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OBJECTIVES AND METHODS

The U.S. Army Environmental Center (AEC) tasked the Mandatory Center of Expertise for the Curation and Management of Archaeological Collections (MCX) with the job of assisting Army installation personnel in complying with the requirements of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (P.L. 101-601, NAGPRA). The MCX was asked to locate and assess archaeological collections derived from Army-owned lands, to identify the federally recognized Native American tribes most likely culturally affiliated with the collections, to draft Section 6 Summary letters for each installation, and to conduct physical inventories of any collections that contain human skeletal remains. This report conveys the results of the collections research completed to assist Fort Sam Houston in complying with the Section 6 Summary requirements of NAGPRA.

The MCX used a two-stage process to identify, locate, and assess the contents of archaeological collections from the installation. First, archival research was performed to review all archaeological site records and reports for the installation. Second, telephone interviews were conducted with personnel at installations, universities, museums, and archaeological contractors that were identified during the archival research as possible repositories of Army collections.

Archival research for Fort Sam Houston began with a search of the National Archeological Data Base (NADB) for references pertaining to the installation. This was followed by a thorough examination of all archaeological site forms and a literature review of all pertinent archaeological reports and manuscripts on file at the Texas Archaeological Research Laboratory, University of Texas, Austin (TARL). The records search was performed in March 1995 and sought to identify any work on the installation that may have produced archaeological collections.

Subsequent telephone interviews to potential collections repositories ascertained whether the materials were present and the range of objects in each collection. Once the collections were located and assessed, MCX personnel identified federally recognized Native American tribes that are likely to be culturally affiliated with the materials in the collections. A draft Section 6 summary letter is enclosed for these tribes (Appendix I), as well as a listing of the current tribal chairperson (Appendix II).
RESEARCH RESULTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS AT FORT SAM HOUSTON

Numerous groups have performed archaeological investigations at Fort Sam Houston starting in 1974 and continuing to the present. Investigating organizations include:

- Center for Archaeological Research at the University of Texas, San Antonio
- North Texas State University, Denton
- Prewitt & Associates, Incorporated, Austin, Texas

Investigations consisted of systematic surveys, test excavations, and excavations to mitigate adverse effects on sites where necessary for the installation's mission.

SUMMARY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS

A total of approximately 2 ft³ of prehistoric and historic artifacts has been recovered from Fort Sam Houston. Artifact collections generally consist of prehistoric lithic materials and historic ceramics, glass, and metal items. No human remains or funerary objects were excavated or collected.

As of July 1995, these collections are located in the following two repositories:

- Center for Archaeological Research, University of Texas, San Antonio: 1 ft³ of boxed materials
- Ft. Sam Houston Military Museum, Texas: 1 ft³ of boxed materials

The attached Summary of Current Locations of Archaeological Collections from Fort Sam Houston (Appendix III) provides detailed information about each collection derived as a result of archaeological investigations at the installation. A collection consists of all of the materials, artifacts, and associated documentation (e.g., field notes, maps, photos, data analyses, correspondence), produced as a result of an archaeological investigation or project at a single site or multiple sites. In some cases, the same archaeological site may have been investigated by various individuals or organizations. Depending on where the resulting collections are curated, they may be stored and identified as separate collections or separate components of a single...
collection. In cases where the artifacts and records have become separated, we list the records collections repository as well.

The archaeological collections stored at the Fort Sam Houston Military Museum are not accessioned by the museum and thus are not part of the Center for Military History’s NAGPRA Compliance project.

Every attempt has been made to locate all collections cited on available archaeological site records or in published and unpublished references to archaeological investigations on the installation.

NAGPRA Related Materials

MCX research identified no human remains, funerary objects, or sacred objects during its review of archaeological records, associated literature, and telephone interviews for Fort Sam Houston. The final determination of sacred objects or objects of cultural patrimony (as defined by NAGPRA) may be established through consultation with Native American tribes that have met the definition of culturally affiliated tribes and/or lineal descendants.

