

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Eastern Legacy and Bicentennial Records

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Biographical/Historical Note:

The US Army Corps of Engineers was formed in 1802. Through the nineteenth century they built fortifications, surveyed for transportation infrastructure, and explored and mapped the American West. In the 20th century they have constructed facilities at home and abroad in aid of the Army and Air Force, responding to the nation's needs. The Corps of Engineers is made up of both soldiers and civilians. They manage the entire 900+ mile Ohio River from Pittsburgh, PA to its entrance into the Mississippi River at Cairo, IL Three Corps districts are responsible for managing the Ohio River: Pittsburgh, Huntington and Louisville. All locks and dams on the Ohio River are operated and maintained by the Corps of Engineers. They also regulate all pool levels. The Ohio River is the thread that connects the entire Eastern Legacy portion of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to the original Trail designation.

The Great Lakes and Ohio River Division (LRD) is composed of seven districts including Pittsburgh, Huntington and Louisville. The Natural Resource Management personnel in the LRD office (Paige Henley and Michael (Mike) Loesch) expressed interest in the planning for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. Organizational work for the Eastern Legacy came as a result of meetings held over a two-year period. The US Army Corps of Engineers were the primary leaders in organizing

Bicentennial activities in the Eastern Region along the Ohio River Corridor. This work was led mainly by Mike and Paige. At one point, they had a coalition of nearly 100 partners working together to organize Eastern Legacy activities.

The National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration, in observance of the accomplishments of the men who trekked across the country that would become the United States of America, featured events that occurred between 2003 and 2006. Signature Events, as they were called, took place all along the Trail as well as Eastern Legacy Events. The army became a primary player in the Bicentennial commemoration as the Lewis and Clark Expedition was an Army Expedition led by two army officers. Virtually all members of the expedition were military personnel, except Toussaint Charbonneau, Sacagawea, Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, George Drouillard, and York. The Department of the Army is heavily involved in historical events, particularly of a military nature.

“Eastern Legacy” refers to the Lewis and Clark expedition-related activities that took place east of Wood River, Illinois, before the selected members met up and departed into the unknown west.

Scope and Contents:

The collection includes eight document boxes. The majority of the collection is paper. There are a few brochures included. The documents predominantly cover the years from 1999-2006, with a few earlier pieces and a few from 2007. The collection focuses on the US Army Corps of Engineers’ leadership role in bringing together partners to plan and execute Eastern Legacy events for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration.

Arrangement:

The series in the collection are divided by function and arranged alphabetically. The arrangement of the records inside each series is in the order they were used by Mike Loesch, by subject or function.

The collection is divided into four series. The first series deals with the background research that was done in the decision-making process. It includes briefings and presentations, information gathered about The Filson Society, the Louisiana Purchase, Native American tribes Lewis and Clark encountered, and prehistoric culture. It also includes maps that were gathered, von Steuben drill manual, and information about life as a soldier. It is arranged alphabetically by subject.

The second series deals with correspondence exchanged during the planning and events. The correspondence is arranged chronologically.

The third series is Eastern Legacy work. It contains four sub-series. Sub-series one concerns records from individual meetings, arranged chronologically. Sub-series two deals with planning, and includes strategic plans, action plans, yearly work plans, and after action reports. Sub-series three deals with publicity. Sub-series four

is events, exhibits and activities. It includes information on the barge exhibit, 2003 summer and fall activities, planned Eastern Legacy events and information on vendors.

The fourth series focuses on Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Activities undertaken by the US Army Corps of Engineers Great Lakes and Ohio River Division (LRD). It is divided into eight sub-series: LRD regional meetings, LRD quarterly reports, LRD updates, national reports, expenditures, points of contact, newsletters, and Corps II related information.

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Eastern Legacy
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Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration

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Acquisition Source:

These materials were shipped to the office in two large boxes by Mike Loesch as this project ended for the US Army Corps of Engineers in 2007.

Processing Note:

Brochures that were gathered rather than produced by the US Army Corps of Engineers were removed and housed with the bicentennial and trail ephemera.

Sponsor:

This project was funded through a donation from the Harpers Ferry Annual Meeting Planning Committee, of which Mike and Paige were members.

Bibliography:

US Army Corps of Engineers. *The History of the US Army Corps of Engineers*.
Alexandria: Office of History US Army Corps of Engineers, 1998.

