
Notice of Intent to Repatriate a Cultural Item in the Possession of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology.

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 of the intent to repatriate a cultural item in the possession of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology that meets the definitions of "sacred object" and "object of cultural patrimony" under Section 2 of the act.

The carved, wooden figurine, with a height of 34.75" and a diameter of 3.5", was collected between 1902 and 1917 by Henry W. Sharp, the divisional superintendent of the Santa Fe Railroad. The object was donated to the Peabody Museum by Miss Gladys Sharp in 1951. The original museum records describe the object as "#51-31-10/33190: Hopi? wooden post carved to represent a figure." While museum records do not indicate exactly where the object was collected, other materials donated by Miss Sharp came from ruins located east of Zuni Salt Lake, in New Mexico.

The form of the item and its apparent source lead the museum to believe that the item is of Zuni origin, and most likely a Zuni War God. Copies of museum records and photographs of the object have been provided to the Governor and Head Councilman of the Pueblo of Zuni. Authorized representatives of the Zuni tribe have viewed photographs of the object and concur with the identification of the object as a Zuni War God. The Pueblo of Zuni has requested repatriation of the object from the Peabody Museum in a letter dated February 8, 1993. The Peabody Museum has no objection.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with this object should contact Dr. David Pilbeam, Director, Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, 11 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138, telephone: (617) 495-2248, before April 19, 1993. Repatriation of the object of the Pueblo of Zuni may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

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