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Message from the President

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

It has been a great two years having the opportunity to be able to serve as Chapter President, also it was very much a learning experience. I want to thank everyone for their support during my term.

This winter I am at my youngest daughter's in Hereford, Arizona. Her kids go to the school in Tombstone. We are having really great weather.

This spring I'll be having a small exhibit at the spring shoot at Friendship, Indiana on June 6th through the 14th along with Ed Falvo displaying his medicine chest.

The third weekend in September we will also have a display at Old Washington, KY. That is basically where Meriwether Lewis hired John Coulter while he was in Limestone. He went to Squire Boone's Tavern where he met and hired Coulter on the condition he prove himself and if Captain Clark also approved. Many homes are from the late 1700s. One is made from a flatboat so you can see the size of the boards used. I hope we can have our fall meeting there.

The Monongahela River Chapter is again having a Lewis and Clark Gateway Festival with a John Walker dinner at Rockwell's Red Lion. The dinner will probably be on August 23. The air rifle will be there for anyone to shoot on Saturday during the Festival on August 24th and 25th. Daniel Slosberg will be there "fiddling around" as well. Anyone interested in the dinner can make a reservation with the Red Lion at 412-384-3909.

The spring meeting is planned to be a good one and I look forward to seeing everyone there. I owe such a debt of gratitude to everyone who helped me during the past two years and as ever I remain...

Your Most Obedient Servant, Bob Anderson

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Tippecanoe Commemoration

Weekend—Julia Teuschler

Friday Evening November 4, 2011

Around 6 p.m. Stan Spencer, Vice President Elect, and Jerry Wilson, Immediate Past President, called folks to gather for an orientation of the weekend. Stan introduced the Lafayette Convention and Tourism speaker who gave out maps and told of Tippecanoe County's pleasure in hosting the ORC. The events planned for the weekend at Prophetstown and the Tippecanoe Visitor Center with the adjacent battle site and cemetery were reviewed so all know what is where. The parking plan and meeting for a battleground tour with Mike Dotson was also reviewed. The Visitors' Center exhibits were mentioned with emphasis on the work of George Winter's showing the Potawatamies and other tribes right before they left on the arduous Trail of Death ending in Kansas.

The other period displays by the various soldiers who were with Wm. Henry Harrison were located down the battlefield from the very impressive Oolitic limestone memorial obelisk with its extensive steps and base. Due to the times of the Battlefield Ceremonies, it was decided that having the business meeting would wait until Sunday after Margaret Wozniak's presentation. Further questions were answered so all in attendance wouldn't miss any part of the expansive prairie park. All were glad to hear of the shuttles that would service the battleground, the farmstead, the prairie displays of period artisans, the DNR promotional tents, the tribal buildings, and parking lots!

Michael Dotson, DESC, and portraying Captain of the all important DuBois Company of Spies and Guides, 1811, aided Capt. Harrison in the battle. His very interesting talk included significant excerpts from letters of the time between William Clark and Capt. Harrison, and William to his brother Jonathon. Using his extensive research, Mike told us of all the Lewis and or Clark connections to the Battle of Tippecanoe he had found. Though all cannot be recounted here, Harrison's Aide de Camp was William's nephew George Croghan of Locust Grove in Louisville. He reviewed the 1792 association when William was under the command of Mad Anthony Wayne, though Clark had felt allegiance to his former commander,

James Wilkinson. When Harrison heard that Tecumseh was on a mission to gain support from southern tribes, and with the news that Clark gave him about Indian movements in his Territory, Harrison planned his move on Prophetstown with stealth and unusual movements along less traveled routes so his surprise was complete.

Mike's explanation of the terrain where the high ground overlooks the village with marshes to the front and rear, made Harrison think he was in good position for a victory. Unfortunately the natives had spies as well, and the battle ensued at 4 a.m. when the natives came THROUGH the marshes undaunted and surprised the troops who were hardly awake. He explained how the fires of the camps silhouetted the soldiers as they hurriedly fielded a defense. The Kentucky militia had slept dressed with muskets cradled against their chests as they huddled under the blankets thrown over their heads. And it rained! We would see many of the very trees they leaned against tomorrow.

