

2 iron kettle fragments, 2 wrought iron bars, 1 iron wedge, 4 iron rods (possibly ramrods), 2 bags of iron fragments, 1 rust fragment, 1 lead bar, 4 silver ear ornaments, 1 silver nose ring, 1 military hat plate (ca. 1812-1820), 15 triangular silver ornaments, 5 silver disks, 1 worked silver strip (perforated), and 1 whetstone. Other items from the Colfax Ferry site (16-NA-15) are believed to be in the collection of the Louisiana Division of Archaeology, Baton Rouge, LA.

A detailed assessment of these associated funerary objects was conducted by the Williamson Museum staff in consultation with representatives of the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana and the Louisiana Division of Archaeology.

The funerary objects recovered from the Colfax Ferry site (16-NA-15) indicate that the 32 graves excavated by Dr. Webb were most likely interred between 1764-1820. Historiographic data, oral traditions, and information gained in consultation concerning the collection indicate that the Colfax Ferry site (16-NA-15) is located in the area occupied by the Pascagoula and Biloxi Indians during the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Descendants of the Pascagoula and Biloxi Indians are represented by the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana.

Officials of the Williamson Museum have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001, Sec. 2 (3)(B), these 668 cultural items are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near human remains at the time of death as part of a death-rite or ceremony and are believed, by a preponderance of the evidence, to have been removed from burial sites of Native American individuals. Officials of the Williamson Museum also have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001, Sec. 2 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between these unassociated funerary objects and the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these unassociated funerary objects should contact Dr. Pete Gregory, Director, Williamson Museum, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA 71457, telephone (318) 357-4364, before January 22, 2003. Repatriation of these unassociated funerary objects to the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

The Williamson Museum is responsible for notifying the Tunica-

Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana that this notice has been published.

Dated: September 30, 2002.

**Robert Stearns,**

*Manager, National NAGPRA Program.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Realty Action Proposed Exchange of Federally-Owned Lands for State-Owned Lands Located in Alleghany County, State of North Carolina

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

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action for proposed land exchange.

**SUMMARY:** The following described Federally-owned land which was acquired by the National Park Service has been determined to be suitable for disposal by exchange. The authority for this exchange is Public Law 87-76 (75 Stat. 196), which authorized the purchase and exchange of land and interests therein on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposed land exchange will be accepted through February 6, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Detailed information concerning this exchange including precise legal descriptions, Land Protection Plan, environmental assessment, and cultural reports, and Finding of No Significant Impact are available at the National Trails Land Resources Program Center, 1314 Edwin Miller Boulevard, P.O. Box 908, Martinsburg, West Virginia, 25402. Comments may also be mailed to this address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judy L. Brumback, Chief, Acquisition Division, National Park Service, National Trails Land Resources Program Center, P.O. Box 908, Martinsburg, WV 25402-0908. Phone: 304-263-4943.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The selected interest in Federal land is located within the boundaries of the Blue Ridge Parkway and is not required for inclusion into the park unit area. The land has been surveyed for cultural resources and endangered and threatened species. These reports are available upon request.

Fee ownership of the following Federally-owned property is to be exchanged: Tract 33-141 is a 101.971-acre portion of 145.8 acres acquired by the United States of America by deed

recorded in book 98, page 545, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Alleghany County, State of North Carolina and in book 540, page 684, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Wilkes County, State of North Carolina. Conveyance of the land by the United States of America will be done by Quitclaim Deed.

In exchange for the land described in the previous paragraph, the United States of America will acquire a 100.923-acre parcel of land currently owned by the State of North Carolina, lying within the boundaries of the Blue Ridge Parkway. Acquisition of these State lands will eliminate access from this parcel to the Parkway at Survey Station 238 and prevent construction and development upon completion of the exchange. The lands are being acquired in fee simple with no reservations, subject only to rights of way and easements of record.

The land to be acquired by the United States of America is described as follows: Tract 33-114 is a 100.923-acre portion of 124.48 acres acquired by the State of North Carolina and recorded in book 219, page 543, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Alleghany County, State of North Carolina. Conveyance of the fee simple title will be done by a Quitclaim Deed as approved by the Solicitor's Office.

The value of the properties exchanged will be determined by a current fair market value appraisal and if they are not appropriately equal, the values shall be equalized by payment of cash, as circumstances require.

Interested parties may submit written comments to the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** paragraph. Adverse comments will be evaluated and this action may be modified or vacated accordingly. In the absence of any action to modify or vacate, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated: November 22, 2002.

**Daniel W. Brown,**

*Superintendent, Blue Ridge Parkway.*

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