

**RETAINING SKELETAL INFORMATION THROUGH
THE USE OF PLASTER CASTING BEFORE REPATRIATION ^{MAS}**

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Herein I explore the possibility of applying plaster casting techniques to problems involved with repatriation of skeletal remains. I propose that plaster casting can be used to help retain information that may be lost during the repatriation process. I focus on what the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation act is, who it effects, and

the controversy surrounding it. I discuss the importance of retaining information inherent in skeletal material, how plaster casts can help in retaining a record of this information and what some members of the Native American community think about the casting of human remains.