

of Creek Indians of Alabama; Seminole Nation of Oklahoma; Seminole Tribe of Florida, Dania, Big Cypress, Brighton, Hollywood & Tampa Reservations; Shawnee Tribe, Oklahoma; and Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, Oklahoma. The archival and archeological evidence, however, indicate that the human remains and associated funerary objects are culturally affiliated with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Mississippi. Determination of cultural affiliation was based on a variety of types of evidence including linguistics, historic maps, continuity of pottery traditions, and tribal oral tradition. CSS Panama City and Brockington and Associates, Inc., consulted with the Indian tribes listed above regarding repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects from the Sowell Mound site. All of the Indian tribes have agreed that the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Mississippi are the culturally affiliated Indian tribe and the Indian tribe that will serve as the representative Indian tribe for repatriation.

Officials of CSS Panama City have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (9–10), the human remains described above represent the physical remains of 171 individuals of Native American ancestry. Officials of CSS Panama City also have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (3)(A), the 3,098 objects 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 ceremony. Lastly, officials of CSS Panama City have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the Native American human remains and associated funerary objects and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Mississippi.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the human remains and associated funerary objects should contact Jim Sartain, Cultural and Natural Resources Manager, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division, Coastal Systems Station Code WPE, 6703 West Highway 98, Panama City, FL 32407–7001, telephone (850) 235–5739, before December 31, 2003. Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects to the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Mississippi may proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

CSS Panama City is responsible for notifying the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; Alabama-

Coushatta Tribes of Texas; Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town, Oklahoma; Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma; Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma; Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, Louisiana; Kialegee Tribal Town, Oklahoma; Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida; Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Mississippi; Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Oklahoma; Poarch Band of Creek Indians of Alabama; Seminole Nation of Oklahoma; Seminole Tribe of Florida, Dania, Big Cypress, Brighton, Hollywood & Tampa Reservations; Shawnee Tribe, Oklahoma; Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, Oklahoma; and United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma that this notice has been published.

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Assistant Director, Cultural Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion: University of Nebraska State Museum, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003, of the completion of an inventory of human remains in the possession of the University of Nebraska State Museum, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln NE. The human remains were removed from Sand Creek, Kiowa County, CO.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d)(3). The determinations within this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of the Native American human remains. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations within this notice.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by University of Nebraska State Museum professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, Northern Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, and Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Reservation.

At an unknown date, human remains representing a minimum of one individual were removed from the area of Sand Creek, Kiowa County, CO. In 1927, a fragment of a human cranium was donated to the University of Nebraska State Museum by Mrs. J.B. Wright of Lincoln, NE. A label on the cranium fragment states "part of Indian's skull killed in fight with Col. Shivington [sic] at Sand Creek Col in 1868." No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

Consultation with representatives of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, Northern Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, and Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Reservation indicates that persons affiliated with these tribes were slain at Sand Creek, CO, on November 29, 1864, when Col. John Chivington led a regiment of the Colorado Volunteers in an attack on the Sand Creek Indian Reservation. Based on geographic and historical information provided by tribal representatives during consultation and the information on the label associated with the remains, officials of the University of Nebraska State Museum have determined that the human remains are those of a Native American killed in the Sand Creek Massacre at Sand Creek, CO, in 1864.

Officials of the University of Nebraska State Museum have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (9–10), the human remains described above represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry. Officials of the University of Nebraska State Museum also have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the Native American human remains and the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, Northern Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, and Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Reservation.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains should contact Priscilla Grew, NAGPRA Coordinator, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 301 Bessey Hall, Lincoln, NE 68588–0381, telephone (402) 472–7854, before December 31, 2003. Repatriation of the human remains to the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, Northern Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, and Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Reservation may proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is responsible for notifying the Cheyenne-