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March 4, 2003

Ms. Mary Camacho Kansas DAR Historian 322 Western Haysville, KS 67060

Dear Mary,

The Kansas Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission, along with the Atchison Lewis and Clark Committee, request the movement of the Lewis and Clark DAR marker located on Atchison, Kansas' riverfront to a spot 90 feet to the north. The location of the marker at this time is the projected site for a large, open-air pavilion relating to Lewis and Clark in Kansas. The Atchison Riverfront Committee is scheduled to break ground for this beautiful pavilion in July, 2003. The DAR marker will have a place of distinction on the walkway exiting from this pavilion and will be very visible to visitors in Atchison.

The DAR marker will continue to be located in the same area that has been verified as the place where Lewis and Clark stopped to "dine on corn" on July 4, 1804, and where Lewis climbed a mound with 3 concentering paths to view the beautiful prairie (which is now Atchison) to the west.

Thank you for your interest in this project. We look forward to a wonderful rededication in which both the DAR and the Kansas Commission can participate.

Kindest Regards,

Karis Karen Seaberg Chair

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February 16, 2003

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Office of the Historian General

Dear Historian General,

The movement of the existing Daughters of the American Revolution Lewis and Clark marker on the Atchison riverfront to a location approximately 90 feet to the north of Commercial Street will put that sign in a location appropriate for its message and in the vicinity of the activities the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery took part in at noon on July 4, 1804.

The text of the sign to be relocated reads: (front) "Lewis and Clark Trail," (back inscription in bronze) "July 4, 1804 William Clark recorded in his journal that on this date: 'Capt Lewis walked on Shore above this Creek and discovered a high moun(d) from the top of which he had an extensive view. 3 paths Concentering at the moun(d).' Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution 1997 Dedicated by the Kansas Society DAR 2 February 1998."

This relocation will put the marker in close proximity to the mound on which Lewis walked up on July 4, 1804 and the river the Corps of Discovery traveled on during their journey. This mound has been identified by its description from William Clark and by later recorded information as the mound below the Amelia Earhart Birthplace, just to the north of present Commercial Street. Placement of the DAR marker at the proposed location will be in a site fitting the description engraved.

Sincerely,

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Chris Taylor Executive director Atchison County Historical Society

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February 27, 2003

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Office of the Historian General

Dear Historian General:

We understand that the local Lewis and Clark Committee in Atchison has requested permission from your organization to relocate a marker erected by the DAR in February 1998 on the Atchison riverfront. That marker denotes a location from which Meriwether Lewis viewed the area on July 4, 1804. It is our understanding that the DAR is willing for the marker to be relocated; on that basis this agency has no objection.

The text on that marker reads as follows: "July 4, 1804 William Clark recorded in his journal on this date: 'Capt Lewis walked on Shore above this Creek and discovered a high moun(d) from the top of which he had an extensive view. 3 paths concentering at the moun(d)." Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution 1997.

Sincerely yours,

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Mary R. Allman Executive Director



City of Atchison, Kansas

February 13, 2003

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Office of the Historian General

Dear Historian General,

On behalf of the City of Atchison, owner of the property of the proposed relocation site of the DAR marker, permission is hereby granted for the marker to be installed.

Respectfully,

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Joseph L. Turner City Manager

APPLICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERMISSION TO MOVE AND/OR REDEDICATE A DAR HISTORICAL OR COMMEMORATIVE MARKER

* Advance	permission MUST be obtained f	rom the Historian General PRIOR TO any proposed o	hange in the location of a DA	R historical or commemorative marker.*
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VILL THERE BE A REDEI	DICATION CEREMONY?:	Yes IF YES, PROPOSED DATE OF	REDEDICATION: 2004	
AR CHAPTER, DIVISIO	N, OR STATE SOCIETY APPLYIN	NG FOR PERMISSION: Kansas Society Da	ughters of the Ame	rican Revolution
ONTACT PERSON:	Mary Camacho	TELEPHONE: (31	6) 524–6991	E-MAIL: Mecam @Con
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THE FOLLOWING COPIED TEXT IS TAKEN FROM:

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Journal of John Ordway

Ordway: Up the Missouri

found a white horse on the bank of the river near whare their was an old Trading house built by a French merchant from St. Louis to Trade with the kansars Indians. The land is Good high bottom pine Timber & black wallnut honey locas oak &C. &C— I Saw waat they call bucks Eye with the nuts on them² we passed a high prarie oposite to the Trading house & Camped³ at a point on the South Side of the Missouris

1. Cow Island was still on maps in the 1890s, a short distance above the Atchison-Leavenworth county line, Kansas, on the opposite side in Platte County, Missouri.

2. Ordway is the only one to call attention to the vegetation this day. The trees are an unknown pine, black walnut, honey locust, Gleditsia triancanthos L., an unknown oak, and western buckeye, Aesculus glabra Willd.

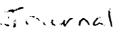
3. In Atchison County, Kansas, somewhat above Oak Mills.

Wednesday July 4th 1804, we Set out Eairly & passed the mouth of the out let of a large lake which comes in on the north Side. this pond or lake is large & their has been a Great many bever' found in it, high land on the South Side & praries, we Delayed a Short time at noon to dine. a Snake bit Jo. Fields on the out Side of his foot, this was under the hills near the praries on the South Side, we passed a Creek on the South Side about 15 yards wide. comes out of the large prarie, and as it has no name & as it is the 4 of July, Capts. name it Independence Creek² we fired our Bow piece this morning & one in the evening for Independance of the U.S. we saw a nomber of Goslins half grown to day. we camped in the plans one of the most beautiful places I ever Saw in my life, open and beautifully Diversified with hills & vallies all presenting themselves to the River,

1. American beaver, Castor canadensis.

2. Probably Independence Creek on the Atchison-Doniphan county line, Kansas. See Clark's entry for this day for a discussion of the confusion between this creek and the one the party called Fourth of July Creek.

Thursday July 5th 1804 we Set out verry eairly. we Swam the white horse a cross this River, proceeded on for two miles under the bank where the old Kansas Town formerly Stood (Say in 1724) the cause of those people moveing from this place we cannot learn, but naturly conclude that war has reduced their nation and compelled them to retire further into the



Journal of Padrick Gass Up the Missouri

Sunday 1st July, 1804. We set out at five in the morning, and having advanced 12 miles, encamped' on an island opposite a prairie on the south side of the river.