Saturday, November 5, 2011

Everyone was generally on their own, though after the Commemoration Ceremony at 9:15 a.m. we would meet at the monument for a talk from Mike Dotson. A picture was taken of the group on the east side of the wonderful monument with our signature flag of 15 stars. The various brigades made for a colorful reenactment with their diverse uniforms and weaponry. Quite a wonderful display of historic patriotism. When the whole company representing Harrison's troops paraded and presented arms, the drums and fife corps played, and the banners and flags presented by roll call, we witnessed a wonderful patriotic review. The gentleman who portrayed Harrison had a great authoritative voice, which maintained the solemnity of the review!

Later after the troops could stand down, the National Guard call to muster was a surprise! The officer in charge, like a shepherd leading his flock, moved from skirmish point to skirmish point of the Battle of Tippecanoe from dawn till the natives were repulsed and beaten. You had to imagine the dragoons on horseback since the Battleground is restricted because of the burials there. So, because his unit had the same identity as Harrison's, this was its history brought to light through the concise explanations of the officer. The unit officers would lead another tour an hour

or so later. Everyone who wanted to know the history could learn.

The weather couldn't have been nicer for the sunshine and crisp air. Over on the west cliff above the marshes, you could see the bright green ground plants and a most beautiful pale pink foliage amid the dark trunks of the Hoosier woods. The color was so delicate and, after an inquiry, it was identified as pyracantha, or burning bush from the landscaper's corner! The naturalist said the plant stayed green until most of the trees around it lost their leaves. Then the added sunlight caused the pyracantha to change, but only to a muted red since the days get shorter. A treat for the eyes in such a sad place.

When it was time to visit Prophetstown, the shuttle was very welcome. And then the most hurtful thing went flying by.....a cute little pinto Shetland pulling a wicker sulky! NO, it was not for guests. That hurt as they passed on a circuit around the mowed paths along the Wabash.

Saturday Evening

McAlister's box lunch tasted great and we were honored to have two truly great speakers.

The Trail of Death presented by Lou Ritten

No one can do anything but praise Lou's presentation with remote reconnaissance from the Foundation's new Treasurer, Jerry Garrett. If we had just had our atlases, we all could have seen exactly where the hapless tribes passed. Does anyone like being confronted with the great sadness of cultural upheavals? All of us have seen the results of this along the trail, coast to coast. But this sadness cannot detract from the fine detail presented with the slide show as Lou told us of the Potawatamie and others leaving the beautiful and fruitful land of Indiana. Thank you, Lou Ritten of Chicago.

The Floyds at Tippecanoe presented by Bill Smith is a Floyd descendent on his mother's side, and her great uncle, Davis Floyd, was a man of many talents and lived through events of serious consequences. His son and stepson were at the Battle of Tippecanoe, as were two other relatives. It was good to hear of the documentation he found in his quest for knowledge of his ancestor. Such dedication brought new facts to his project. Bill displayed the 1812 saber & scabbard that belonged to Gabriel Jones Floyd.

Ohio River Chapter

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BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA
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SUNDAY, 9 A.M., NOVEMBER 6, 2011

I. Call to Order

A. Welcome: President Bob Anderson shared several events and inclinations with the membership:

The fledging Pittsburgh area chapter is floundering as it tries to organize. Bob thought if it doesn't get a sign up along the Ohio walking trail opposite Brunot's Island, the ORC should do so.

He encouraged members to consider Maysville, KY on December 2nd when a painting of John Coulter will be unveiled as well as a reprint of Patrick Gass's portrait. See the Maysville Mason website: www.cityofmaysville.com for information.

Members were asked to consider going to the Simon Kenton event at Old Washington, Kentucky just a mile or so south of Maysville, and near Simon Kenton Station is always held the 3rd weekend of September.

B. Minutes of Omaha meeting were published in ORC Newsletter, Fall 2011 issue and can be reviewed at http://www.lewisandclark.org/LCTHF_Chapters/Ohio_River_Chapter.html.

C. Treasurer's Report: Skip Jackson:
Treasury balance is \$11272.50, of which \$3140.01 (+195.00) is unrestricted. Restricted funds are: \$734.99 (-\$49.22) wellness challenge, \$900.00 (-\$80.00) Big Bone Lick-Ohio River Chapter, \$900.00 (-\$900.00) Big Bone Lick-Grant**, Future Explorers Fund \$430.00 (+\$636.00*), Clark Park Grant** \$5000.00, American Heritage Girls Patch \$42.50, Boy Scout Patch \$125.00

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Historical Society=\$210.00, Lewis and Clark Day in Frederick, MD=\$238.00; donations from chapter meeting = T-shirts \$55.00, Registrations \$65.00 and other sales \$68.00 for a total of \$1066.00
**All correspondence and publicity about the grant should acknowledge that funding comes from the "Lewis & Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment: A National Council of the Lewis & Clark Expedition Bicentennial Legacy Project."

