

# **INVENTORY OF CULTURALLY UNIDENTIFIABLE NATIVE AMERICAN HUMAN REMAINS**

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The purpose of this inventory is to facilitate implementation of section 8 (c)(5) of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act by providing descriptions of those human remains and associated funerary objects currently in the possession or control of the Murray State University Archaeology Laboratory (MSUAL) that are considered to be culturally unidentifiable.

The determination of the cultural affiliation of the human remains and associated funerary objects listed below has been based upon geographical, kinship, biological, archeological, linguistic, folklore, oral tradition, historic evidence, or other information or expert opinion. Primary information sources includes a review of our accession and catalogue records conducted during 1995 and updated in December, 2006.

The following documentation has been included for each set of remains in the inventory:

- (1) Site name (if it has been named) and state site number;
- (2) The MSUAL accession number;
- (3) A description of each set of human remains;
- (4) Minimum number of individuals (MNI):
- (5) The geographical location from which each set of remains was excavated, removed, or collected;
- (6) Collection history: information related to the acquisition of each set of remains;
- (7) Information on original consultation, updated as appropriate;
- (8) Basis of determination: summary of the evidence used to determine the cultural affiliation of the human remains and associated funerary objects, if any.
- (9) Associated funerary objects: if any.

The following inventory entry lists Native American human remains for which the MSUAL cannot establish cultural affiliation. No human remains in the MSUAL collections can be established to be affiliated with any Indian tribe, Alaskan Native village or corporation, or Native Hawaiian organization.

The sites are listed as follows:

Kentucky

Ballard County

Twin Mounds, 15Ba2

Calloway County

Backusburg Hill, 15Cw64

Site near Hardin, Kentucky (no state site number)

Carlisle County

Turk, 15Ce6

Crittenden County

Tolu, 15Cn1

Fulton County

Adams, 15Fu4

Sassafras Ridge, 15Fu3

Hopkins County

15Hk280

Livingston County

Sanders site (no state site number)

Logan County

Savage Cave, 15Lo11

Marshall County

Jonathan Creek, 15MI4

McCracken County

Rowlandtown, 15McN3

Crawford Lake, 15McN18

Trigg County

15Tr7

Tennessee

Stewart County

Unnamed site, (no state site number)

Twin Mounds, 15Ba2

Accession #: 001-105

Description: 22 fragments

Minimum number of individuals (MNI): 3

Geographical location: Ballard County, Kentucky

Collection history: This collection was obtained by the University of Illinois Western Kentucky Project in the 1980s as part of a research program that included test excavations and surface collections in a number of western Kentucky sites. The collection was transferred to MSUAL in several stages from 2001-2005. The materials have been catalogued to site but not yet inventoried. The information included here is taken from project reports.

Consultation: None previous to updated report of 2006.

Basis of determination: No lineal descendant has been identified. Geographic affiliation is consistent with historically documented territory of Cherokee, Shawnee, Chickasaw, and Delaware.

Cultural affiliation: Undetermined because items are of prehistoric age.

Associated funerary objects: none.

Backusburg Hill, 15Cw64

Accession #: 81-7.9

Description: 1 unidentified small bone element

Minimum number of individuals (MNI): 1

Geographical location: Calloway County, Kentucky

Collection history: Item collected from back dirt pile of looters' pits. Item was out of context. Collection was made in conjunction with Introduction to Archaeology class in 1981.

Consultation: Dr. Kenneth Carstens contacted the Departmental Consulting Archaeologist of the AAD/NPS; Mr. George (Buck) Captain, Chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; Mr. Jonathan L. Taylor, Principal Chief, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians (Tahlequah, Oklahoma); Ms. Wilma Mankiller, Principle Chief, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma; Mr. Gary White Deer, Director, Cultural Affairs, the Chickasaw Nation; and Mr. Charles Keechi, President of the Delaware Executive Committee, Anadarko, Oklahoma. Correspondence dated October 30, 1995.

Basis of determination: No lineal descendant has been identified. Geographic affiliation is consistent with historically documented presence of Cherokee, Shawnee, Chickasaw, and Delaware. The site is located in the Jackson Purchase of Kentucky, which was obtained by treaty from the Chickasaw Nation in 1818. However, it is not clear that any Chickasaw group ever resided in the region.

Cultural affiliation: Undetermined because (1) items are of prehistoric age, and (2) items were all found out of context with archaeological deposits.

Associated funerary objects: none.

Accession #: 003-036

Description: 77 fragments, not yet analyzed.