1. On later Leavenworth Island, opposite Leavenworth, Leavenworth County, Kansas.

Monday 2nd. At sunrise we continued our voyage, and met a quantity of drift wood which was carried down the stream; this morning we passed a creek¹ on the south side and encamped on the north opposite an old French village and fort,² but all vacant.

1. Probably Bee Creek, Platte County, Missouri.

2. Fort de Cavagnial, or Cavagnolle, active from 1744 to 1764, about three miles north of Fort Leavenworth.

Tuesday 3rd. We proceeded again at five, and continued our voyage until 12, when we stopt at an old trading place on the south side of the river.¹ There we found a grey horse; but saw no appearance of any persons having lately encamped at that place.

1. In Atchison County, Kansas, somewhat above Oak Mills.

Wednesday 4th. We fired a swivel at sunrise in honour of the day, and continued our voyage; passed a creek on the north side, called Pond creek,' and at one o'clock stopt to dine. One of our people² got snake bitten but not dangerously. After dinner we renewed our voyage, and passed a creek on the north side, which we called Independence,³ encamped on the north side at an old Indian village situated in a handsome prairie, and saluted the departing day with another gun.

1. This name is given by no other journal keeper, but it must be the outlet of what Clark calls a "bayou," an oxbow lake in northwestern Platte County, Missouri, perhaps later Bean Lake.

2. Joseph Field.

3. Probably Independence Creek, on the Atchison-Doniphan county line, Kansas. See Clark's entry on this date for the confusion between this and Fourth of July Creek.

Thur. 5th. We proceeded on our voyage at five in the morning; and found the land high on the south side. We went through a large bend full of

Sournals of Lewis & Clark May 14-July 22, 1804 ing but the Buffalo Elk Deer & Bear in which it abounds & [page torn] Savage Indians⁸ The names of the french Ingishees [engagés], or Hirelens [hirelings]-9 1 Battist de Shone [Baptist Deschamps] Patrn (Perogue) *2 Joseph Le bartee [Liberte?]¹⁰ 3 Lasoness [Baptist La Jeunesse] 4 Paul Preemau [Paul Primeau] 5 Chalo in Perogue 6 E. Cann 7 Roie 8 Charlo Cougee *]: Le bartee [Liberte?] } in the large Boat Rivee [Rivet] Pieter Crousatt half Indian bow men William La Beice [Labiche] Mallat 3 Sergts. & 23 men for the Boat¹¹ (Good) George Drewyer. Hunter & 4 Horses (Bowmen) 1 Corpl & 4 Privates in a Perogue to be Sent back from Plate river Mr. Dueron [Dorion] inteptr for the Sues Capt. Lewis my Self & York in all 46 men July 4th 4 horses & a Dog

[Clark]

July 4th Wednesday ussered in the day by a discharge of one (discharge) shot from our Bow piece,¹² proceeded on, passed the mouth of a (1) Bayeau lading from a large Lake on the S. S. which has the apperance of being once the bed of the river ¹³ & reaches parrelel for Several Miles Came to on the L. S. to refresh ourselves &. Jos: Fields got bit by a Snake, which was quickly doctered with Bark by Cap Lewis. (2) Passed a Creek 12 yds. wide on L. S. comeing out of an extensive Prarie reching within 200 yards of the river, as this Creek has no name, and this being the we.Din[e].(on.corn)the 4th of July the day of the independance of the U. S. call it (Creek Independence) 4th of July 1804 Creek, Capt. Lewis walked on Shore above? this Creek and discovered a high moun from the top of which he had an 'extensive view, 3 paths Concentering at the moun,' Saw great numbers of Goslings to day which Were nearly grown, the before mentioned Lake is

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1bstn. No. 17.) Sesday July 4th¹⁵ Same

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1. The following words at right angles to the rest of the entry are overwritten by the July 4 entry: "Lock, Moles, Vests, Seeds, [presen?] of [Twith?], 4 Cartrges Boxes, ring."

2. Possibly the bark of the slippery elm, *Ulmus rubra* Muhl., but more likely Peruvian bark, or *cinchona*. On later occasions Lewis used Peruvian bark in a poultice, as he presumably did here (see Codex A entry) in case the snake was a new poisonous species. Cutright (LCPN), 6_3-6_4 ; Fernald, 551.

3: Probably either later Whiskey_or Clay Creek, in Atchison County, Kansas.—They passed both a Fourth of July Creek and an Independence Creek on this day. This creek was called Fourth of July Creek in Codex A, where Clark has apparently reversed the names. MRC map 16.

4. If Independence Creek (the second creek) was that later bearing the same name (see n. 14, below), then this camp was near Doniphan. MRC map 17.

5. The archaeological sites of the Kansa Indians are identified as part of the Oneota culture, and this Oneota village (referred to by Clark, below, as "2d old Kanzas village") is the Doniphan site, in the present town of Doniphan, Doniphan County, Kansas. The earliest documented Kansa village, it was apparently occupied in the first half of the eighteenth century. Wedel (KA), 29–30, 51, 98–105, 109–12, 118–30.

6. Evidently the stream they called Independence Creek in Codex A (see n. 14, below). 7. The "Leek Green Grass" that covered the upland plains between the copses of trees is big bluestem, *Andropogon gerardi* Vitman. This entry describes the open, savanna-like aspect of the tall-grass prairie/oak-hickory vegetation border that is typical of this region. Braun, 177-79.

8. This paragraph of description is on a separate sheet of the Field Notes (document 27). It seems to be a longer version of Clark's description of the scenery in his Codex A entry for July 4, 1804, and so it is placed under that date. Osgood (FN), 69 n. 3.

9. This list is on the opposite side of document 27 from the paragraph above it, and the date July 4 occurs in the last line of this material. It supplements the list of *engagés* of May 26, 1804, but inconsistencies between the two lists add to the confusion about this group of party members. For further information, see Appendix A, this volume.

10. This name occurs twice and is especially marked both times. The same man's name may have been written twice or there may have been two men with the same family name or *dit* name. Either person might be the La Liberté who deserted later (see below, July 29-August 17, 1804). For further information, see Appendix A, this volume.

