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Report on Nov. 9 meeting

Our meeting in Greensboro on Saturday, November 9th was very successful. There were 19 chapter members and visitors in attendance. We had chapter members in attendance from as far away as Maryland and the Asheville area.

Dr. Jim Hendrix's presentation "A National Treasure: The Journals of Lewis and Clark, 1805 - 1999" was excellent. A special thank you to Jim for his work in preparing and presenting an informative and inspiring program. An outline and summary of Jim's presentation are included below.

A thank you also to chapter member Lorna Hainesworth who traveled from her home in Maryland to be with us and also to set up a display on Fort Southwest Point.

Mark your calendars for our next meeting that will be held in February. The location of the meeting has not been determined yet. Russ and Liz Eagle will be our presenters and will share some very special travel experience and programs that they have experienced on the Lewis and Clark Trail.

Trent Strickland, president

(Jim Hendrix's outline follows)

A National Treasure, The Journals of Lewis and Clark, 1805 - 1999

"The story of the records of the transcontinental explorations of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark (1803 - 1806) is almost as romantic as that of the great discovery itself."

Ruben Gold Thwaites - 1903

The Quartet of Editions

Anon (Nicholas Biddle, ed.) The History of the Expedition Under the Commands of Captains Lewis and Clark (2 Vols., 1814).

Elliott Coues (ed.), History of the Expedition under the Command of Lewis and Clark (3 vol., 1893).

Reuben Gold Thwaites (ed.), Original Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, 1804 - 1806 (8 vols., 1904 - 5).

Gary E. Moulton (ed.), The Journals of the Lewis & Clark Expedition (13 vols., 1983 - 1999).

An Abundance (thankfully!) of Authors

Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark
Sgt. Charles Floyd
Sgt. Patrick Gass

Private Joseph Whitehouse
Sgt. John Ordway
Private Robert Frazer (lost, other than one map)
Sgt. Nathaniel Pryor (lost)
Private Alexander Willard? (unknown)

Sent from Fort Mandan, April 1805

Codex "0" - Lewis astronomical observations, 5/18/04 - 3/30/05: river information from Camp Dubois to Fort Mandan
Floyd's Journal
"Estimate of Eastern Indians"
Clark's River Journal
Camp Dubois Journal (Clark's)

The Bouncing Ball of Discovery

1884 - American Historical Society Founded
1892 - Rediscovery of Original Journals by Elliot Coues
1893 - Floyd's Journal (R.G. Thwaites)
1903 - Whitehouse Journal (Thwaites)
1904 - Clark field notes, 5 "pocket journal" (Voorhis/Thwaites)
1913 - Ordway's Journal (Biddle grandsons)
1953 - More Clark Field notes (General Hammond's desk)
1966 - Whitehouse paraphrased version (George White)
1975(?) - Lewis's Astronomy Notebook (John Logan Allen)

The Nitty Gritty of Lewis and Clark's Journal

13 red Morocco bound notebooks (American Philosophical Society (APS), Philadelphia)
4 marble covered notebooks (APS)
1 brown leather journal
(APS - these 18 are Coues's Codices A - R)
4 red Morocco notebooks Voorhis; Missouri Historical Society (MHS), St. Louis)
Clark's Elkbound field Journal, 9/11/05 to 12/3/05
(Voorhis; MHS - duplicated in Codices G, H, & I)

“REVEALED A STRANGE AND UNKNOWN WORLD, FULL OF EXCITING WONDERS... POINTED THE WAY TO ITS POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT”

LEWIS, Meriwether and CLARK, William. **History of the Expedition Under the Command.** Philadelphia, 1814. Two volumes. *Exceptionally rare first edition, one of only 1,417 copies printed, of the definitive account of the most important exploration of the North American continent, with the famous large folding map of the course of the expedition and five in-text maps.*
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