Minimum number of individuals (MNI): 1

Geographical location: Calloway County, Kentucky

Collection history: Collection was recovered by an amateur excavation in the early 1970s. It is part of a large collection donated to MSUAL for safekeeping in 2003. The collection is still being catalogued.

Consultation: None previous to updated report of 2006.

Basis of determination: No lineal descendant has been identified. Geographic affiliation is consistent with historically documented territory of Cherokee, Shawnee, Chickasaw, and Delaware.

Cultural affiliation: Undetermined because (1) items are of prehistoric age, and (2) items were all found out of context with archaeological deposits.

Associated funerary objects: Uncertain. Analysis is not complete.

Site near Hardin, Kentucky (no state site number)

Accession #: 003-075

Description: 136 fragments, not yet analyzed.

Minimum number of individuals (MNI): 1

Geographical location: Calloway County, Kentucky

Collection history: Surface collection recovered by an amateur archaeologist in the 1970s. It is part of a large collection donated to MSUAL for safekeeping in 2003. The collection is still being catalogued.

Consultation: None previous to updated report of 2006.

Basis of determination: No lineal descendant has been identified. Geographic affiliation is consistent with historically documented territory of Cherokee, Shawnee, Chickasaw, and Delaware.

Cultural affiliation: Undetermined because (1) items are of prehistoric age, and (2) items were all found out of context with archaeological deposits.

Associated funerary objects: none.

Turk, 15Ce6

Accession #: 001-106

Description: 16 elements and fragments from one individual (infant), 248 elements and fragments of one individual (infant), 474 elements and fragments of one individual (infant), 12 elements and fragments of one individual (infant), 32 other elements and fragments

Minimum number of individuals (MNI): 6

Geographical location: Carlisle County, Kentucky

Collection history: This collection was obtained by the University of Illinois Western Kentucky Project in the 1980s as part of a research program that included test excavations and surface collections in a number of western Kentucky sites. The collection was transferred to MSUAL in several stages from 2001-2005. The materials have been catalogued to site but not yet inventoried. The information included here is taken from project reports.

Consultation: None previous to updated report of 2006.

Basis of determination: No lineal descendant has been identified. Geographic affiliation is consistent with historically documented territory of Cherokee, Shawnee, Chickasaw, and Delaware.

Cultural affiliation: Undetermined because items are of prehistoric age.

Associated funerary objects: none.

Tolu, 15Cn1

Accession #: 001-109

Description: 13 fragments, surface collected

Minimum number of individuals (MNI):

Geographical location: Crittenden County, Kentucky

Collection history: This collection was obtained by the University of Illinois Western Kentucky Project in the 1980s as part of a research program that included test excavations and surface collections in a number of western Kentucky sites. The collection was transferred to MSUAL in several stages from 2001-2005. The materials have been catalogued to site but not yet inventoried. The information included here is taken from project reports.

Consultation: None previous to updated report of 2006.

Basis of determination: No lineal descendant has been identified. Geographic affiliation is consistent with historically documented territory of Cherokee, Shawnee, Chickasaw, and Delaware.

Cultural affiliation: Undetermined because items are of prehistoric age.

Associated funerary objects: none.

Adams, 15Fu 4

Accession #: 001-111

Description: 73 elements of one individual (juvenile, age 4-5 years), 29 elements of a second individual (infant), 210 other elements

Minimum number of individuals (MNI): 30

Geographical location: Fulton County, Kentucky

Collection history: This collection was obtained by the University of Illinois Western Kentucky Project in the 1980s as part of a research program that included test excavations and surface collections in a number of western Kentucky sites. The collection was transferred to MSUAL in several stages from 2001-2005. The materials have been catalogued to site but not yet inventoried. The information included here is taken from project reports.

Consultation: None previous to updated report of 2006.

Basis of determination: No lineal descendant has been identified. Geographic affiliation is consistent with historically documented territory of Cherokee, Shawnee, Chickasaw, and Delaware.

Cultural affiliation: Undetermined because items are of prehistoric age.

Associated funerary objects: none.

Sassafras Ridge, 15Fu3

Accession #: 80-2, 81-3, 82-32

Description: Fragments: 1 cranial, 4 femur, 3 tibia, 1 pelvis, 1 rib, 1 fibula.

Minimum number of individuals (MNI): 1

Geographical location: Fulton County, Kentucky

Collections history: trips to site were made by Introduction to Archaeology class who collected remains from backdirt piles of looters.

