George H. Tweney (-2000)

George H. Tweney, a long-time member of the Foundation and a former member of its board of directors, died of a brain tumor on May 7 (2000) at age 84. A resident of Seattle, he served as vice chairman of the Washington State Lewis and Clark Trail Committee.

A noted collector of rare books relating to Lewis and Clark, Tweney in 1970 found and purchased a one-of-a-kind copy of the Lewis and Clark journals transcribed in 1895 by Elliott Coues. He related the story of that find in an article in the February 1993 WPO. He recently sold his book collection to Lewis and Clark College, in Portland, Oregon.

Born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Tweney attended college in Ontario and was a member of the Canadian Olympic track team of 1932. He earned degrees in aeronautical engineering at the University of Detroit and the University of Michigan. He was a pilot for Pan American Airways and later worked for Boeing and as an engineering consultant.

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(Tweney was a Director of the Foundation, 1973-1978.)

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