

form to demonstrate unmet financial need for consideration of a grant.

*Respondents:* Tribal members and students.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 14,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1 hour.

*Proposed Frequency of Response:* Annual.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 14,000 hours.

Dated: May 19, 2008.

**Sanjeev "Sonny" Bhagowalia,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items: University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH

**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. 3005, of the intent to repatriate cultural items in the possession of the University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, that meet the definition of "unassociated funerary objects" under 25 U.S.C. 3001.

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 in this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of the cultural items. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

The University of New Hampshire has consulted with the Western Abenaki coalition representatives of the Abenaki Nation of New Hampshire, a non-federally recognized Indian group, and Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook-Abenaki People, a non-federally recognized Indian group. The University of New Hampshire also engaged Independent Archeological Consulting, LLC, which performed an inventory of the entire University of New Hampshire collection and issued a report in 2006.

In March 1999, the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, acting on behalf of the University of New Hampshire and three other museums, presented a disposition proposal to the NAGPRA Review Committee for culturally unidentifiable Native American human remains. The Review

Committee considered the proposal at its May 1999 meeting. On January 11, 2000, the Departmental Consulting Archeologist, writing on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, transmitted the authorization to effect disposition. The published Notice of Inventory Completion for the disposition of the human remains to the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi on behalf of a coalition of Western Abenaki groups, including the Abenaki Nation of New Hampshire and Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook-Abenaki People, non-federally recognized Indian groups, is in the **Federal Register** of July 9, 2002 (FR Doc 02-17090, pages 45536-45539). After disposition of the human remains, the University of New Hampshire found funerary objects that had been associated with the human remains. Under NAGPRA, 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(2)(ii), the funerary objects are now considered to be unassociated funerary objects.

In 1975, human remains representing a minimum of four individuals were removed from the Rocks Road site (also known as the Seabrook Station site), Rockingham County, NH, during excavations by Dr. Charles Bolian of the University of New Hampshire. The human remains were transferred to the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources for curation in 1999. No known individuals were identified. The human remains were repatriated to the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi on behalf of a coalition of Western Abenaki groups. Subsequently, the University of New Hampshire discovered among its collections certain cultural items associated with these burials, but not previously reported. The 10 unassociated funerary objects are one lot of 4 pottery sherds and one lot of 6 lithic materials (including copper points recorded but missing). The University also discovered 13 boxes of soil infill from these burials.

During consultation, representatives of the Abenaki Nation of New Hampshire, a non-federally recognized Indian group, and Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook-Abenaki People, a non-federally recognized Indian group, reviewed the collection and identified the cultural items as funerary objects associated with the Rocks Road burials.

The Rocks Road site has a radiocarbon date from associated charcoal of 650 B.P. Archeological, historical, and ethnographic sources, along with oral traditions of the Western Abenaki, indicate that this portion of New Hampshire is within the aboriginal and historic homeland of the Western Abenaki from at least the Late Archaic period (4000-2000 B.C.) through the Historic period (post-A.D. 1500). The

Eastern Abenaki and Wampanoag appear also to have cultural ties to coastal New Hampshire in the Historic period.

In 1975, human remains representing a minimum of three individuals were removed from the Seabrook Marsh site in Seabrook, NH, by Dr. Charles Bolian and Brian Robinson of the University of New Hampshire. The human remains were transferred in 1999 to the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources for curation. No known individuals were identified. The human remains were dispositioned to the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi on behalf of a coalition of Western Abenaki groups. Subsequently, the University of New Hampshire discovered among its collections certain cultural items associated with these burials, but not previously reported. The 19 unassociated funerary objects are one lot of 10 lithic materials (including several rocks recorded but missing) and one lot of 9 faunal remains (not including swordfish swords reported but missing).

During consultation, representatives of the Abenaki Nation of New Hampshire, a non-federally recognized Indian group, and Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook-Abenaki People, a non-federally recognized Indian group, reviewed the collection and identified the cultural items as funerary objects associated with the Seabrook Marsh burials. The Independent Archeological Consulting, LLC report speculates that one lithic artifact (a small quartzite blade of a projectile point) may be associated with one of the three burials and is included in the lot of lithic materials.

The Seabrook Marsh site is dated to the Late Archaic period (4000-2000 B.C.) based on radiocarbon dating. Archeological, historical, and ethnographic sources, along with oral traditions of the Western Abenaki, indicate that this portion of New Hampshire is within the aboriginal and historic homeland of the Western Abenaki from at least the Late Archaic period (4000-2000 B.C.) through the Historic period (post-A.D. 1500). The Eastern Abenaki and Wampanoag appear also to have cultural ties to coastal New Hampshire in the Historic period.