11. Clark crossed out two lines of course and distance material and added this short summary of the party as of July 4, 1804, below the list of *engagés*.

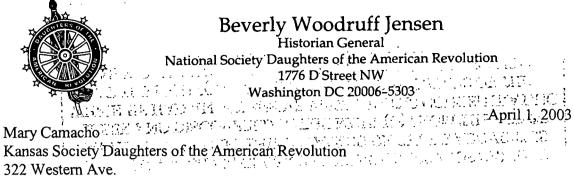
12. Probably the swivel cannon. See above, May 29, 1804.

13. Such oxbow lakes in portions of the old riverbed are characteristic of this part of the Missouri. The continual shifting of the river's course would make it difficult to identify this lake with one on later maps, but several examples in the immediate area in the late 1800s can be seen on MRC maps 15, 16.

14. Probably present Independence Creek, on the Atchison-Doniphan county line. Clark indicates that the creek has two forks, which is the case with Independence Creek, Rock Creek entering it from the north. MRC map 17.

15. Lewis's observation from Codex O.

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Haysville, KS 67060-1530

Dear Mrs. Camacho:

The Historian General is pleased to grant permission to the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution to move and rededicate the marker honoring the Lewis and Clark expedition as it passed through what is now known as Atchison, Kansas. The text appearing on the marker to be moved is as follows:

LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL

JULY 4, 1804 WILLIAM CLARK RECORDED IN HIS JOURNAL THAT ON THIS DATE: 'CAPT LEWIS WALKED ON SHORE ABOVE THIS CREEK AND DISCOVERED A HIGH MOUN(D) FROM THE TOP OF WHICH HE HAD AN EXTENSIVE VIEW. 3 PATHS CONCENTRATING AT THE MOUN(D).' KANSAS SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION 1997 DEDICATED BY THE KANSAS SOCIETY DAR 2 FEBRUARY 1998."

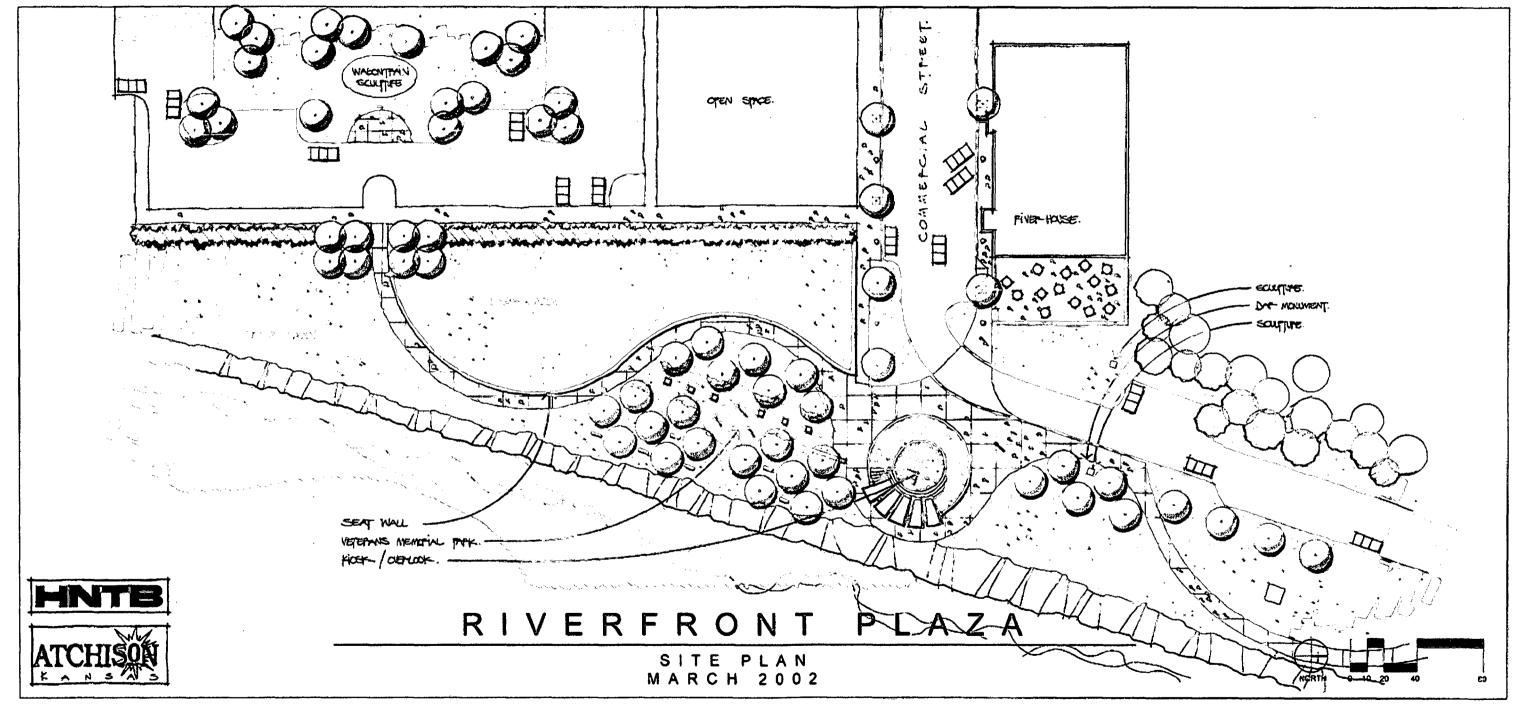
Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the *Form to Report the Installation and Dedication of a DAR Historical Marker*. Once the marker has been moved and rededicated, please complete and return this form along with copies of any materials used in the dedication ceremony (i.e. invitations, programs, copies of dedicatory remarks, newspaper articles describing the ceremony, and photographs) to this office. These materials will be retained in the permanent files of the Office of the Historian General for future reference. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Best wishes for the move and rededication of this historical marker. If you have additional questions about this or any other historically related matter, please feel free to contact the Office of the Historian General at (202) 879-3256 or at the historian@dar.org e-mail address.