Nancy moved to approve treasurer's report; Jerry Robertson seconded; motion passed by consensus with no objections.

D. Volunteer hours should be reported annually. When asked, members should report total hours of any activity. Several voices noted that all preparation, travel time, and time at event should be included in reports. Each September, members are called upon to report activities and hours. Keeping a monthly tally throughout each fiscal year is suggested as a way to record hours.

II. Old Business

A. President Anderson called for updates on chapter projects:

Chapter Award will remain with Chapter President for his term. Copy of award justification was in Fall 2011 issue of *On The Ohio*

Scout Badges: Boys Scout patches for Michigan Scouts number 19. Other chapters have presented patches to Heritage Girls.

Big Bone Lick signage: Jerry Wilson reported the Friends of Big Bone Lick group's progress on 14 new signs, one of which concerns Lewis and Clark. The Friends Group accepted the signage as corrected to 1803. The project is moving forward, but no completion day stated.

Stan Spencer moved LCTHF future grant applications be discussed, consulted, and approved by Chapter Officers, if timing precludes discussion with the membership prior to formal application. The motion carried by voice vote.

B. 2012 Annual Meeting at Clarksville: Updates for members
ORC grant for the Clark Park repair accepted and the monies are available from the Treasury. Annual Meeting news from Jim Keith and Linda Robertson were reported on Friday evening, not during the business meeting. A synopsis is printed at the end of the minutes.

III. New Business

A. Public address system is needed according Stan Spencer. This will be discussed further. No motion made.

B. Stan Spencer brought up the issue of gifting presenters with something show our appreciation. Discussion of appropriate and pertinent awards followed. Stan moved to offer a membership with a certificate of appreciation to be designed by Julia Teuschler. Jerry and Skip seconded the motion, Motion carried.

C. Future meetings were discussed as to place and region. Several ideas were brought up. Jerry Wilson submitted a proposal for "The Ohio River M. Lewis Missed: Big Bone Creek, other Ohio and Dearborn County historic sites and locations. A New Orleans meeting in 2013 would be a consortium of chapters including the Illinois Chapter. To be discussed at next meeting.

D. Report from the floor: Esther Duncan reported on her Grand Prairie farm property; a spiritual event is an on-going interaction; the Wea Plain and Indian artifacts and tribal lands; she reported on local evolution of lands around the Tippecanoe area counties from tribal to cropland.

Adjournment: Jerry Robertson moved for adjournment, Skip seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia A Teuschler, Secretary

Report on the Clarksville Annual Meeting

By Jim Keith and Linda Robertson

July 28th-August 1 is the weekend. The following was reported: Josh Loftus Bennett will be the Keynote Speaker. Others speakers are being finalized. Five buses are planned for the buffalo trace trip (Indiana Rt. 150) to Vincennes and the George Rogers Clark memorial. Pertinent videos will be played on each bus during the road trip. August 1 is William Clark's birthday, so that will be cause for some commemoration. A visit to Locust Grove is also on another day trip.

Registration fee is \$250.00 with online registration by credit card an option. Hotel registration will be made by guests and is separate from registration. Jim said there is plenty of free parking at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center, Clarksville, which boasts three hundred and fifty-six rooms!

ORC Spring Meeting

Mark your calendar for the Spring 2012 Ohio River Chapter meeting. The dates will be May 18-20. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Lakeview in Clarksville, Indiana (the same hotel as the 2012 LCTHF Annual Meeting). The primary purpose of the meeting will be to familiarize "volunteers" with their duties, responsibilities, etc. So, if you plan to be a once in a lifetime annual meeting volunteer, this is your chance. Again, mark your calendar for May 18-20, 2012. More information will be published in the Spring 2012 newsletter.

Jerry Wilson

Book Review

By Jerry Wilson

THE GODS OF PROPHETSTOWN:

The Battle of Tippecanoe and the Holy War for the American Frontier

By Adam Jortner

Oxford University Press—232 Pages

On Sunday, November 6th Janice and I returned to Tippecanoe to enjoy more of the commemoration activities. We attended a speaking presentation by Adam Jortner, a history professor at Auburn University entitled: A Victory for the Prophet. Even though I did not agree with all, we found it very entertaining and informative. I had already purchased his book, THE GODS OF

PROPHETSTOWN, and began reading it when I returned home. Following is my review of his book.

