



The Badger State Chapter

Meriwether Lewis



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During this time in history; excerpts from the journal of Patrick Gass: Apr-May 1805

Sunday, April 7th: About 5 o'clock in the afternoon we left fort Mandans in good spirits. 31 men and a woman went up the river and 13 returned down it in a boat.

Sunday, April 14th: In the afternoon we passed a creek, called after our interpreter, Sharbons (Charbonneau's) creek. He had been, before, this far up the Missouri, and no white man any further, that we could discover.

Wednesday, May 1st: We set out early in a cool morning and went on till 12 o'clock, when the wind rose so high, that our small canoes could not stand the waves.

Monday, May 27th: We have now got into a country which presents little to our view, but scenes of bareness and desolation; and see no encouraging prospects that it will terminate.

Friday, May 31st: We passed some very curious cliffs and rocky peaks, in a long range. Some of them 200 feet high and not more than 8 feet thick. They seem as if built by the hand of man, and are so numerous that they appear like the ruins of an antient (sic) city.

Bicentennial Launched



Jim Gramentine

We were thrilled to be there. The Bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition was officially launched at Monticello on January 18, 2002. It was a star-spangled event, the best of American patriotism, complete with two fife & drum corps, one band, several Indian chiefs, distinguished and mostly brief speakers, a myriad of flags & bunting, and Newfoundland dogs.

It was also frigid, 8 degrees above, when Ray and I awoke early that morning in Charlottesville. And Virginians rely on the natural method of snow removal. Those factors served to reduce attendance on Jefferson's mountain top but did not affect the spirits of

three thousand undaunted participants.

January 18th had been chosen due to the historical calendar, of course, and not with climate considerations in mind. On January 18, 1803, President Jefferson had sent his confidential message to Congress proposing an expedition which "might explore the whole line, even to the Western ocean."

Other than our six hours on the mountain, what remains most memorable is the enthusiastic participation by our Foundation staff and volunteers during the five-day exposition surrounding Monticello. The LCTHF sponsored no fewer than four events, from the Mandan's Makoche performance to a candlelight reception at Monticello on January 16th, all of it done in good taste and with care to detail.

We were proud to be there.

Jim Gramentine



ENJOY A MISSOURI MEANDER St. Louis to Kansas City

It pays to plan ahead so be sure to set aside Sept. 12-15, 2003, to join the Badger Chapter annual field trip. The trip is in the planning stages but is shaping up to be another enjoyable time.

We plan to meet in St. Charles, Missouri Friday evening for a kick-off dinner. Saturday morning we will start out and follow the Lewis and Clark Trail towards Kansas City, Missouri, following the Missouri River and stopping at as many historical sites as we can along the way. A few on the list of possibilities are:

The Daniel Boone residence: It doesn't appear Lewis & Clark met with Boone but he was certainly in the area.

Jefferson City: The Missouri state capitol grounds commemorate President Jefferson, the Louisiana Purchase and Lewis and Clark.

Arrow Rock Historic Site: Referred to in the Journals by Clark as 'The Prairie of Arrows'.

Fort Osage: The site was identified by Lewis & Clark as a good place for a fort and in 1808, the fort was built by Clark.

Independence, Missouri: The Frontier Trails Museum portrays western expansion including Lewis & Clark, Oregon, Sante Fe and California trails.

Kansas City: Clark's Point, Missouri/Kansas river overlook, interpretive signs, and Lewis & Clark Statue erected in 2000.

Time permitting, we may even follow the bend in the river and head for St. Joseph, Missouri.

We will reserve a block of rooms at local sleeping establishments and attempt to identify the better eateries in the area. More specific details will follow in the near future. In the meantime, make plans to join us for an interesting travel experience as well great camaraderie with fellow Chapter members and Lewis and Clark enthusiasts.

Jim Rosenberger



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A FINE LITTLE EXPEDITION

A contingent of 10 represented the Badger Chapter at the March 20-22 Symposium, "Lewis & Clark: Observations on an Expedition", in St. Louis, MO. The Symposium was presented by the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, Jefferson National Parks Association, Missouri Historical Society and the Spanish Colonial Research Center of the National Park Service.