Sincerely, and the Command

Beverly Woodruff Jensen Historian General, NSDAR

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Invocation.....Mrs. Gus Ramirez State Chaplain

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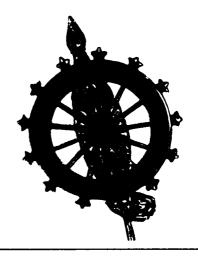
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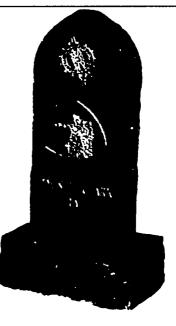
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Speaker.....Mrs. Harry Carpenter State Regent

Benediction.....Mrs. Gus Ramirez State Chaplain



Rededication of Lewis and Clark Marker 27 June 2004



Mrs. Gerald Camacho State Historian 2001-2004

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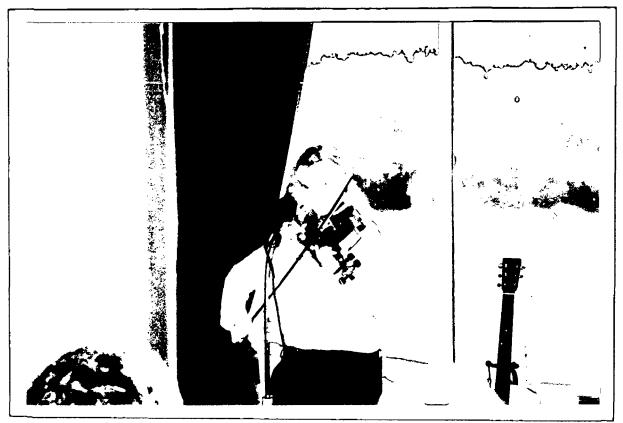
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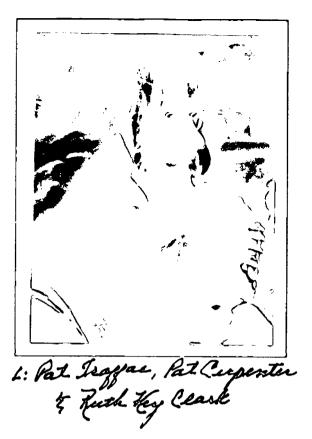
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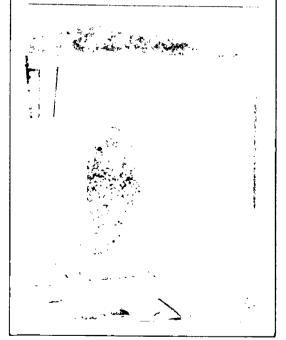


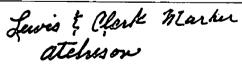
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Our Lewis and Clark Ballroom is ideal for banquets and other group events.





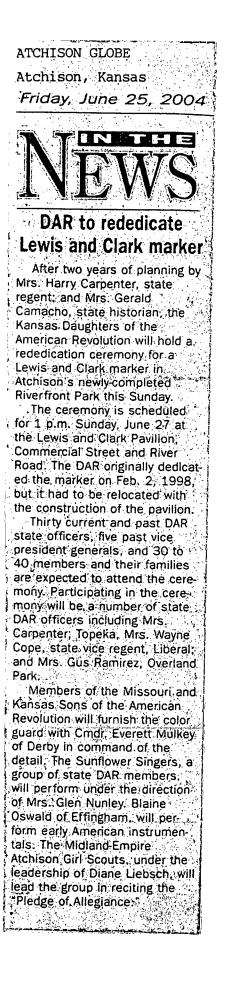
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Seasonal dining is available on our outdoor patio.

While you're here, ask us about the colorful past of the historic River House building!

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Modern-day travelers following the Lewis and Clark Trail will enjoy visiting the following sites in the Atchison area:

Atchison Welcome Center

Atchison's restored Santa Fe Depot houses a Welcome Center operated by the Chamber of Commerce, and the Atchison County Historical Society Museum. Here visi-

tors can obtain tourist information about Atchison as well as brochures to help them follow the Lewis and Clark Trail. The Welcome Center is also the departure point for the Atchison Trolley, which operates several days a



week from May through October, providing hour-long, narrated tours of the city. Atchison Welcome Center, 200 S. 10th St., Atchison KS 66002; telephone: 1-800-234-1854; email: tours@atchisonkansas.net.

Fourth of July 1804 Creek

The Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) placed a commemorative marker on the banks of what is believed to be the remnants of Fourth of July 1804 Creek. Atchison was settled in 1854 and since its earliest days, this stream has been known as White Clay Creek. A covered footbridge over the creek was dedicated as "The Bridge Over Fourth of July 1804 Creek" on July 4, 1996. To find the marker, park in the visitor parking area off U.S. Highway 59 between 10th and 6th streets. Walk over the covered bridge toward the Santa Fe Depot and the marker is on the north bank of the creek.

Atchison County Historical Society Museum

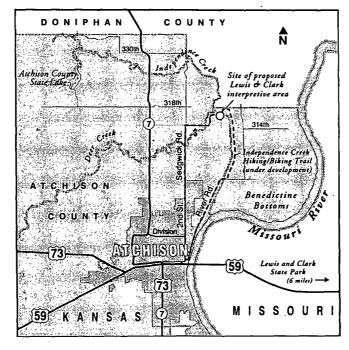
The Atchison County Historical Society Museum, which is in the restored Santa Fe Depot building, has several displays about the Lewis and Clark expedition, including one on the expedition's celebration of July 4, 1804, and another on the natural history aspects of the expedition created by biology students at Benedictine College. The museum also displays one of three resin models produced for the full-scale Lewis and Clark statue in Case Park in downtown Kansas City, Mo. Atchison County Historical Society Museum, 200 S. 10th St., Atchison KS 66002; telephone: (913) 367-6238; email: GoWest@atchisonhistory.org; website: www.atchisonhistory.org.

Commemorative Marker

The Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) placed a commemorative marker on the Missouri riverfront in downtown Atchison to commemorate the Lewis and Clark expedition's visit to the area. To find the marker, drive to the intersection of Commercial Street and River Road, which is at the east end of Commercial Street.

Independence Park

Atchison's pleasant Independence Park, near the intersection of River Road and Atchison Street, offers a lovely spot for a picnic with a view of the Missouri River. Basic restrooms, grills and picnic tables are among the park's amenities. Adjacent to the park, a permanent ramp and docks (summer only) provide boaters with access to the river.