Jortner begins and ends his book with discussions of two natural events with stories that may have helped to explain the religious powers of Tenskwatawa. Did he have the power to darken the sky? Did he use the eclipse of 1806 as a sign for Indians to oppose white settlement? Did he have the power to shake the earth? Did he use the New Madrid earthquake as a punishment to whites for Tippecanoe?

William Henry Harrison was, of course, a primary character as well as the Prophet. Why did he feel that this area should be settled? From whom or where did he receive authority to be involved in the events of this time and location? Did he receive any messages from God? Possibly so, many European Americans believed God had a plan for America, and part of that plan was to spread our civilization across the continent.

Was the Battle of Tippecanoe a culmination of a "holy war"? Were there any winners or losers at the Battle of Tippecanoe? What did the future hold for Harrison and Tenskwatawa? Was the Battle of Tippecanoe the start of the War of 1812? I will leave it to you to read the book and decide for yourself.

Like many books I read I look for references to Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. Lewis is mentioned as being involved in an 1809 unscrupulous land deal with Sac Indians. Clark is mentioned two times indicating Harrison should be aware of various Indian activities. John Conner, the would be Lewis and Clark interpreter, plays an important role as well.

If you have any interest in this Lewis and Clark related time period, I recommend that you read this book. As I stated earlier, I do not agree with all of Jortner's writing, even a fact or two may be misstated. On page 198 he states the first of the New Madrid Earthquakes happened on December 11, 1811. Of course, we all know the first quake was December 16, 1811. And can someone help me? Was Clark ever considered to be the territorial governor of Louisiana (page 157), or was he considered to be only the territorial governor of Missouri?

Letter to the Editor of LCORC

To our Lewis and Clark Partners,
I enjoy your newsletter almost as much as my time spent with everyone.

Our time at Pine Mountain and Martin's Station in Nov. of 2010 was so special. It was nice to see old friends as well as making new ones.

I have something I'd like to share, as an aside, to the event on a personal level. In viewing the newsletter with that wonderful group photo of the Piqua Shawnee Tribe and your current President, Bob Anderson, has an underlying meaning and message.

Jim "Thunder Hawk" Green and his lady Kathy Smith are not dressed as Shawnee Indians. For this event, Jim worked for one year hand-making



every item they are wearing. He did this to honor the Mandan Nation, for whom the Shawnee were walking on the path, in honor of. The attire is Mandan design.

I felt this was so gracious of him to honor their traditions. I wanted to share it with all of you. Sometimes there are no words to convey respect, but actions do speak volumes. What an act of kindness on their parts. I didn't want it to go unnoticed. Give them a big thank you when we meet again. I'm still wondering how he did that headdress.

Thank you all,
Barbara S. Lehmann

For an excellent article on the Tippecanoe Commemoration Meeting, see this web site and read page 3 of the Mouth of the Platt's December 2011 Newsletter
http://www.lewisandclark.org/LCTHF_Chapters/Mouth_of_the_Platte_Chapter.html

Purdue University's *Wiping Away the Tears* symposium on November 4 was attended by several chapter members. Speakers included tribal leaders, historians and archaeologists. On November 8, due to the kindness of Jim & Annette McConnell, your editor was able to attend another symposium titled "After Tippecanoe" in Detroit, MI presented by the Michigan Commission for the War of 1812 Bicentennial. Both symposiums were extremely informative and valuable.

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Chapter member, Mike Dotson and Seaman in the midst of DuBois' Company of Spies and Guides

SPIRITUALITY ON THE TRAIL

Margaret Wozniak

November 6, 2011

I have accumulated a wealth of knowledge as a result of my experiences on the Lewis and Clark Historic Trail and at national, regional, and chapter meetings of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. This article is about another kind of growth—growth in my spiritual realm and its relationship to the Trail. My comments reflect only my experiences and understandings, and surely differ from the experiences and understandings of others.

Spirituality is a word that may provoke questions, skepticism, or disagreement. So, I will begin with my own definition. It is that part of me in which I experience wholeness, that feeling of completion and being one with all that is in the universe. It is not religion, not church affiliation. It is that which awes me, brings glee and joy, amazes, calls to me, and most of all, feeds that part of me that resides deep at my core.