The format provided for 3 speakers in each session, each speaker presenting a half-hour talk on a specific, related topic and then finishing with a question and answer period. A variety of topics were covered such as preparation for the expedition, the politics of the day, food, medicine and music of the expedition, Native American cultures and views of the expedition and the men of the Corps of Discovery. Speakers included James Ronda, James Holmberg, Stephenie Ambrose Tubbs, and Carol Lynn Macgregor, just to name a few. Our final session was a visit by Meriwether Lewis as portrayed by Clay Jenkinson.



**The old Court House
in St. Louis**

The general feeling was that this was probably the best Lewis & Clark conference we had attended. Remarks such as; "I learned something new in each session" or "all the speakers were excellent" were common. At the same time we were given enough time to enjoy the sights and atmosphere of St. Louis, including the opportunity to view the National Geographic production, "Lewis & Clark, Great Journey West" at the IMAX Theatre at the Gateway Arch.

The Success of the Symposium is evidenced by the fact that most attendees are planning on returning for next year's meeting. The 2004 Symposium will be held in conjunction with the "Three Flags Weekend", March 12-14, marking the transfer of the Louisiana Purchase to the United States. Mark it on your calendar and plan to join us. More details will be given to chapter members as they become available.

Jim Rosenberger

President's Message



David Bubier

These are the times that try men's souls... ok, a bit dramatic, but the point is that with the Bicentennial Commemoration of the Lewis & Clark Expedition taking place from 2003 through 2006, there is a lot to see and do. I invite you to participate in as many of these activities as is possible within your budget, your time and

your level of interest. It is an interesting, exciting and diverse smorgasbord (yah, you betcha) of events, tours, conferences, festivals, re-enactments, etc. I don't know about you, but I do not expect to be around for the 300 year anniversary!

So don't worry if you missed the Bicentennial Inaugural Signature event at Monticello on January 14-19, 2003. Or if you missed the terrific Lewis & Clark Symposium: *Observations on an Expedition* in St. Louis on March 20-22, 2003. Never fear, there is lots more to come.

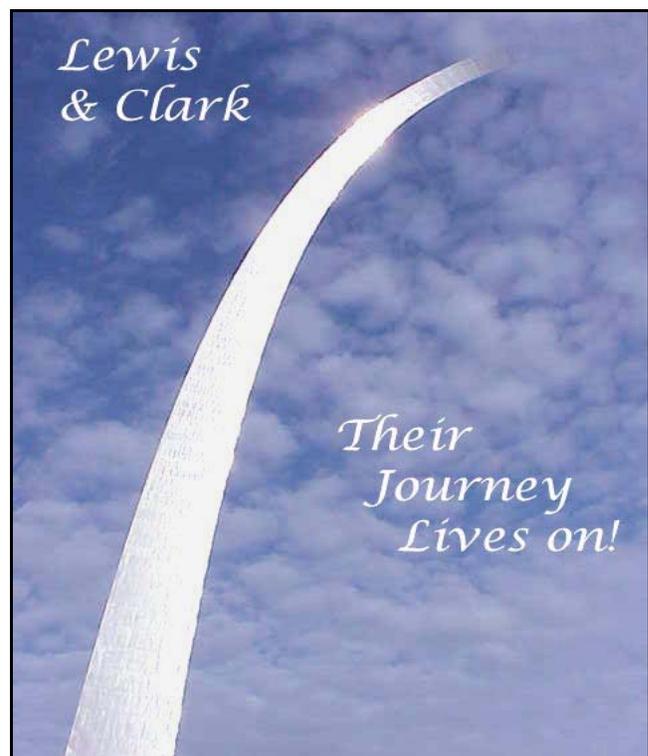
Perhaps you are interested in Native American cultures... then join us at the Confluence of Cultures: Native Americans and the Expedition of Lewis & Clark, May 28-30, 2003 in Missoula, MT. Maybe you'd like to attend the Lewis & Clark Symposium 2003 - Two Centuries, Two Peoples: A Confluence of Histories on June 19-21 in Lewiston, Idaho. The theme of the 2003 Symposium will focus on the perspective of Arts, Culture, and Language through the interaction of two peoples. What about the Missouri River Festival & Symposium -- Before, During and After Lewis & Clark planned for September 18-21, 2003 in Bismarck-Mandan, ND.

