



BLACK ROCK DESERT
HIGH ROCK CANYON
EMIGRANT TRAILS



NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

LASSEN-CLAPPER MURDER SITE

- **What is Forensic Anthropology?**
- The examination of human skeletal remains for law enforcement agencies to determine the identity of unidentified bones.
- **What is Forensic Anthropology used for?**
- It is used to determine if the remains are human.
- To determine the gender, approximate age, physical stature, and likely racial affiliation of the person in life.
- It can also yield the approximate time since death, cause of death, and any identifying illnesses or wounds suffered in life that could leave traces in the bone structure.
- This information can then be used to help identify the remains.
- **What do Forensic Anthropologists do?**
- Archival research- It is important to find the background information on a site before you go to survey or do research.
- Survey- This is when the Anthropologist actually goes to the site and surveys the ground. They look for any clues that might be on the surface. Many tools are used for this: magnifying glasses, binoculars, and even sometimes a metal detector.
- Excavation- This is where the Anthropologist works to remove the actual bones from the ground. This step would also be used to see if there was any physical evidence in the soil surrounding the body.
- Analysis- This is where the Anthropologist studies the bones to find out the age, sex, race, physical stature, time since death, and cause of death. This is necessary in helping to identify the body. This step could also include facial reconstruction.
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Information gathered from :

- web.utk.edu/~anthrop/FACbecome.html
- emuseum.mnsu.edu/boiology/forensics/index.shtml



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