The Trail contributes to my spiritual growth in several ways. Although it may seem to be a paradox, the physical geography of the trail is a starter. I love geography, land forms, plants, geology and rivers. When I see the earth's interior brought before me as the Bitterroot Mountains or the Gates of the Mountains, I am awed and humbled. Boating up the Snake River from Lewiston, ID and seeing the water's strength to overpower adjacent rocks, I have the same response. Climbing to the Snake River site where Ordway came by land to find fish for the corps' food supply or being present at the dedication of the Lewis Memorial at Grinders' Stand produces the same result. There is something about the spirituality of place that connects me with the transcendent. Touching the ground that the Expedition members touched is a profound experience. In this way the places on the trail become living, nurturing, and spiritual for me.

In addition to the trail itself, I am fed by the people who have traveled the trail before me. The original members of the Expedition had an inner strength that I can barely imagine. The challenges of the land intersected with their endurance. What did they possess that allowed them to overcome such hardship? Certainly it was something more than fit bodies and the promise of a salary and land grant. How did

Bratton live for weeks with severe back pain, and how did Lewis function amid depression? I have had personal experience with both of these conditions and modern medicine to lessen their severity. How did they endure with little to relieve their distress? I think they went deep within to find a reserve of determination that I can never imagine, as I've never been called to find. When I think about it, the word "resurrection" is redefined. They did come to life again and again by overcoming physical and emotional hardship. They also entrusted their personal safety to their fellow travelers. They met the unknown at every moment and depended only on themselves and their colleagues. In this way, they also redefined the word "faith" in a very practical way. They lived a life of faith daily. I am grateful to the members of the Corp for being people of resurrection and faith.

The members of the modern-day Lewis and Clark Expedition, the scholars and amateur students, also feed my spirit. Standing in the heat at Camp Fortunate at the Dillon meeting and seeing the eyes and voice of Dayton Duncan tear up as he was ending his presentation on the Corps' contact with the Shoshone feeds me. Seeing Bud Clark and a Nez Perce tribal member standing side by side posing for a photo at Weippe Prairie in 2010, just as their ancestors did 200 years earlier, feeds me. Reading or hearing Clay Jenkinson's artistry with words does the same thing. These people bring the events of 200 years ago to my time, and that transition, to me, is transcendent. It bridges time, or, perhaps, it makes time disappear—a concept of the new physics—there is no such thing as time! These modern members of the Expedition enable my spirit to touch the spirit of the Corp members. What a gift that is! A gift of connection, a way of unification, a strand that binds us to those who went before.

Another source of spiritual enrichment has come from the Native Americans who reside along the trail and have presented at our national meetings. Two of their concepts that I embrace are the oneness of everything and the circle of life, which are closely related concepts.

First, on oneness:

When Native Americans speak of Mother Earth and Father Sky, they are not speaking in analogy. When they state that spirits dwell within every facet of nature—the stones, the spawning salmon, the lakes and streams, they affirm their total connection with all things. Nature is alive with holy spaces and sacred objects. I found this quote in a Time-Life book titled The Way of the Spirit. It refers to the Pacific Northwest Indians who say, “a vital force pervades every fiber of existence, from stones that can only tumble down the flanks of mountains to the echoes that fill the valleys when they fall.”¹ Lame Deer, a Sioux medicine man, says, “We Indians live in a world of symbols and images where the spiritual and the commonplace are one.”² I love this concept! If all is one, there are no differences in the universe, only unity. The commonplace IS the spiritual. What a leap of consciousness this is. I am not there yet, but I am en route. Where does the little bluestem’s root system end and the soil begin? Where does its output of oxygen end and my intake of that same oxygen begin? It is all one essence.

The story of White Buffalo Woman and the teachings that she gave the Lakota long ago are beautiful examples of this oneness. At a time when the Lakota were starving, she appeared to instruct the tribe on the use of the peace pipe and the way in which the pipe connects all of creation.

A second Native American concept that I embrace is the idea of the circle of life. Be it the change from egg to butterfly or going from birth to death, we are beings of cycles.

A personal example of the meaning of the circle is given by a Lakota named Black Elk who participated in a tribal vision quest when he was 17. His experience has been interpreted as follows:

“I was standing on the highest mountain of them all, and round about beneath me was the whole hoop of the world. And while I stood there I saw more than I can tell and I understood more than I saw; for I was seeing in a sacred manner the shapes of all things of the spirit, and the shape of all shapes as they must live together like one being. And I saw that the sacred hoop of my people was one of the many hoops that made one circle, wide as daylight and as starlight, and in the

center grew one mighty flowering tree to shelter all the children of one mother and one father. And I saw that it was holy.”³

Black Elk states that words were insufficient to explain what he saw. His understanding exceeded his vocabulary—his heart felt more than what could be expressed in sound.