How about an opera? Try *Corps of Discovery, A Musical Journey* on May 2, 3 and 4, 2003. The

three-act musical drama is an artistic interpretation, 200 years later, of the significance of Lewis and Clark's expedition. Want to take a wagon train or trail ride? The *Lewis and Clark Rediscovery Wagon Train /Trail Ride* From Dayton, WA to Pomeroy, WA. March 24-26, is available to commemorate the trek of Lewis and Clark. Take in the *Weippe Camas Festival* on May 24 & 25, 2003 in Weippe, ID or take a 3-mile run in the *Retreat to Weippe Walk /Run* in Weippe, ID, May 24, 2003. This 3-mile walk/run takes participants through the beautiful Camas meadows.

Children's theatre, a lecture series on Sacagawea, Lewis & Clark family activities, signature events... you name it, you can find it this bicentennial from coast-to-coast. Check out the website at: <www.lewisandclark200.org/calendar/events_calendar.html> for even more events. I encourage you to participate in this once-in-a-life-time opportunity and enjoy all that this 200-year anniversary of the Lewis & Clark Expedition has to offer. And don't forget the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia August 10 - 13, 2003 and our **Chapter field trip on September 12-15, 2003.**

David Bubier



What'd Ya Know...?

As March 4, 1805 approached, the men of the Lewis and Clark Expedition were busy with last-minute preparations for continuing their travels up the Missouri. Ax men were busy hewing out six new dugouts for the trip. Lewis was busy writing Jefferson about the packed specimens being shipped back to him on the keelboat. La-Rocque, a clerk of the NW Company, had returned with news of the merger of the NW Company and the XY Company... momentous news in the struggle for trading rights in the Northwest. "Pomp" Charbonneau was only three weeks old.

And what of President Jefferson on that day... March 4, 1805? While Jefferson, a self-described practical teetotaler, had a wine bill of \$3,000 in 1804... more than 10% of his salary, he retained his Republican simplicity. People could tour the Executive Mansion anytime... even wander down to the President's office in the basement for chitchat. He dressed simply, shunning all displays of pomp. While the mansion had 14 servants, Jefferson had no personal butler. He preferred to travel alone on horseback when on business or pleasure. He had a secretary who was more file clerk than anything else. Jefferson usually answered his mail himself.

So it is understandable that on this day... March 4, his second inauguration was an unceremonious affair. On that day, living only a mile away from the Capitol, Jefferson rode there accompanied only by his secretary and groom. Once there, he entered the building unannounced (except for a blast of artillery from the mall.) His spoke in a soft voice and was simple and direct... more of what we would call a state-of-the-union speech today. Then he took the oath of office and left.



President Jefferson knew hundreds of people had come to the Capitol to see him inaugurated and that this would be the only occasion for them to see the Executive Mansion. He informed the Washington press that the mansion would be open on inauguration evening to anyone who cared to visit. By the time the "visitors" arrived, they were all drunk and in a rowdy mood. The East Room was not finished yet, but that did not stop the drunken crowd from taking all the carpenter tools for souvenirs and leaving the place in worse shape than when they found it. But all agreed, it was a lot of fun and a grand day -- March 4, 1805. What'd ya know.

Dave Bubier

Footnote: Kittler, Glenn D. Hail To The Chief, The Inauguration Days of Our Presidents. Philadelphia: Chilton Company, 1965.