Access Restrictions:

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Series 1: Background Research Material (1763-1882, 1978, 1991-2006)

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- Folder 2: "Rivers, Eden's and Empires: Lewis and Clark and the Revealing of America," 2003
- Folder 3: Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, 2003-2006
- Folder 4: The Army Values of Lewis and Clark, c.2003
- Folder 5: Lewis and Clark Presentation by Paige Cruz, 2002
- Folder 6: The Eastern Legacy of Lewis and Clark Video Storyboard, 2002

General Research

- Folder 7: George Rogers Clark, 1978
- Folder 8: The Filson Institute, 2001-2002
- Folder 9: The Louisiana Purchase, 2002
- Folder 10: Maps, 1763, 1774-1776, 1784-1789, 1793, 1806, 1882, c.1998
- Folder 11: von Steuben Drill Manual, 1794
- Folder 12: York Research, 2001-2004
- Folder 13: "You too Can be an Explorer" Introduction and Research, 1991-2002

Tribal Information

- Folder 14: Native Americans Encountered by Lewis and Clark - Shawnee and Delaware - Shoshone, 2003
- Folder 15: Native Americans Encountered by Lewis and Clark - Salish - the Coastal peoples, 2003
- Folder 16: "Prehistoric Cultures at the Confluence and the Rise and Fall of Cahokia Mounds," 2001

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Series 2: Correspondence (1998-2007)

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Series 3: Eastern Legacy Work (1999-2006)

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- Folder 1: Eastern Legacy Interagency Meeting, February 27-28, 2001
- Folder 2: Eastern Legacy Meeting, June 13-14, 2001
- Folder 3: Eastern Legacy Meeting, October 17-18, 2001
- Folder 4: Eastern Legacy Meeting, April 24-25, 2002
- Folder 5: Eastern Legacy Meeting, November 5-6, 2002

Sub-Series 2: Planning (1999-2001, 2006)

- Folder 6: US Army Corps of Engineers National Strategic Plan Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration, 2000
- Folder 7: LRD Lewis and Clark Commemoration Action Plan The Eastern Legacy, 2000
- Folder 8: The Great Lakes and Ohio River District Lewis and Clark Commemoration Eastern Legacy - Action Plan, n.d.
- Folder 9: Ohio River Basin Lewis and Clark Commemoration Coordinator Position Description, n.d
- Folder 10: LRD Lewis and Clark Commemoration Action Plan, 1999-2000

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- Folder 1: Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, Missouri Operation Orders for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Expedition, March 26, 2002
- Folder 2: Lewis and Clark Expedition Related Resources Reference Lists, c.2000
- Folder 3: Lewis and Clark Expedition Related Literature, 2003-2004
- Folder 4: LRD Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration Eastern Legacy Pin Designs, c.2002
- Folder 5: Lewis and Clark Commemoration Preparations, 2001
- Folder 6: LRD Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration Expenditures, Eastern Legacy, 2001
- Folder 7: Implementation of the Lewis and Clark Commemoration, 2001
- Folder 8: NPS Lewis and Clark Challenge Cost Share Program, 2001
- Folder 9: The Eastern Legacy of Lewis and Clark [Video] Text, 2001
- Folder 10: Initial Order of Lewis and Clark Commemoration Banners Memorandum, 2001
- Folder 11: Eastern Legacy Partner Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration Letter, c. 2001
- Folder 12: Fact Sheet for Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, Missouri, 2001
- Folder 13: Points of Contact, 2001

- Folder 14: Proposed Calendar of Events, c.2001
- Folder 15: Lewis and Clark Commemoration Wish List, 2001
- After Action Reports
- Folder 16: US Army Corps of Engineers and the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration Event After Action Reports, 2003-2006
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- Sub-Series 3: Publicity (2002-2004)
- Folder 18: Newspaper Articles and Press releases, 2002-2004
- Folder 19: Internet Publicity, 2003

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- Sub-Series 4: Events, Exhibits and Activities (2000-2004)
- Folder 1: Eastern Legacy Calendar of Events, 2003
- Folder 2: Planned Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Eastern Legacy Events, 2002-2004
- Folder 3: Monticello Events, 2000-2003
- Folder 4: Pittsburgh Area Events, 2002
- Folder 5: Barge Exhibit Summer and Fall Activities, 2003
- Folder 6: Vendors, 2002-2003