Officials of the University of New Hampshire have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (3)(B), the 29 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. Officials of the University of New Hampshire 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 unassociated funerary objects and the Abenaki Nation of New Hampshire, a non-federally recognized Indian group, and Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook-Abenaki People, a non-federally recognized Indian group.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the unassociated funerary objects should contact Bruce Mallory, Provost and Executive Vice President, University of New Hampshire, Thompson Hall 207, Durham, NH 03824, telephone (603) 862-3290, before June 30, 2008. Disposition of the unassociated funerary objects to the Abenaki Nation of New Hampshire, a non-federally recognized Indian group, and the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook-Abenaki People, a non-federally recognized Indian group, may proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

The University of New Hampshire is responsible for notifying the Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians of Maine; Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians of Maine; Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe; Passamaquoddy Tribe of Maine; Penobscot Tribe of Maine; Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) of Massachusetts; Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi, non-federally recognized Indian group; Abenaki Nation of New Hampshire, non-federally recognized Indian group; Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook-Abenaki People, a non-federally recognized Indian group; First Nation of New Hampshire, a non-federally recognized Indian group; and Wampanoag Confederacy, a non-federally recognized Indian group, that this notice has been published.

Dated: April 29, 2008

**Sherry Hutt,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Inventory Completion: Hastings Museum of Natural and Cultural History, Hastings, 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 Hastings Museum of Natural and Cultural History, Hastings, NE. The human remains were removed from Douglas County, NE.

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 in 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 in this notice.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by Hastings Museum of Natural and Cultural History professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska; Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma; Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma; Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; Ponca Tribe of Nebraska; Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota; and Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco & Tawakonie), Oklahoma.

On an unknown date, human remains representing a minimum of three individuals were removed from unknown sites in the area of Omaha, Douglas County, NE. The human remains were donated to the Hastings Museum by A.M. Brooking and cataloged between 1926 and 1931 (03194, 03195, 03196). No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

On an unknown date, human remains representing a minimum of one individual were removed from an unknown site in the area of Omaha, Douglas County, NE. The human remains were donated to the Hastings Museum by J.E. Wallace and cataloged between 1926 and 1931 (01611). No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

The above human remains have been identified in morphology reports as being of Native American descent. The region near Omaha has been occupied by numerous cultures that have been identified in the archeological records. These cultures include Plains Woodland, Central Plains Tradition, Oneota, and historic tribes of the Oto-Missouria and Omaha. Pawnee oral tradition states that the Central Plains Tradition people are ancestors to the Arikara and Pawnee, and possibly the Wichita. According to Pawnee oral history, the Plains Woodlands people are ancestors to the Pawnee, Mandan, Arikara, Hidatsa, and Crow. Oral history

information has some of the people of Mill Creek staying behind and becoming part of the Central Plains Tradition based on common oral traditions through origin and corn stories.

Museum officials have determined based on museum records, geographic location, Pawnee oral tradition, and anthropological research that the Central Plains Tradition people are ancestors to the Arikara and Pawnee, and possibly the Wichita. In addition, museum officials have determined based on museum records, geographic location, and oral tradition that the Plains Woodland people are ancestors of the Arikara, Crow, Hidatsa, Mandan, and Pawnee.

Based on museum records, geographical location, and morphology reports, museum officials have determined that the human remains are possibly Plains Woodland, Central Plains Tradition, Oneota, Omaha, or Oto-Missouria. Descendants of the Plains Woodland, Central Plains Tradition, Oneota, Omaha, or Oto-Missouria are members of the Crow Tribe of Montana; Omaha Tribe of Nebraska; Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma; Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma; Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; Ponca Tribe of Nebraska; Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota; and Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, Oklahoma.

The Arikara, Pawnee, and Wichita have entered into an agreement that human remains and funerary objects located between the Missouri River and the Smokey Hill River shall be claimed by the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. The Hidatsa have agreed that the Pawnee shall make the claim for the human remains and cultural items affiliated with the Plains Woodland from Nebraska. The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska; Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma; Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; and Ponca Tribe of Nebraska also have agreed to allow the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma to claim the human remains.

Officials of the Hastings Museum have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (9-10), the human remains described above represent the physical remains of four individuals of Native American ancestry. Officials of the Hastings 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 Crow Tribe of Montana; Omaha Tribe of Nebraska; Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma; Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma; Ponca