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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