Benedictine Bottoms

From Independence Park, you can drive north on River Road to the Benedictine Bottoms. This 2,110-acre tract is part of the Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to restore wetland and riparian habitat destroyed by flood control projects between 1912 and 1980. The Bottoms is maintained by the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks, who allow limited access during hunting season. When fully developed, the area will provide excellent opportunities for hunting and wildlife viewing. It currently serves as a laboratory for biodiversity research by biology students at Benedictine College. To reach Benedictine Bottoms, follow River Road north past the city limits and along the banks of the Missouri River and Independence Creek. After you cross the bridge over Independence Creek, continue on the gravel road east for about a 1/2 mile to the large parking area for Benedictine Bottoms.

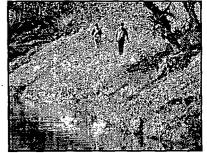
Benedictine College Overlook

You can obtain expansive views of the broad floodplain of the Missouri River from a couple of vantage points on the campus of Benedicine College, which sits on a bluff overlooking the Missouri River. Follow North Second Street through Atchison to the campus entrance at 1020 N. 2nd St. website: www.benedictine.edu.

Independence Creek

Due to shifts in the course of the Missouri River over the years, it is difficult to pinpoint the exact location where the Lewis and Clark expedition camped on July 4, 1804. However, community leaders are developing a site along

the banks of Independence Creek that is in the vicinity of where the creek probably flowed into the Missouri River two hundred years ago. When fully developed, this site about three miles



north of Atchison will have native grasses and flowers and interpretive signage about the expedition's observance of Independence Day in 1804.



O n July 4, 1804, members of the Lewis and Clark expedition passed through what is today the Atchison area. They celebrated Independence Day by firing the keelboat's swivel gun at dawn and dusk, naming two local streams – Fourth of July 1804 Creek and Independence Creek – and the men received an extra gill of whiskey in the evening. Early in the day, Joseph Field was bitten by a snake in the river bottoms of present southern Atchison County. At midday, they dined on corn and Capt. Lewis climbed a mound for extensive views of the prairies. In the evening, they camped near Independence Creek in the vicnity of an uninhabited Kanza Indian village.

In their journals, members of the expedition wrote poetically about the landscape. Clark wrote: "... as we approached this place the Praree had a most butifull appearance..."

He elaborated: "... The Plains of this countrey are covered with a Leek Green Grass, well calculated for the sweetest and most norushing hay interspersed with Cops [copses] of trees, Spreding ther lofty branchs over Pools Springs or Brooks of fine water. Groops of Shrubs covered with the most delicious froot is to be seen in every direction, and nature appears to have exerted herself to butify the Senery by the variety of flours [raiseing] Delicately and highly flavered raised above the Grass, which Strikes & profumes the Sensation, and amuses the mind throws it into Conjecturing the cause of So magnificent a Senery in a Country thus Situated far removed from the Sivilized world to be enjoyed by nothing but the Buffalo Elk Deer & Bear in which it abounds & Savage Indians..."

Atchison to Commemorate the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial

"A Journey Fourth"

On July 3-4, 2004, Atchison will join the communities of Leavenworth and Kansas City, Mo., in hosting "A Journey Fourth," which has

been designated a National Signature Event of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. This event commemorates the expedition's observance of Independence Day (the first



such occasion in the American West) while they explored what is today the Atchison area on July 4, 1804.

Programs and activities will emphasize the concepts of independence, freedom and democracy in America as viewed from differing perspectives.

Through exhibits, participatory activities, music and the arts, visitors will have the opportunity to demonstrate their pride and love for their country and heritage with stirring and colorful displays of patriotism.

Highlights will include the arrival of the keelboat and crew of the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, Mo., a citywide display of American flags, a parade of fife, drum and bugle corps, spectacular fireworks over the Missouri River and a rousing "extra gill of whiskey" toast to the nation. (913) 367-2427 or 1-800-234-1854.

> For more information: Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 126, Atchison KS 66002 1-800-234-1854 tours@atchisonkansas.net www.atchisonkansas.net

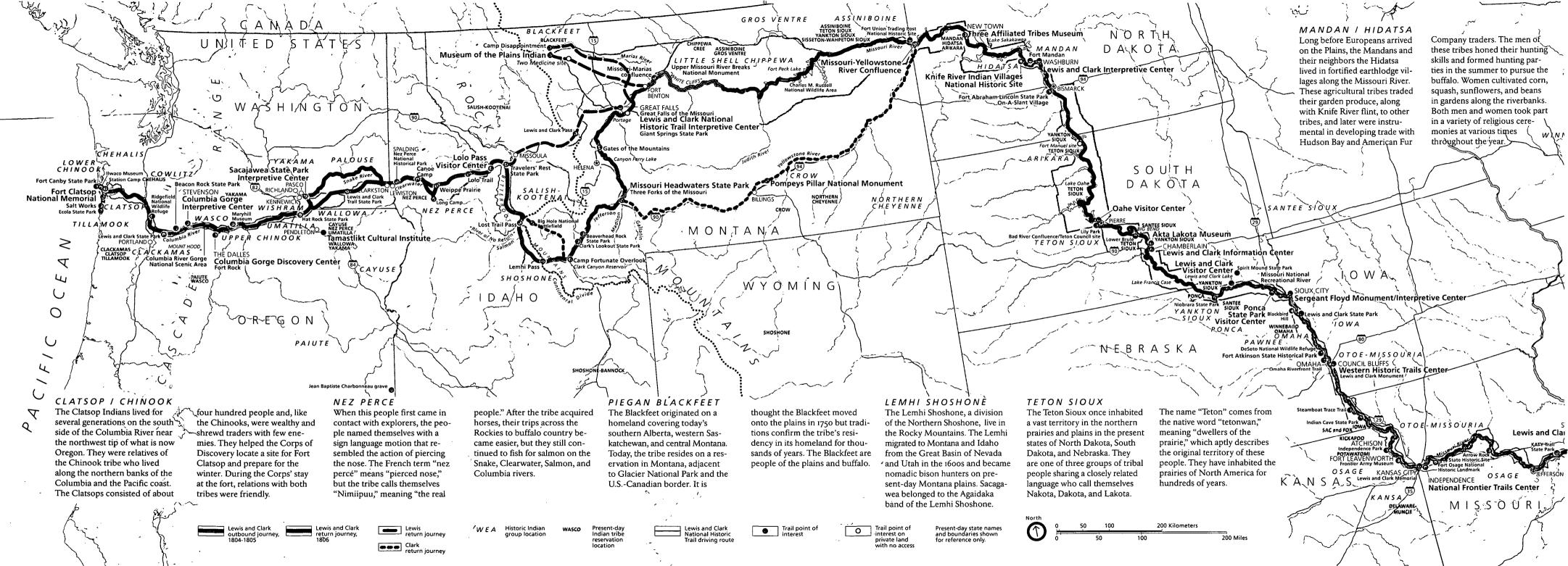
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Heritage Sites in Atchison, Kansas

