

The Caddo Nation

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The Caddo Nation of Oklahoma submitted a unique final consultation/documentation project that consisted of viewing and documenting archeological pottery collections, all of which are from the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH) and are unassociated funerary items. The Caddoan tribal representatives and a professional archeologist measured and described the distinctive features of the Caddo collection.

A beautiful book, entitled *A Rediscovering of Caddo Heritage*, was the major final project outcome. This book consists of the archeologist's analysis of pottery and other items, an AMNH curator's thoughts about repatriation projects, and the tribal officials' descriptions of the journey through the NAGPRA process.

The collaborative nature of this effort is significant in that it allows the Caddo to have a stronger voice in the documentation and interpretation of their culture. This project does an outstanding job of demonstrating that a mutually beneficial and educational relationship between tribes, museums, and archeologists can be established.

See materials from the [Caddo Nation](#) grant project