



**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

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**Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items: History Colorado, formerly Colorado Historical Society, Denver, CO**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** History Colorado, in consultation with the appropriate Indian tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations, has determined that the cultural items listed in this notice meet the definition of unassociated funerary objects. Lineal descendants or representatives of any Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to claim these cultural items should submit a written request to History Colorado. If no additional claimants come forward, transfer of control of the cultural items to the lineal descendants, Indian tribes, or Native Hawaiian organizations stated in this notice may proceed.

**DATES:** Lineal descendants or representatives of any Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to claim these cultural items should submit a written request with information in support of the claim to History Colorado at the address in this notice by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Sheila Goff, 1200 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203, telephone (303) 866-4531, email [sheila.goff@state.co.us](mailto:sheila.goff@state.co.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 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 under the control of History Colorado 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 Native American cultural items. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

### **History and description of the cultural items**

Some time prior to 1916, two cultural items were removed from a Ute grave located on the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation in Colorado by an Indian Agent. They were first loaned to the museum in 1916 and later donated. The unassociated funerary objects consist of a small mass of partially melted glass beads and a basketry water jar. The donor reported that the mass of beads was among the belongings of the deceased that had been burned when the individual was originally buried. Ute people traditionally burned the belongings of the deceased as part of the death rite. The basketry water jar had been placed nearby also as part of the death rite. There is no evidence that the human remains came to History Colorado.

Geographical evidence, burial context and practices, and museum records support affiliation with and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain Reservation, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah.

### **Determinations made by History Colorado**

Officials of the History Colorado have determined that:

- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(3)(B), the two 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.

- 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 Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and the Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain Reservation, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah.

#### **Additional Requestors and Disposition**

Lineal descendants or representatives of any Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to claim these cultural items should submit a written request with information in support of the claim to Sheila Goff, 1200 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203, telephone (303) 866-4531, email sheila.goff@state.co.us, by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. After that date, if no additional claimants have come forward, transfer of control of the unassociated funerary objects to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and the Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain Reservation, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah may proceed.

History Colorado is responsible for notifying the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Colorado; the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation, Utah and the Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain Reservation, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah that this notice has been published.

Dated: March 21, 2016.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager,

National NAGPRA Program.

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