



On The Ohio.....

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LEWIS AND CLARK AND THE KENTUCKY DERBY

It is Derby Time in the Bluegrass Country. The dogwoods and redbud trees are in their prime, the roses and tulips are popping out, and Spring Flowers are blooming indicating that Spring is flourishing all around us. In the Bluegrass, that also means Derby Day is here. When I was growing up on a southern Indiana farm, Derby Day meant watching and greeting dozens and dozens of Derby Trains, loaded with partying revelers hanging out the windows and waving as they passed, heading to Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby. What fun. Now, the Derby Day Special Trains and even the tracks they ran on are gone.

These days, as Derby Day approaches I am reminded of the connection of this great Kentucky Tradition to the Lewis and Clark story. William Clark's grandson, Meriwether Lewis Clark, Jr. (1846-

1899), the son of William Clark's first born, Meriwether Lewis Clark, Sr. (1809-1881), was the driving force in establishing Churchill Downs and starting the Kentucky Derby tradition. ML Clark Sr. married Abigail Prather Churchill (1817-1852) of Louisville in 1834. She died when ML Clark Jr. was only six years old and he was subsequently raised by his uncle, John Churchill. ML Clark, Jr. was a successful businessman but was not a horseman. In 1873 he accepted a commission to travel to England and France to study horse racing and the horse industry. On his return he established the Louisville Jockey Club and raised money to build Churchill Downs on property owned by his uncles, John and Henry Churchill. The original Churchill Downs included a Grandstand that seated 3,500, Clubhouse, Porter's Lodge, and stables. The first racing season was 1875 and included the first Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Oaks and Clark Handicap. He also established many of the rules of racing and para-mutual betting that are still in use today. Although there have been many changes, renovations and expansions to Churchill Downs over the years, the track is still in the same place and the racing concept put in place by Meriwether Lewis Clark, Jr., still rules.

Meriwether Lewis Clark, Jr. fell onto hard times later in his life and died of suicide. He is buried next to his uncle, John Churchill, in Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville, KY.

The Kentucky Derby Museum has put out a very nice book entitled "The Kentucky Derby; Churchill Downs" which includes pictures of the original structures and of Meriwether Lewis Clark Jr. The Kentucky Derby Museum and Cave Hill Cemetery would be nice side trips for your next visit to the Falls of the Ohio area.



LEWIS AND CLARK AND THE NEW OHIO RIVER BRIDGE

Alice and I recently took a walk on the Big Four Pedestrian Bridge spanning the Ohio River. It was quite a view of the river and surroundings. We also walked along the Riverwalk on the Kentucky side to the Abraham Lincoln Bridge, the new downtown suspension bridge that will eventually carry Interstate-65 North traffic. It is truly a magnificent structure. We also toured the Lincoln Memorial at the foot of the bridge. The Memorial contains a 12 foot tall statue of a Lincoln sitting and looking towards the bridge. There are four bas-reliefs that illustrate Lincoln's years in Kentucky. I think that the Memorial is simple, well done, on point, and invites one to meditate on this great man and this honor bestowed to him. I certainly hope that the folks in Indiana name the new East Bridge the "Lewis

and Clark Bridge”. It would be fantastic to have a similar Memorial honoring Lewis and Clark at that bridge site.



LEWIS AND CLARK ALONG THE OHIO RIVER

Another LC site Alice and I visited Sunday after church was the Overlook Restaurant on the Ohio River at Leavenworth, IN, which is about 35 miles west of the Falls of the Ohio. The restaurant is located on a high bluff overlooking a bend in the Ohio River. The restaurant is the site of an “Eastern Legacy Lewis and Clark Expedition” sign, placed by the ORC through the grant project chaired by Mike Loesch and Page Cruz. The sign is installed in the back lawn and fronts the river. The restaurant folks keep the foliage trimmed back along the bluff for an unobstructed view of the river as it eases around the bend. It is easy to gaze at the scene and imagine the keelboat flotilla easing along with the river’s current and thinking, “Along the River, Where the Journey Began”. This is another Lewis and Clark side trip well worth the time and effort. Plan your outing to include lunch at the Overlook Restaurant. The pork chops and fried chicken are outstanding.





Secretary's Report

Ohio River Chapter

March 19, 2016

Kalamazoo, Michigan

The spring meeting of the Ohio River Chapter was called to order by President Chuck Crase. An invocation and reading was given by Skip Jackson, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Reading of the minutes from the last meeting was waived since the minutes appeared in the latest Chapter newsletter. A motion was made by Sandy Hennings and seconded by Skip Jackson to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was voted and passed.

Officers' Reports:

Vice-President Jerry Wilson reported on upcoming meetings. The summer meeting will be held in Harpers Ferry in conjunction with the annual meeting. The fall meeting will be held in Clarksville, Indiana in the area of the Falls of the Ohio, October 1-2. The Indiana Lewis and Clark Foundation is planning activities for the Indiana Bicentennial celebration. The Discovery Expedition of St. Charles will be there with the keelboat. An eblast about this is to be sent out in the next few weeks. More details of the meeting will be sent to members in an upcoming newsletter.