The Bitterroot (*Lewisia rediviva*)

Thanks to new member, Jerry Anderson, our April 5th Chapter meeting had a floral piece sitting on the meeting table. Jerry brought along a potted bitterroot plant to share with us. Unfortunately, beyond identifying it and knowing Lewis brought it back from the Montana area, we did not know much more about the bitterroot.

But never fear, upon returning home and looking through my ever expanding Lewis & Clark library, I found an article in the November 2002 issue of "We Proceeded On" telling about Professor Gary Moulton speaking at the White House. In this talk, Prof. Moulton says, "...In Philadelphia, Lewis hired Frederick Pursh, a German botanist then in the city, to examine and



Bitterroot

describe his collection in preparation for his history of the expedition. Lewis died before the book was completed, and Pursh turned to writing his own book about the flora of North America, in which Lewis's botanical collection formed an essential part. Despite Lewis's significant contributions Pursh gave him little credit, but he did name the pink plant of the Rockies in Lewis's honor and designated it "Lewisia rediviva. It is better known by its common name, bitterroot, a term that is also applied to the Bitterroot River and to the Bitterroot Mountains, terrain well-known to Lewis and Clark. And the plant itself is the state flower of Montana.

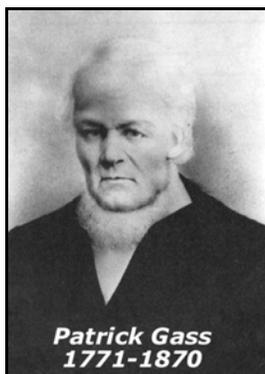
Pursh chose the second part of the name scientific, rediviva (or reviving one), because of a singular phenomenon he noticed about the plant. After being packed away in Lewis's collection for more than a year, the root was taken out and planted. Incredibly, it sprang to life in spite of the damp climate and inhospitable soil of Philadelphia. After Pursh's work with the collection, the bitterroot, along with the remainder of Lewis's herbarium, was deposited in Philadelphia, where the bitterroot specimen rests today..."

Thank you Professor Moulton and thank you Jerry Anderson.

Jim Rosenberger

My kin in Wisconsin

By Patrick Gass



Yes, I know that I have been out of circulation for quite some time now, and that you did not expect me to pop up here. But please allow me to share this item with those of you in the Badger Chapter of the organization that honors our epic adventure.

The reason that I am addressing this group, is to introduce one of my kin, who recently became a member of your organization. William Goodykoontz Holman lives in Madison, and is my 2nd cousin 4 times removed. As you might guess, the 4 times removed tells you that we never spent much time together, but we just found out about our connection a few years ago, and have been learning more about each other ever since. Bill & his wife Marcia recently attended the symposium in St. Louis with other members of the Badger Chapter, and he tells me that he is really enthusiastic about getting to know you all, and learning even more about our great journey.

Bill is retired from the sewing machine business, and Marcia is a retired occupational therapist. They both keep quite busy with volunteer work, frustra-



Marcia & Bill Holman

tions on the golf course, and touring on their Harley Davidson. I pointed out to Dave Bubier that Bill does a lot of work on his computer, and Dave decided to welcome him to the chapter by making him the temporary editor of this newsletter. Treat my cousin well, or I just might come back to haunt your meetings.

You can reach Bill & Marcia at wghmch@chorus.net and I'll check in with them from time to time to see if anyone has been trying to contact me.

Curriculum Guides Available



Badger State members are reminded that the chapter has purchased three copies of the excellent Lewis & Clark curriculum and resource guide, [An American](#)

Legacy, of which one copy is still available. Our goal is to get these free of charge into the hands of conscientious, interested secondary and junior high school teachers who will use them. You do not need to know the teacher personally. If the teacher wishes to borrow a copy before making a commitment about its use, that is fine. To borrow a copy yourself or to review our modest expectations concerning follow-up, call Jim Gramentine at 262-241-9317 or see him at the next chapter meeting. In Jim's opinion, this guide is worth far more than its \$55 price. He only wishes that he had had it when he was teaching American History.



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As of April 10, 2003 we have \$1,550.87 in the Treasury.

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