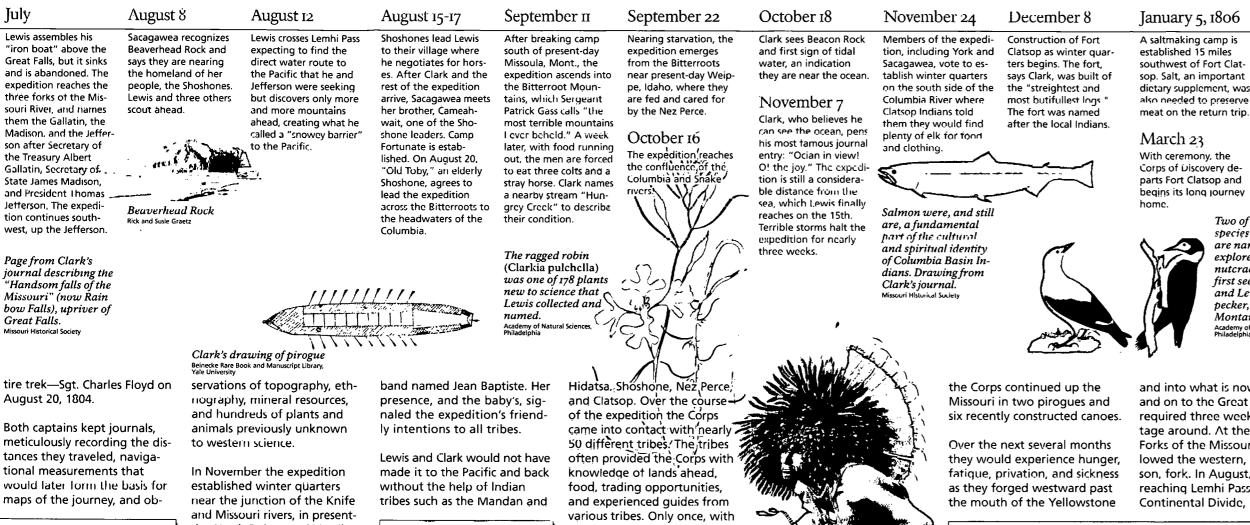


"One of the most butifull Plains, I ever Saw"

– Capt. William Clark July 4, 1804 near present-day Atchison



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day North Dakota, 1,609 miles from Camp River Dubois. Here they built a fort they named Fort Mandan. It was close to the five villages of the Man-

dan and Hidatsa tribes, which provided valuable knowledge of the country west to the Rockies. Here Lewis and Clark recruited Touissant Charbon eau, a 44-year-old French-Canadian trapper, and his 16year-old Shoshone wite Sacagawea, as interpreters. In February 1805 Sacagawea gave birth to a boy she and her husThe Hidatsa, who had never seen a black man, were fascinated by Clark's slave York. Printing by Charles M. Russell



a party of Piegan Blackfeet in July 1806, did the expedition experience a hostile encounter

that led to violence.

In early April 1805 Lewis and Clark sent the keelboat, which was too large to navigate the Upper Missouri, back to St. Louis packed with letters, reports, dispatches, and maps, plus an extensive collection of zoological, botanical, and ethnological specimens and artitacts for President Jefferson. The remaining members of

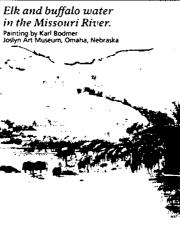
Hidatsa dancer Painting by Karl Bodmer

Two of the 134 bird species they sighted 2 are named for the explorers: Clark's nutcracker (left). first seen in Idaho, and Lewis's woodpecker, sighted in Montana. Academy of Natural Sciences

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and into what is now Montana, and on to the Great Falls, which required three weeks to por tage around. At the Three Forks of the Missouri, they fol lowed the western, or Jefferson, fork. In August, after reaching Lemhi Pass on the Continental Divide, Lewis and



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while Lewis and his group take the shortcut to the Great Falls, and then head north along the Marias River. مبر.

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Clark met Sacagawea's relatives (the first Indian contact since leaving Fort, Mandan), who provided the expedition with horses and guided them over the difficult mountain ranges of Idaho to the Salmon **River and the Bitterroot Valley** From a point that they called

"Travelers' Rest," near present day Missoula, Mont., they crossed over, via Lolo Pass, to the Clearwater River, which flowed into the Snake and thence the Columbia. The Corps finally reached the Pacific in mid-November 1805. They were 4,134 miles from Camp River Dubois, according to William Clark.

At the mouth of the Columbia they built Fort Clatsop, named* after a local Indian tribe, and settled into winter quarters. Rainy weather, tainted food,

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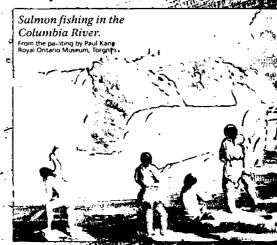
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Clark's signature, en-e = graved in sandstone, at Pompeys Pillar, is still visible todav.

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and insects plagued the expedition-all winter. While Lewis and Clark worked on their journals and maps, the rest of the Corps prepared for the real turn trip by boiling ocean wa ter for salt, hunting, and preparing elk hides from which to

make moccasins and clothing



August 11 -

Lewis is accidentally wounded in the but tocks while hunting just east of present-day Williston, N.D.-He survives and proceeds on. The next day the entire expedition is reunited -.