REFERENCES TO ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS

Three sets of references regarding archaeological work conducted on Fort Sam Houston are attached: Appendix IV contains the list of references reviewed by the MCX during its archival research; Appendix V is the list of references contained in the National Archeological Data Base (NADB); and Appendix VI provides the references cited in the literature but not available for review by the MCX.

NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES ASSOCIATED WITH FORT SAM HOUSTON

The chronological periods of the archaeological collections from Fort Sam Houston, as recorded on the site forms, ranged from unknown prehistoric, middle and late Archaic, late prehistoric Native American, as well as historic military sites. No ethnic or cultural identities were noted on the site records.

One archaeological report on Fort Sam Houston (Gerstle, et al. 1978) notes that the Tonkawa, Coahuilteca, and Karankawa people inhabited this area in the beginning of historic times, but by the end of the 17th century the Spanish Colonial empire also claimed much of the land. The Tonkawa were relocated to Oklahoma at the beginning of the 20th century (Yenne 1986:169). They include within their membership the only surviving Karankawas and a number of people with Lipan ancestry (Schilz 1994:640).
The 1978 Indian Land Claims Map (U.S.G.S. n.d.) shows that the Lipan Apache claimed and were adjudicated, ancestral lands southwest of the Fort Sam Houston area.

Other possible Native American cultural affiliations include the Comanche, a nomadic tribe whose territory ranged from the Rocky Mountains to the interior of Mexico (Patterson 1994:128). The Comanche Indian Tribe of Oklahoma is federally recognized.
SECTION 6 COMPLIANCE

P.L. 101-601 (NAGPRA) requires that federal agencies engage in active consultation with Native Americans with federally recognized tribes and/or lineal descendants who may be culturally affiliated with the archaeological collections from the installation. Enclosed are a draft NAGPRA Section 6 summary letter (Appendix I) and a list of the tribal chairpersons from the federally recognized tribes which may be culturally affiliated with the collections (Appendix II).

Initial consultation should be conducted on a government-to-government basis. Refer to P.L. 101-601 (NAGPRA) for specifics on required Native American consultation and the legal definitions of items subject to NAGPRA.
REFERENCES CITED

Gerstle, Andrea, Thomas C. Kelly, and Cristi Assad
1978 The Fort Sam Houston Project: An Archaeological and Historical Assessment. Center for Archaeological Research, the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Patterson, Lotsee

Schilz, Thomas F.

U.S.G.S.

Yenne, Bill
APPENDIX I

DRAFT SECTION 6 SUMMARY LETTER
FOR FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

[Installation Header]

[Tribal POC Name]
[Title]
[Address]
[City, State, Zip]

Dear [Name of POC]:

I am writing to inform you of collections held by Fort Sam Houston that may contain Native American cultural items, as defined by the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), that are, or are likely to be, culturally affiliated with the [Tribe]. Fort Sam Houston has documented these archaeological collections in a Summary in accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of NAGPRA.

Fort Sam Houston is responsible for collections that include approximately one cubic foot of material housed at the Center for Archaeological Research, University of Texas, San Antonio and approximately one cubic feet of material housed at the Fort Sam Houston Military Museum. These archaeological collections were generated from surveys and/or excavations conducted from 1974 to the present. The collections consist of prehistoric stone tools and ceramics, and historic materials such as glass, ceramics, coal, and metal fragments, as well as associated documentation such as field notes, photographs, and correspondence. No sacred objects, objects of cultural patrimony, human skeletal remains, or funerary objects were identified in our review of the collection documentation.

We are notifying the [Tribe] because some of these materials were found in or near the area thought to be part of the territory occupied or used aboriginally by the [Tribe]. In accordance with Section 6 of NAGPRA, we are inviting you to consult with us regarding these archaeological collections. Upon your written request, we will provide you access to review our records, catalogues, relevant studies, or other pertinent data for the purpose of determining the geographic origin, cultural affiliation, and basic facts surrounding acquisition and accession of these collections.
Please feel free to contact [Installation POC name] regarding any of these issues, at [telephone, address].