Treasurer Skip Jackson gave the Treasures Report. The chapter currently has forty memberships. The chapter has a total of \$11,812, \$6,900 of which is from the grant awarded by the Trail Heritage Grant Committee for the Eastern Legacy Uniform Sign System and \$75.00 for the American Heritage Girls Patch. This leaves \$4,837.45 in unrestricted funds. The Boy Scout Patch Fund and the Wellness Challenge Fund each have a balance of \$0.00. Skip Jackson made a motion which was

seconded by Jerry Wilson to reimburse Rich and Sandy Hennings \$50.00 for the table/registration fee for the Kalamazoo Living History Show. The motioned was voted and passed.

The Executive Committee exercised an audit of the Treasurer's Report for the last year and found it to be in good order.

The Communication Officer's Report was given by Sandy Hennings in the absence of Richard Hennings. The Communication Officer had compiled a list of those who receive a hard copy of the Chapter Newsletter, showing which members had or had not paid the \$5.00 postage fee for the newsletter. Members were asked to review and comment on the list. A motion was made by Sandy Hennings and seconded by Skip Jackson that the hard copy of the newsletter be sent to only those who had paid the \$5.00 postage fee. The motion was voted and passed.

Sandy Hennings spoke on recruiting new members through the monthly publication, Smoke & Fire. Sandy circulated an example of an advertisement that could appear in the publication. A motion was made by Skip Jackson and seconded by Jerry Wilson that the chapter send in an advertisement to Smoke & Fire to recruit new members. The advertisement would appear in the August and September issue and could, hopefully, be placed near an article written by Richard Hennings.

Reports of Committees:

There was no report given on the L & C Eastern Legacy Uniform Sign System due to the absence of Mike Loesch and Paige Cruz. A discussion was held on the status of the completion of the Eastern Legacy of the L & C Trail.

Jerry Wilson reported on the Wellness Challenge Program. He stated that whenever he speaks of the program, he is sure to mention that it is sponsored by the Ohio River Chapter and thanks the chapter for their continued support. He reported that the Wellness Program will be selling Harpers Ferry meeting t-shirts to raise funds to help purchase incentives for participants. The ordering information has appeared in the Orderly Report and will also be in the upcoming Orderly Report and then posted on the foundation website.

Terri Purcell gave a report for the Facebook Page Committee. She reported that a Facebook Page has been established for the Ohio River Chapter. She discussed ways that social media could be used to recruit new members. Pictures to be posted on the page should be sent to Terri Purcell and Ken Jutzi, who will monitor the page. A discussion was held concerning whether or not to establish an Ohio River Chapter webpage. It was suggested that it might be easier to use the Foundation webpage rather than create a separate Ohio River Chapter webpage.

Chuck Crase suggested that a new membership form is needed. He also discussed the idea of creating a logo and moto for the Ohio River Chapter. This, along with contact information, could be used on the Facebook Page, membership form, and/or chapter business cards. Chuck will compile some suggestions for a logo and moto to be discussed at the next meeting which will be held at Harpers Ferry. Hopefully, the chapter will be ready to make a decision on this matter at the Clarksville meeting in the fall.

The nominating committee, consisting of Chuck Crase, Alice Crase and Richard Hennings submitted a slate of officers for the period of October 1, 2016, September 30, 2017. The slate is as follows;

President--Chuck Crase

Vice-President--Jerry Wilson

Secretary—Janice Wilson

Treasurer—Skip Jackson

Communications Officer—Richard Hennings

Nominations were taken from the floor. There being no other nominations, Sandy Hennings made a motion to accept the list of officers submitted by the Nomination Committee. The motion was seconded by Skip Jackson and received a unanimous vote of approval.

Unfinished Business:

Jerry Wilson reported on the Scout Patch Program. He said that inquiries were made resulting from the display set up at the Living History Show. He thanked Sandy and Richard Hennings for their work and support of the program. He informed the Chapter that Bryant Boswell is not involved with the Boy Scouts at this time. He submitted checks from the American Girls Heritage Patch Program to Treasurer Skip Jackson and will send Skip a Boy Scout Patch for Skip to use to recruit participants in the program.

Jerry Wilson also gave a report on the Harpers Ferry Meeting. The meeting will be held July 24-27. Planning for the meeting is progressing well with a final planning meeting to be held in Harpers Ferry in May. He reported that all rooms set aside at the host hotel have been filled and people are being booked into the backup hotel which is close by. Lodging arrangement information will be updated on the website. At this time, there have been thirty registrations made for the meeting. This was considered good for this point in time.

Chuck Crase reported that he has been unable to get any more information on the “Honoring Tribal Legacy Curriculum Guide”, so the topic was tabled until the next meeting.

Announcements:

Terri Purcell reported on a program by the National Park Centennial and National Geographic to help parents and their children plan vacation trips. She suggested that this might be useful in promoting Lewis and Clark. Terri also reported on a Native American project to preserve native languages.