The circle appeared to me again at our Cumberland Gap meeting last fall when we participated in a smoke and prayer ceremony led by Chief Gary Hunt of the Piqua Shawnee. Standing in a circle, we were given some burned grasses and herbs to cup in our hands. Then the peace pipe was presented to each of us. If we chose not to smoke it, the pipe was touched to our shoulder. After prayers and singing, we threw the burned herbs and grasses to the sky as an offering. Gary Hunt and the other Shawnee were my White Buffalo Woman on that day.

I am grateful for the Native American concepts of oneness and the circle of life that expand my spiritual outlook. They emphasize the importance of a simple spirituality that is inclusive and embraces all that is. Details only get in the way by constricting and excluding.

Doug and I have collected several items over the years that help me maintain a spiritual connection with the Trail. They include photos, ceramic pieces, paintings, music and books. These items allow the Trail to inhabit our home and to always be a source of spiritual growth for me.

I have a passion for gardening. I love to interact with soil, roots, seeds, and I obtain immense pleasure in what the soil produces, be it a bloom or a green bean. I marvel that the bloom is contained in the seed. I do see the sacred in the soil. I know that soil is alive with microbes and a variety of unseen life all doing their jobs unseen. We have planted from seed and subsequently replanted dozens of Big Blue Stem and Little Blue Stem on our property, grasses that were the mainstay of the Great Plains in the time of Lewis and Clark. What I admire about prairie grasses is that they do the important thing first—establish a strong root system. They aren’t into showing above-ground growth until the time is right. I take that lesson seriously, remembering that a strong foundation is necessary before anything

comes to fruition. I am happy to find that our gardens contain a few of the plants that Lewis found on the Expedition—coreopsis, gay feather, prairie flax, pasque flower, lupine, four’oclock, and prairie smoke. I feel connected to him when I see these blossoms, when I transplant them, and, yes, even when I tear out the coreopsis because it is so prolific. I don’t have to be “on the trail” to feel that connection—perhaps because all of life’s trails are one.

So here it is. I have come to believe that the universe is one, that the earth is worthy of praise and honor, that people sustain me and enrich me. Much of this belief has come through my interactions with the members of the original Lewis and Clark Expedition, those who continue the Expedition, and the many Native Americans who have participated in annual and regional meetings. The nourishment continues. It is really just about awareness—being aware of surroundings and integrating them into the soul.

NOTES

¹ THE WAY OF THE SPIRIT, Time Life, “Legend of the Pipe as Told by Lame Deer,” p. 151

² Lincoln, Kenneth, NATIVE AMERICAN RENAISSANCE, p. 52

³ Ibid., pp. 87-88

⁴ Ibid., p. 105

It can be done anywhere and at any time.

Scott Momaday’s poem, “The Delight Song of Tsoai-talee,” expresses one of the strongest connections to the “All” that I have read. I like to take what he says literally.

I am a feather on the bright sky
 I am the blue horse that runs in the plain
 I am the fish that rolls, shining, in the water
 I am the shadow that follows a child
 I am the glitter on the crust of the snow
 I am the long track of the moon in a lake
 I am a flame of four colors
 I am a deer standing away in the dusk
 I am a field of sumac and the pomme blanche
 I am an angle of geese in the winter sky
 I am the hunger of a young wolf
 I am the whole dream of these things.⁴

May the trail continue to inspire our intellect and our spirit. May its soil support and feed us. May its beauty awe us. May we see it around and in us. May its story delight us in friendship and in purpose.

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From the Journals

[Lewis]

Sunday, May 18, 1805

our Indian woman was busily engaged today in laying in a store of the fennel root for the Rocky mountains. These are called by the Shoshones *year-pah*.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Ohio River Chapter *Volunteer* Spring Meeting—Clarksville, IN May 18-20, 2012
2. 2012 LCTHF Annual Meeting—"Nine young Men—Commemorating the Life of Sergeant Floyd, Clarksville, IN, July 29—August 1, 2010, Contact tourism@sunnysideoflouisville.org
3. 2013 Late February Regional Meeting in New Orleans

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