Consultation: Dr. Kenneth Carstens contacted the Departmental Consulting Archaeologist of the AAD/NPS; Mr. George (Buck) Captain, Chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; Mr. Jonathan L. Taylor, Principal Chief, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians (Tahlequah, Oklahoma); Ms. Wilma Mankiller, Principle Chief, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma; Mr. Gary White Deer, Director, Cultural Affairs, the Chickasaw Nation; and Mr. Charles Keechi, President of the Delaware Executive Committee, Anadarko, Oklahoma. Correspondence dated October 30, 1995.

Basis of determination: No lineal descendant has been identified. Geographic affiliation is consistent with historically documented presence of Cherokee, Shawnee, Chickasaw, and Delaware. The site is located in the Jackson Purchase of Kentucky, which was obtained by treaty from the Chickasaw Nation in 1818. However, it is not clear that any Chickasaw group ever resided in the region.

Cultural affiliation: Undetermined because (1) items are of prehistoric age, and (2) items were all found out of context with archaeological deposits.

Associated funerary objects: none.

Accession #: 001-110

Description: Not fully analyzed.

Minimum number of individuals (MNI): 1

Geographical location: Fulton County, Kentucky

Collection history: This collection was obtained by the University of Illinois Western Kentucky Project in the 1980s as part of a research program that included test excavations and surface collections in a number of western Kentucky sites. The collection was transferred to MSUAL in several stages from 2001-2005. The materials have been catalogued to site but not yet inventoried. The information included here is taken from project reports.

Consultation: None previous to updated report of 2006.

Basis of determination: No lineal descendant has been identified. Geographic affiliation is consistent with historically documented territory of Cherokee, Shawnee, Chickasaw, and Delaware.

Cultural affiliation: Undetermined because (1) items are of prehistoric age, and (2) items were all found out of context with archaeological deposits.

Associated funerary objects: none.

15Hk280

Accession #: 003-24

Description: Mostly fragments: 4 frontals, 11 parietals, 14 temporals, 5 occipitals, 1 zygomatic, 1 mandible, 8 maxillae, 11 isolated teeth, 37 vertebrae, 2 clavicles, 10 scapulae, 7 humerii, 3 radii, 2 ulnae, 3 carpals, 7 metacarpals, 26 hand phalanges, 3 pelves, 4 femora, 4 tibiae, 4 fibulae, 5 tarsals, 6 metatarsals, 6 foot phalanges.

Minimum number of individuals (MNI): 7

Geographical location: Hopkins County, Kentucky

Collection history: Recovered during cultural research management project for potential mining impact. The site is a rock shelter, and test excavations showed that it had been thoroughly looted before the archaeological assessment. All recovered remains were out of context due to looters' disturbance, and the fragmentation and state of weathering suggest that the looting occurred many years before the recovery.

Consultation: None previous to updated report of 2006.

Basis of determination: No lineal descendant has been identified. Geographic affiliation is consistent with historically documented territory of Cherokee, Shawnee, Chickasaw, and Delaware.

Cultural affiliation: Undetermined because (1) items are of prehistoric age, and (2) items were all found out of context with archaeological deposits.

Associated funerary objects: none.

Sanders site (no state site number)

Accession #: 003-068

Description: 165 fragments, not yet analyzed.

Minimum number of individuals (MNI): 1

Geographical location: Livingston County, Kentucky

Collection history: Surface collection recovered by an amateur archaeologist in the 1970s. It is part of a large collection donated to MSUAL for safekeeping in 2003. The collection is still being catalogued.

Consultation: None previous to updated report of 2006.

Basis of determination: No lineal descendant has been identified. Geographic affiliation is consistent with historically documented territory of Cherokee, Shawnee, Chickasaw, and Delaware.

Cultural affiliation: Undetermined because (1) items are of prehistoric age, and (2) items were all found out of context with archaeological deposits.

Associated funerary objects: none.

Savage Cave, 15Lo11

Accession #: 82-2, 83-83, 85-269, 550, 5104-5663

Description: Elements too numerous to list here; detailed inventory available on request.

Minimum number of individuals (MNI): 8

Geographical location: Logan County, Kentucky

Collection history: Collection 82-2 consists of surface collected material from out-of-context looters' sorting piles inside the cave. Accession 83-83 consists of out-of-context human remains donated to MSU by the estate of the site's previous owner, Genevieve Savage. Item 85-269 is an out-of-context surface collection. Accessions 550 and the non-sequential group of accessions 5104-5663 were collections recovered by the Carnegie Institute during the late 1960s and donated to MSU in 1983. No field note accompanied the Carnegie collections and therefore they are believed to be out of context.