Chuck Crase reported that there might be some progress in the Eastern Legacy Legislation after the first of the year (2016).

Sandy Hennings made a presentation to Chuck Crase. After Richard learned of Chuck's desire to portray a farmer during the Lewis and Clark period, he made Chuck a rifle pouch and powder horn

with his name etched on it.. Chuck was presented the rifle pouch, horn and the scrapings from the horn.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Wilson/Secretary

From the Journals

September 6th 1803

The fogg was as thick as usual this morning detained us until ½ past 7 O'C . when we set out— observed the Thermometer in the air to stand at 71^o water 73^o— the fogg continued even with small difference between temperature of the air and water struck on a riffle which we got over with some difficulty and in the distance of two miles and a half passed 4 others three of which we were obliged to drag over with horses; the man charged me the exorbitant price of two dollars for the trouble.— got on pretty well to Stewbenville, which we passed at 2 Oc. Being 6 M. from encamp hoisted our fore sale found great relief from it we run two miles in a few minutes when the wind becoming so strong we were obliged to hall it in lest it should carry away the mast, but the wind abating in some measure we again spread it; a sudden squal broke the sprete and had very nearly carried away the mast, after which we firmed an secured it tho' the wind was so strong as to carry us pretty good speed by means of airing the firmed sails.— struck on a riffle about two miles below town hoisted our mainsail to assist in driving us over the riffle the wind blew so hard as to break the sprete of it, and now having no assistance but by manual exertion and my men woarn down by perpetual lifting I was obliged again to have recourse to my usual resort and sent out in search of horses or oxen— Stewbenville a small town situated on the Ohio in the state of Ohio about six miles above Charlestown in Virginia and 24 above Wheeling—is a small well built thriving place has several respectable families residing in it, five years since it was a wilderness— the oxen arrived got off with difficulty the oxen drew badly however with their assistance we got over two other riffles which lyed just below; we preceeded about a mile and a half further and encamped on the west bank having made ten miles this day.— Meriwether Lewis

Taken from The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition by Gary E. Moulton, University of Nebraska Press

Fall 2016 Meeting

The Fall 2016 Ohio River Chapter meeting will take place Saturday, October 1st.

On the weekend of Friday September 30—Sunday October 2 the Indiana Lewis and Clark Foundation and Commission, along with other local organizations, will host Indiana Statehood Bicentennial and Lewis and Clark at the Falls of the Ohio events. Most of the activities will take place at the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Park in Clarksville, however the Falls Interpretive Center and the Clark Cabin will be utilized as well.

The Discovery Expedition of St. Charles will have their keelboat on display as well as several Lewis and Clark related education stations with time period re-enactors presenting programs. Friday will be a School Day/Scout Day.

Tentative plans are to have an ORC information booth at the three-day event in order to promote the Ohio River Chapter, the Falls of the Ohio, the Eastern Legacy and the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

Thanks to Jim Keith and others in the Falls area, the chapter has secured up to twenty rooms that can be reserved for the event. Make your reservations at the Clarion (Holiday Inn), 505 Marriott Drive, Clarksville, Indiana 47129. The telephone number is 812-283-4411. This is the same hotel that was the host site for the 2012 LCTHF Annual Meeting. When making your reservations, ask for the Lewis and Clark rate at \$79.95 plus 11% tax. The rooms at this rate are for September 30—October 2, 2016. The cutoff date is September 15th the ORC will hold its business meeting Saturday October 1 at 6:00 at the hotel in a room to be determined later.

Thus, mark your calendars for the weekend of September 30—October 2, 2016, to help celebrate both the bicentennial of Indiana's statehood and the Lewis and Clark connection to the Fall of the Ohio.

Jerry Wilson ORC Vice President/Program Chairman

From the Membership

Dear ORC Members,

Alice and I have relocated from Stanford, KY to Prospect, KY to be closer to family and especially those grandsons. We are still on the Wilderness Road, but are closer to the Ohio River. Prospect is against the Louisville city limits and near the new East Bridge.

Stop by for a visit any time you are in town.

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Upcoming L & C Related or Interesting Events

June 24 th ,—26 th , 2016	George Rogers Clark Days	Clarksville, IN
July 24 th —27 th , 2016	LCTHF Annual Meeting	Harpers Ferry, WV
Sept. 30 th —Oct. 2 nd , 2016	ORC Fall Meeting	Clarksville, IN
October 14 th —16 th , 2016	Gathering of Five Medals	New Paris, IN
October 15 th —16 th , 2016	Harvest Festival & Gathering	Waynesville, Ohio

Colonial Terms

Adz, adze— A sharp-edged wood cutting tool with an arching blade set at right angles to the handle and curving inward. Logs and beams were shaped with the adze.

Bellows—An instrument with an air chamber and flexible sides, for drawing in air and expelling it under strong pressure.

Brindled—Marked with streaks

Calamanco—A glossy woolen stuff of Flanders, twilled and checkered in the warp, so that the checks are seen on one side only

From Chaddsford History Online



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