one lot of artifacts. This site was excavated in 1928 by Floyd Schultz, who donated his collection to the University of Kansas in 1948. Records indicate an Early Ceramic affiliation.

The Neimuller Site (14GE3, also 14GE301) is located in Geary County, Kansas. Human remains representing, at least, 14 individuals have been identified. The one associated funerary object includes one lot of artifacts. This site was excavated in 1931 by Floyd Schultz, who donated his collection to the University of Kansas in 1948. Records indicate an Early Ceramic affiliation.

The Berry Site (14GE4) is located in Geary County, Kansas. Human remains

representing, at least, 24 individuals have been identified. The one associated funerary object includes one lot of artifacts. This site was excavated in 1929 by Floyd Schultz, who donated his collection to the University of Kansas in 1948. Records indicate an Early and Middle Ceramic affiliation.

The Chamberlain Site (14GE5) is located in Geary County, Kansas. Human remains representing, at least, seven individuals have been identified. The one associated funerary object includes one lot of artifacts. This site was excavated in 1926 by Floyd Schultz, who donated his collection to the University of Kansas in 1948. Records indicate an Early Ceramic affiliation.

The James Younkin Site (14GE6) is located in Geary County, Kansas. Human remains representing, at least, 22 individuals have been identified. The one associated funerary object includes one lot of artifacts. This site was excavated in 1931 by Floyd Schultz, who donated his collection to the University of Kansas in 1948. Records indicate an Early Ceramic affiliation.

The Dixon Site (14GE7) is located in Geary County, Kansas. Human remains representing, at least, 10 individuals have been identified. The one associated funerary object includes one lot of artifacts. This site was excavated in 1931 by Floyd Schultz, who donated his collection to the University of Kansas in 1948. Records indicate an Early Ceramic affiliation.

Human remains representing, at least, one individual has been identified from a site with an unspecified location. This site is located along the Little Blue River near Angus, Nuckolls County, Nebraska.

No toxic substances are known to have been used in the treatment of these human remains or associated funerary objects.

Cultural affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is reasonably identified by the geographical location or acquisition history of the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice.

Determinations

The University of Kansas has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of at least 158

individuals of Native American ancestry.

- The 10 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 connection between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and the Kaw Nation, Oklahoma and the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

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 an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation.

Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects described 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 University of Kansas 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 Kansas 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: August 6, 2025

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Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

