



**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

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**Notice of Proposed Transfer or Reinterment: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Grey Towers National Historic Site, Milford, PA**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Grey Towers National Historic Site (Grey Towers NHS), proposes to transfer human remains listed in a notice of inventory completion published in the *Federal Register* on May 14, 2025.

**DATES:** Repatriation, transfer, or reinterment 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 request for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects to Joseph Koloski, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, FS, Grey Towers National Historic Site, 151 Grey Towers Drive, Milford, PA 18337, email [joseph.koloski@usda.gov](mailto:joseph.koloski@usda.gov).

**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 Grey Towers NHS, 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**

This notice follows publication of a notice of inventory completion in the *Federal Register* (90 FR 20490, May 14, 2025). Human remains representing at least one individual have been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The cranium, incomplete right femur, incomplete right tibia, and incomplete left tibia of an adult probable male was located at Grey

Towers NHS. Geographical location of removal, date of removal, and acquisition history are unknown. There is no indication these remains were treated with potentially hazardous materials.

### **Consultation**

Invitations to consult were sent to the Delaware Nation, Oklahoma; Delaware Tribe of Indians; and the Stockbridge Munsee Community, Wisconsin. Email correspondence followed between Grey Towers NHS and the Delaware Nation; Delaware Tribe of Indians; and the Stockbridge Munsee Community. The tribal representatives agree that no lineal descendant or culturally affiliated Tribe can be identified.

### **Cultural affiliation**

The following types of information about the cultural affiliation of the human remains in this notice are available: biological and expert opinion. The information, including the results of consultation, identified:

1. No earlier group connected to the human remains.
2. No Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization connected to the human remains.
3. No relationship of shared group identity between the earlier group and the Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization that can be reasonably traced through time.

### **Determinations**

The Grey Towers NHS has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of one individual of probable Native American ancestry.
- No known lineal descendant who can trace ancestry to the human in this notice has been identified.
- No Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation to the human remains in this notice has been clearly or reasonably identified.
- The Delaware Nation, Oklahoma; Delaware Tribe of Indians; and the Stockbridge Munsee Community, Wisconsin have requested transfer of the human remains described in this notice.

### **Requests for Repatriation**

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains 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 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, transfer, or reinterment of the human remains described in this notice may occur on or after [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE **FEDERAL REGISTER**]. If requests for repatriation are received, the Grey Towers NHS must evaluate the requests and respond in writing to the requestors. The Grey Towers NHS is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes or 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 29, 2025.

**Melanie O'Brien,**

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