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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the University of Cincinnati 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. Susan E. Allen, University of Cincinnati, Department of Anthropology, PO Box 210380, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0380, email *allese@ucmail.uc.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 Cincinnati, 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

Based on the information available, human remains representing, at least, six individuals have been reasonably identified. The 20 associated funerary objects are 12 lots soil, two lots stone, one unworked stone, one lot shell, one lot animal bone, one lot ceramic sherds, and two lots of unsorted ceramics, shell, stone, and animal bone. All Ancestral human remains and

associated funerary objects reported here were recovered from three sites in Butler and Hamilton Counties in southwestern Ohio. These are the Late Precontact Horseshoe Johnson site (33Bu204), the Late Precontact Fliehmann #2 site (33Ha444), and the Late Precontact Rennert-Guard Mound site (33Ha80[70]). The University of Cincinnati has no records indicating that these Ancestral human remains or associated funerary objects were exposed to any hazardous substances while in its stewardship.

Horseshoe Johnson (33Bu204):

The Horseshoe Johnson site, also known as Bennett Site #1, is located in Butler County, Ohio. This site was the subject of multiple episodes of recovery led by faculty and students affiliated with the University of Cincinnati. In 1982, a former faculty member and students conducted an intensive surface collection. In 1986, three $1m^2$ test units were excavated. In 1988, two graduate students, R. and P. Bennett, conducted an emergency salvage excavation. The most recent inventory work by the University identified the remains of, at minimum, four Ancestors from this site. The 17 associated funerary objects include 12 lots of unprocessed soil samples, one lot of animal bone, one lot of shell, one lot of stone, and two lots of unsorted ceramic sherds, shell, animal bone, and stone are associated with these Ancestors.

Fleihmann #2 Site (33Ha444):

The Fleihmann #2 site is located in southwestern Hamilton County, Ohio. Ancestral remains from a minimum of one individual and one associated funerary object, an unworked piece of limestone, were recovered from the Fleihmann #2 site during a surface survey conducted by the Miami Purchase Association (now Cincinnati Museum Center) in 1985. No additional information is available concerning this site.

Rennert-Guard Mound (33Ha80 [70]):

The Rennert-Guard Mound site is located in southwestern Hamilton County, Ohio. Although the collection history of this site is unknown, the Ohio Archaeological Inventory states that “HHE visited the site in 1942.” Ancestral remains from a minimum of one individual. The two associated funerary objects, one lot of ceramic sherds and one lot of stone debris, were recovered.

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 Cincinnati has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of six individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The 20 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 Miami Tribe of Oklahoma; Shawnee Tribe; and the Wyandotte Nation.

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 Cincinnati 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 Cincinnati 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.

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