August 14

The expedition reaches the Mandan villages, where Charboneau, Sacagawea, and Jean Baptiste say doodbye. John Colter is given permission to return to the Yellowstone to trap beaver. 1

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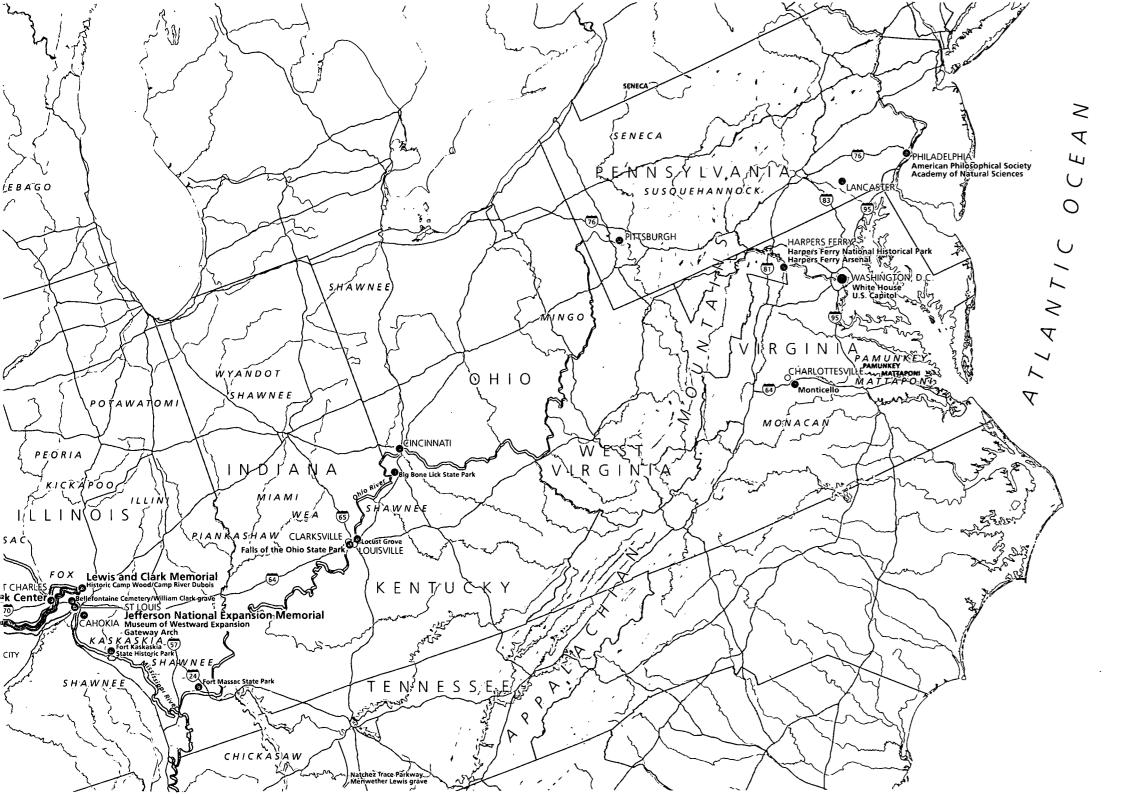
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Things to Know About the Lewis and Clark Trail



In 1978 Congress established the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail as a part of the National Trails System. The 3,700-mile-long trail begins at Lewis and Clark Memorial in Illinois, and passes through Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon.

The trail traces the route of the explorers as closely as possible given the changes over the years. Today you can follow in the approximate footsteps of Lewis and Clark, exploring the route they traveled and reliving the adventure of the Corps of Discovery. You can do this by boat, canoe, or kayak, by car or bus, on foot or bicycle, or by train. Along the way you will learn about the trail and the epic journey it commemorates, from interpretive signs, exhibits, visitor centers, and living

history programs. Many of these are identified on the map at left.

The National Park Service administers the trail through partnerships with many federal, state, and local agencies, nonprofit organizations, Indian tribes, and private landowners. It is especially important that tribal land regulations and the rights of private landowners are respected. If an area belonging to these landowners is not open to visitors, you must obtain permission to go on their property.

Do not disturb lands by littering or removing items from a site. The natural and cultural resources of the trail are protected by regulations and you could be prosecuted for disturbing a site.

Trail signs will help you as you travel the trail. A triangle-

shaped sign (see logo upper right) indicates federal, state, and non-federal sites along the national historic trail. A rectangle-shaped sign designates a highway that is a Lewis and Clark motor route. Both signs contain the same Lewis and Clark image. The designated motor routes follow the historic trail as closely as possible and can be traveled by car or bus.

If you plan to travel the water route by boat, canoe, or kayak, please be aware that long portions of the rivers Lewis and Clark traveled are no longer free-flowing, but are impounded by dams. The dams on the Snake and Columbia rivers have locks: those on the Missouri do not. Commercial boat trips are available on some segments.

If you plan to walk any of the trail, portions open for foot or

horseback travel include KATY Trail State Park in Missouri, Steamboat Trace Trail in Nebraska, Lolo Trail in Montana, and Ecola State Park in Oregon.

Riders of Amtrak can also follow sections of the trail on the Empire Builder, the Coast Starlight, and certain Missouri trains. At certain times of the year, the Trails and Rails Program has National Park Service guides on these trains, presenting programs about Lewis and Clark to passengers. For more information about these programs visit the Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site website: www.nps.gov/fous.

For More Information

Contact: Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail 1709 Jackson Street Ómaha, NE 68102 402-514-9311 www.nps.gov/lecl

The Trail website offers a calendar of events, relevant publications, and updates on trail events, with many links to state tourism offices, chambers of commerce, federal and state agencies, and other sites offering Lewis and Clark information.

The U.S. Forest Service publishes several brochures and maps about Lewis and Clark in the Rocky Mountains and on the Lolo Trail. Contact: Clearwater National Forest, 12730 Highway 12, Orofino, ID 83544.

For information on floating the Missouri River within Up-

per Missouri River Breaks National Monument contact the Bureau of Land Management P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, MT 59457.