To facilitate discussions between Fort Sam Houston and the [Tribe] on these matters, please forward the name and method of contacting your tribal representative, traditional religious leader, or preferred NAGPRA point of contact. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

[Commander's signature]

CF: MEDCOM U.S. Army Medical Command
ATTN: MCFA-E (Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez)
Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6000

USAEC Commander, US Army Environmental Center
ATTN: SFIM-AEC-EC (Guldenzopf)
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5401

MCX Commander, US Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: CELMS-PD-C (Trimble)
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, MO 63103-2833
APPENDIX II

NATIVE AMERICAN POINTS OF CONTACT
FOR FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES

Tonkawa:
Mr. Richard Cornell, President
Tonkawa Tribal Committee
P.O. Box 70
Tonkawa, OK 74653
(405) 628-2561
(405) 628-3375 FAX

Comanche:
Mr. Wallace Coffey, Chairman
Comanche Business Committee
HC 32, Box 1720
Lawton, OK 73502
(405) 492-4988
(405) 492-4981 FAX
APPENDIX III

SUMMARY OF CURRENT LOCATIONS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS FROM FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

All collections information has been entered into a Paradox data base file and can be queried by any of the fields listed below, as well as by the name of the installation and by MACOM. The data base will be delivered by the MCX to the U.S. Army Environmental Center upon completion of the U.S. Army NAGPRA Compliance Project. Inquiries for additional information are welcome (MCX: 314-331-8865; U.S. Army Environmental Center NAGPRA Compliance Project: 410-671-1573). The data fields listed in the summary of collections contain the following information:

REPOSITORY: The current location in which the collection is stored, as of the date of this report.

REPOSITORY POC: The person contacted by the MCX, or the person to whom inquiries regarding the collection should be addressed.

TELEPHONE: The telephone number for the repository POC.

COLLECTION ID: The identifying unit used by the repository to store and/or locate the collection. This can be a unique accession number assigned by the repository, the archaeological site number or project name, the name of the collector of the collection, or another number or name assigned by the repository.

SITE NUMBERS: The official site number or name only for those sites from which materials were collected. An investigator may have performed work at additional sites but did not collect any materials. Those site numbers are not included in this field.

FIELDWORK DATES: The date(s) during which the investigation(s) occurred. This information is provided to differentiate between projects that may have investigated the same site repeatedly.

EXCAVATOR/COLLECTOR: The individual and/or organization that conducted the investigation.
COLLECTION SIZE: The volume or number of objects in a collection, estimated by the repository POC or from project reports.

DESCRIPTION OF MATERIALS: General material classes of the objects in the collection derived from data provided on site records, in references, and/or by the Repository POC.

ANTIQUITY/ARCH. PERIOD: Chronological or cultural-historical designations recorded on site records or in references specific to the collection.

CULTURAL AFFILIATION: This column contains only those ethnic identifications found in the site records or references specific to the collection. This field is left blank if no such information was recorded.

BASIS OF DETERMINATION: Documents the source of the cultural affiliation information (e.g., site record, oral testimony, reference).

SECTION 5 MATERIALS: Describes the number and kind of human skeletal remains and associated funerary objects in the collection, as indicated by the site records, references, repository management documents, or information from repository POC. If these materials are present or are suspected to be present, NAGPRA Section 5 requires a physical inventory of the materials.
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MCX LIST OF REFERENCES

In addition to the references reviewed by MCX personnel at the archaeological site information center, every attempt was made to obtain references cited but not on file. Information taken from these references was coded for data relating to collections made from sites located on installation property (see attached sample of PD-C Bibliographic Data Sheet form) and entered into a data base for ease of manipulation.

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Approximate Size of Collections (e.g., number of objects):

Record Collections and Locations:

NAGPRA Materials (Check if present)

Human Skeletal Remains

Objects

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Unassociated Funerary

Sacred

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OTHER REFERENCES TO FORT SAM HOUSTON

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