

housed at the University of Georgia, Laboratory of Archaeology. The 2,502 unassociated funerary objects include: Possibly associated with Burial 7—lithics, ceramics, celt, lithic flakes, faunal, fossil bead, and faunal; Possibly associated with Burial 8—lithics, lithic worked, lithic PPK, ceramics, and faunal; Burial 9A, Mound A—copper band fragment; Burial 10—alligator tooth, stones, and UID “gallstones”; Possibly associated with Burial 12—copper fragments; Mound C, Feature 30—copper flakes, bone beads, shark vertebrae beads, animal teeth, drilled shark vertebrae, drilled shark teeth, faunal, pebbles from near bone rattle, backed chert knife, copper pin w/ wooden head, copper flake, cast of fiber plate with impression, copper plate with fiber impressions, copper plate fragments and microslide, copper earspools, and woven material and fiber; Burial 15A, Mound C, Feature 31—PPKs, fragmented material associated with pan pipe, copper pan pipe, shell fragments, copper fragments, and soil from inside pipe; Burial 16 Mound A—copper earspool (w/microslide); Unknown burials from Mound context—lithics, lithic PPK, lithics worked, ceramic, faunal, UID metal, burned clay and bone mix, soil, charcoal, plain vessel, material under pan pipe, copper earspool fragments, Flint Ridge Ohio blade, shell, shell bead necklace, mica, and lithic spade/ho.

The site 9DD57 was identified during a survey conducted by Bruce Smith in 1975. At the time the site was surveyed, a collection was made from the surface of the cave as well as test pits and areas just outside the cave. The collection was then housed at the University of Georgia, Laboratory of Archaeology. The 489 unassociated funerary objects include: lithics, hammerstone, faunal bone, shell, burned nut shell, peach pits, burned wood/charcoal, bone pin fragment, and eagle raptor talon.

#### Cultural Affiliation

The cultural items in this notice are 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: geographical information.

#### Determinations

Pursuant to NAGPRA and its implementing regulations, and after consultation with the appropriate

Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, University of Georgia, Laboratory of Archaeology has determined that:

- The 2,991 cultural items described above are 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 are 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 items and The Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

#### Requests for Repatriation

Additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items 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 items in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after January 22, 2024. If competing requests for repatriation are received, University of Georgia, Laboratory of Archaeology must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the cultural items are considered a single request and not competing requests. The University of Georgia, Laboratory of Archaeology 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 10.8, 10.10, and 10.14.

Dated: December 13, 2023.

**Melanie O'Brien,**

*Manager, National NAGPRA Program.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

[NPS–WASO–NAGPRA–NPS0037127; PPWOCRADN0–PCU00RP14.R50000]

#### Notice of Intent To Repatriate Cultural Items: The Filson Historical Society, Louisville, KY

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Filson Historical Society intends to repatriate certain cultural items that meet the definition of unassociated funerary objects and that have a cultural affiliation with the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice. The cultural items were removed from Essex County, VA.

**DATES:** Repatriation of the cultural items in this notice may occur on or after January 22, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Kelly Hyberger, Filson Historical Society, 1310 South Third Street, Louisville, KY 40208, telephone (502) 635–5083, email [khyberger@filsonhistorical.org](mailto:khyberger@filsonhistorical.org).

**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 Filson Historical Society. 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 consultation, can be found in the summary or related records held by the Filson Historical Society.

#### Description

The one unassociated funerary object was removed from Essex County, VA. On July 21, 1936, construction workers uncovered a Native American grave on the grounds of the county courthouse in Rappahannock, Essex County, VA. Rogers Clark Ballard Thruston collected a stone grooved ax from the burial; he did not take possession of the ancestral remains. Thruston donated the ax to the Filson Historical Society on July 26, 1936. The one unassociated funerary object is a grooved stone ax.

#### Cultural Affiliation

The cultural items in this notice are 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: geographical information, historical information, and expert opinion.

#### Determinations

Pursuant to NAGPRA and its implementing regulations, and after consultation with the appropriate Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, the Filson Historical Society 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 are 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 items and the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc.

#### Requests for Repatriation

Additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items 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 items in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after January 22, 2024. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the Filson Historical Society must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the cultural items are considered a single request and not competing requests. The Filson Historical Society 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 10.8, 10.10, and 10.14.

Dated: December 13, 2023.

#### Melanie O'Brien,

*Manager, National NAGPRA Program.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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#### Notice of Inventory Completion: Antelope Valley College, Lancaster, CA

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), Antelope Valley College (AVC) 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. The human remains and associated funerary objects were removed from Yuba, CA.

**DATES:** Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after January 22, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Dr. Darcy L. Wiewall, Antelope Valley College (AVC) 3041 W Ave. K, Lancaster, CA 93536, telephone (661) 722-6300 Ext. 6902, email [darcy.wiewall@avc.edu](mailto:darcy.wiewall@avc.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 AVC. 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 consultation, can be found in the inventory or related records held by AVC.

#### Description

Human remains representing, at minimum, 13 individuals were removed from Yuba, CA. These human remains and associated funerary objects came into AVC's possession in 2019. The human remains were excavated in 1966 by Ernest D. Wetstein (Yuba College Science Division) and directed by Roger Robinson (Sacramento State) with volunteer crews from Yuba College and local high schools at CA-YUB-164 (aka Yuba 58-1). Roger Robinson brought the collection to Antelope Valley College in 1968 and subsequently transferred it to his personal residence in 2007. In 2019, Antelope Valley College took possession of the collection. In July 2021, California State University, Sacramento Archaeological Curation Facility,

transferred four Lindhurst Site (CA-YUB-164) items to be reunited with the rest of the collection in AVC's possession. The five lots of associated funerary objects consist of faunal, lithics, shell, ground stone, clay objects, sediment samples, and rocks.

#### Cultural affiliation

The human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice are 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 information, archeological information, geographical information, folkloric, historical, kinship, linguistic, oral traditional, and expert opinion, including Tribal Traditional Knowledge.

#### Determinations

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

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of 13 individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The five lots of objects described in this notice are 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.
- There is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and the United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California.

#### Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice must be sent to the Responsible Official identified in **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 a culturally affiliated Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.