Series 4: Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Activities, US Army Corps of Engineers Great Lakes and Ohio River Division (LRD) (2000-2006)

- Sub-Series 1: LRD Regional Meetings (2000-2003)
- Folder 7: Cincinnati, Ohio, May 23-24, 2000
- Folder 8: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 8-9, 2000
- Folder 9: Lewis and Clark Eastern Legacy Inter-Agency Meeting, February 27-28, 2001
- Folder 10: Lewis and Clark Eastern Legacy Meeting, January 15-16, 2002
- Folder 11: Western End Meeting of Eastern Legacy, Henderson, Kentucky, February 6-7, 2002
- Folder 12: March 18, 2002
- Folder 13: August 24-25 Meeting, 2002
- Folder 14: Lewis and Clark Commemoration Meeting, April 25-26, 2003
- Folder 15: Lewis and Clark Commemoration Meeting, May 21-22, 2003

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- Sub-Series 2: LRD Quarterly Reports (2003)
- Folder 1: 2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year 2003
- Folder 2: 3rd Quarter, Fiscal Year 2003
- Folder 3: 4th Quarter, Fiscal Year 2003
- Folder 4: LRD Updates, 2002
- Sub-Series 3: National Reports (2001-2006)
- Folder 5: Assistant Coordinator's Notes, 2005-2006
- Folder 6: Missouri River Basin Coordinator's Notes, 2001-2005
- Folder 7: Federal Working Group for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Water and Public Safety Subcommittee Meeting Notes, June 19, 2002
- Sub-Series 4: Expenditures (2002)

- Folder 8: MIRRS, 2002
 - Folder 9: Lewis and Clark Facility Expenses, 2002
 - Folder 10: Pin Orders, 2002
 - Folder 11: Commander's Coin, 2002
 - Folder 12: Keelboat Exhibit Pittsburgh District, 2002
- Sub-Series 5: Point of Contact (2001-2006)
- Folder 13: Lewis and Clark NRM Smartbook, 2004
 - Folder 14: Eastern Legacy Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery Commemoration, 2003-2006
 - Folder 15: Event Specific Points of Contact,
 - Folder 16: Geographic Based Points of Contact, 2002
 - Folder 17: Congressional Points of Contact, 2002
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 - Folder 19: Lewis and Clark Speakers and Presenters Lists, 2002
 - Folder 20: Contacts for Federal Resources for Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Cultural Projects, 2001

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Sub-Series 6: Activities, Factual Data (2001-2006)

- Folder 1: US Army Corps of Engineers Eastern Legacy Publications, c. 2002
- Folder 2: Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Events, 2003-2006
- Folder 3: Bicentennial Coin Flier and Bicentennial Exhibition picture, c. 2003
- Folder 4: Fact Sheets, 2002-2003
- Folder 5: Keelboat Display, 2003
- Folder 6: Brochure and Pin Designs, 2003
- Folder 7: Lewis and Clark Brochure Sites
- Folder 8: Lake Superior Marine Museum Association Fund Raising, c. 2002
- Folder 9: 8 Main Points to Get You Started Developing a Festival, n.d.
- Folder 10: Contact Sheets, n.d.
- Folder 11: Dry Run Photos, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2001
- Folder 12: Re-enactors at Change of Command Event, 2001
- Folder 13: Lewis and Clark Training Academy, n.d.
- Folder 14: Educational Items, n.d.

Sub-Series 7: Corps of Discovery II (2002-2003, 2006)

- Folder 15: Corps II Report to the President of the USA, 2006
- Folder 16: Corps II Correspondence, 2002-2003

Sub-Series 8: Newsletters (1999-2005)

- Folder 17: "Field Notes" the Newsletter of the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council, 1999-2002
- Folder 18: "The Odyssey" Newsletter of the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, Missouri, 1999
- Folder 19: "On the Ohio..." the Newsletter of the Ohio River Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, 2002-2005

- Folder 20: "River Notes" the Newsletter of the Falls of the Ohio Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee, 2001-2003
- Folder 21: "The Orderly Report" Newsletter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, 2003-2005
- Folder 22: Miscellaneous Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Newsletters, 2001-2003