Consultation: Dr. Kenneth Carstens contacted the Departmental Consulting Archaeologist of the AAD/NPS; Mr. George (Buck) Captain, Chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; Mr. Jonathan L. Taylor, Principal Chief, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians (Tahlequah, Oklahoma); Ms. Wilma Mankiller, Principle Chief, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma; Mr. Gary White Deer, Director, Cultural Affairs, the Chickasaw Nation; and Mr. Charles Keechi, President of the Delaware Executive Committee, Anadarko, Oklahoma. Correspondence dated October 30, 1995.

Basis of determination: No lineal descendant has been identified. Geographic affiliation is consistent with historically documented territory of Cherokee, Shawnee, Chickasaw, and Delaware.

Cultural affiliation: Undetermined because (1) items are of prehistoric age, and (2) items were all found out of context with archaeological deposits.

Associated funerary objects: none.

Jonathan Creek, 15MI4

Accession #: 003-081

Description: 44 fragments, not yet analyzed.

Minimum number of individuals (MNI): 1

Geographical location: Marshall County, Kentucky

Collection history: Surface collection recovered by an amateur archaeologist in the 1970s. It is part of a large collection donated to MSUAL for safekeeping in 2003. The collection is still being catalogued.

Consultation: None previous to updated report of 2006.

Basis of determination: No lineal descendant has been identified. Geographic affiliation is consistent with historically documented territory of Cherokee, Shawnee, Chickasaw, and Delaware.

Cultural affiliation: Undetermined because (1) items are of prehistoric age, and (2) items were all found out of context with archaeological deposits.

Associated funerary objects: none.

Rowlandtown, 15McN3

Accession #: 001-117

Description: 1 infant pelvis

Minimum number of individuals (MNI): 1

Geographical location: McCracken County, Kentucky

Collection history: This collection was obtained by the University of Illinois Western Kentucky Project in the 1980s as part of a research program that included test excavations and surface collections in a number of western Kentucky sites. The collection was transferred to MSUAL in several stages from 2001-2005. The materials have been catalogued to site but not yet inventoried. The information included here is taken from project reports.

Consultation: None previous to updated report of 2006.

Basis of determination: No lineal descendant has been identified. Geographic affiliation is consistent with historically documented territory of Cherokee, Shawnee, Chickasaw, and Delaware.

Cultural affiliation: Undetermined because items are of prehistoric age.

Associated funerary objects: none.

Crawford Lake, 15McN18

Accession #: 001-118

Description: 24 specimens from disturbed contexts

Minimum number of individuals (MNI): 2

Geographical location: McCracken County, Kentucky

Collection history: This collection was obtained by the University of Illinois Western Kentucky Project in the 1980s as part of a research program that included test excavations and surface collections in a number of western Kentucky sites. The collection was transferred to MSUAL in several stages from 2001-2005. The materials have been catalogued to site but not yet inventoried. The information included here is taken from project reports.

Consultation: None previous to updated report of 2006.

Basis of determination: No lineal descendant has been identified. Geographic affiliation is consistent with historically documented territory of Cherokee, Shawnee, Chickasaw, and Delaware.

Cultural affiliation: Undetermined because items are of prehistoric age.

Associated funerary objects: none.

15Tr7

Accession #: 006-02

Description: 17 cranial fragments.

Minimum number of individuals (MNI): 1

Geographical location: Trigg County, Kentucky

Collection history: This collection was excavated in the 1960s by a graduate student at the University of Illinois. The collection was housed at the University of Illinois until 2006, when it was transferred to MSUAL. No field notes accompanied the collections and therefore they are believed to be out of context.

Consultation: None previous to updated report of 2006.

Basis of determination: No lineal descendant has been identified. Geographic affiliation is consistent with historically documented territory of Cherokee, Shawnee, Chickasaw, and Delaware.

Cultural affiliation: Undetermined because (1) items are of prehistoric age, and (2) items were all found out of context with archaeological deposits.

Associated funerary objects: none.

Unnamed site, Stewart County, Tennessee

Accession #: 003-115

Description: 9 fragments, not yet analyzed.

Minimum number of individuals (MNI): 1

Geographical location: County, Kentucky

Collection history: Surface collection recovered by an amateur archaeologist in the 1970s. It is part of a large collection donated to MSUAL for safekeeping in 2003. The collection is still being catalogued.

Consultation: None previous to updated report of 2006.

Basis of determination: No lineal descendant has been identified. Geographic affiliation is consistent with historically documented territory of Cherokee, Shawnee, Chickasaw, and Delaware.

Cultural affiliation: Undetermined because (1) items are of prehistoric age, and (2) items were all found out of context with archaeological deposits.

Associated funerary objects: none.