The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc., is a nonprofit organization with a national membership dedicat ed to the preservation of the heritage of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The organization publishes a quarterly magazine, We Proceeded On, and holds an annual meeting at a Lewis and Clark site. The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation is the primary volunteer organization working with the National Park Service to help preserve and interpret the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. For information. contact the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Inc. P.O. Box 3434, Great Falls, MT 59403, or access its website at www.lewisandclark.org.

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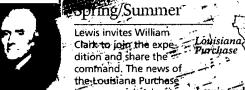
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Meriwether Lewis Born August 18, 1774

Congress ratifies Louisiana Purchase, doubling 🕬 "proceeded on under a the size of the United States Lewis and Clark

Fall/Winter

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Near present-day Sioux

August 20

August 30⁻¹ Friendly council with Yankton Sioux held.

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tion is the most universally known event of American ex- the morale of the party, and ploration and discovery. Because of its unparalleled success and the seeming ease with which it was carried out. we tend to overlook or underrate the hardships and dangers that confronted the Corps of Discovery. The explorers, however, met these circumstances with determination and good sense. Neither foolhardy nor timid, Lewis and Clark were deliber- - the terrain, everyone began ate and guick-witted, and as inventive and creative as situations demanded.

For 28 months, the Corps of Discovery faced many challenges. There were dramatic incidents with Indians, notably a face down with Teton Sioux and a bloody encounter with Piegan Blackfeet. At times, circumstances taxed the many references in the journals kept by Lewis and Clark reflect their concern about the men's spirit. As the strain of physical exertion mounted, so did the likelihood of accidents and illness. Exhaustion led to mishaps and mistakes. Burdened by arduous tasks, hampered by inclement weather, and slowed by the hardships of

> Lewis drew up this list of supplies before leaving. Beinecke Rore Book and Manuscript Library, 1 Yale University

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him to join the expedition as co-commander. Clark, the

Confluence of the Marias and the Missioner ricers

September 7

The men attempt to flush a never-beforeseen prairie dog out of its hole for shipment back to Jefferson



Lèwis called prairie does "barking squirrels" because of the sound they made when approached. In all, Lewis and Clark wrote the first reports on 122 animals previously unknown to western science.

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trapper living with the Hidatsas, is hired as an interpreter. His wife, the "Bird Woman" or Sacagawea, believed to be a Lemhi Shoshone, is also

considered an asset as a translator and in obtaining horses from the Shoshones.

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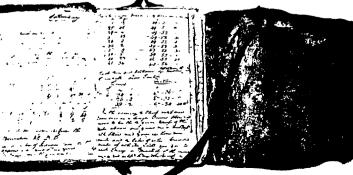
Animal skin depicting Siour and Arikaras hattling Mandans and Hidatsas. Lewis and Clark acquired the skin during their stay with the Mandans and sent it back to President Jefferson in April 1805. Peabody Museum, Harvard

The Corps of Discovery Meriwether Lewis began preparations for the journey in March 1803. From the U.S. Arsenal in Llarpers Ferry, Va., he ordered custom-made weapons and an "iron boat" designed to be covered with animal skins that he believed might prove useful. In Pittsburgh, Pa., he ordered construction of a keelboat and purchased a black Newfoundland dog that he named Seaman. In Philadelphi he took crash courses in medicine, natural history, and the use of scientific instruments He also purchased clothing. trade goods, paper, medicines, and other supplies. In Lancaster he was taught how to use celestial navigation tools. From Philadelphia Lewis wrote to William Clark, a fellow Virginian under whom he once served, asking

vounger brother of George Rogers Clark of American Revolution fame, accepted and began to recruit "some good. hunters, stout, healthy, unmarried men, accustomed to the woods, and capable of bearing bodily fatigue in a pretty considerable degree."

The expedition's elkskin-bound iournals record daily activities as well as new plants and animals and geographical information. Missouri Historical Society

As finally assembled for the upriver journey in May 1804, the Corps of Discovery numbered 44 men of diverse backarounds. Most were U.S. Army enlisted men. Others were backwoodsmen. A few were French boatmen who were hired to pilot the keelboat up the Missouri and who also knew how to handle the smaller boats called piroques. Most Corps members were young, single, accustomed to hard labor, and possessed varving



skills. One was a black man named York, who was William Clark's slave and companion since boyhood. Iwo men had blacksmithing experience, and one knew carpentry. Others knew Indian languages, and some were outstanding hunters. All demonstrated an ability to bear extreme hardship. One of the most valuable members was George Drouillard, an outstanding scout, hunter, and interpreter who spoke several Indian languages. Thirty of the men were designated the "permanent party" and intended to make the entire journey. Six were designated the "return party," to be sent back down the Missouri midway through the voyage, with maps, notes, and specimens of plants, animals, and minerals they had so far collected.

April 29

Lewis and another hunter kill a large grizzly bear, a species previouslv unknown to western science

May 29-30

Clark names a river in honor of Julia (Judy) Hancock, a girl in Virginia whom he hopes one day to marry. Lewis classifies the White Cliffs area as another of the never-ending "scenes of visionary enchantment" the expedition has encountered in its journey

The expedition reaches a fork in the river. Most of the men believe the north fork, now the Marias River, to be the continuation of the Missouri. The captains choose the south fork. Lewis later writes that. while the men are not convinced that he and Clark have made the right choice. "they

were ready to follow us

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Scouting ahead of the rest of the expedition Lewis reaches the Great Falls of the Missouri, He also discovers four more waterfalls farther up-

stream. The expedition will have to portage over 18 miles, taking nearly a month, to get past them



To the Shore of the Pacific

The journey began on May 14. 1804, when the Corps of Dis covery departed Camp River Dubois in the keelboat and two piroques, crossed the Mississippi River, and headed up the Missouri. Over the next 28 months they would traverse 8,000 miles of land and water about which they knew next to nothing in search of a fabled Northwest passage that had eluded explorers for hundreds of years.

The 2,540-mile Missouri was not an easy river to travel. The Corps tried to maintain 14 to 20 miles a day, but some days conditions limited them to only four or five miles. At times the men battled powerful currents and turbulent waters that brought trees or branches into the river and caved in riverbanks with little or no warning. The summer heat was unbear-

able, and they were often plaqued by insects. Lewis, who had received some medical training, treated numerous illnesses, injuries, and ailments such as sore feet, boils, toothaches, and snakebites. Remarkably, only one member of the expedition died during the en-



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