

# Headwater's Chapter Records of Don Nell AR 010

**Inclusive Dates:**

1985-2009

**Name of Creator:**

Don Nell

**Extent:**

1.5 linear feet

**Collection Number:**

AR 010

**Name and Location of Repository:**

William P. Sherman Library and Archives, Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Great Falls, MT

**Access:** Unrestricted

**Collection Processed by:**

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**Biographical/Historical Note:**

The Headwater's Chapter of the LCTHF was started in 1985 and continued operating through 2009. Don Nell, a leading authority on Lewis and Clark and co-author with Jack Taylor of *Lewis and Clark in the Three Rivers Valley*, served for many years in many roles including president and secretary of the chapter. He was key to many of the projects accomplished through the Headwaters Chapter's hard work and perseverance. As early as 1986, the group had formed an ambitious list of projects including, a committee to research Clark's return on the Yellowstone, the need for Lewis and Clark related street signs in Bozeman, helping with the Clark's Lookout location in Dillion, and lining up speakers and presentations. The groups use of field trips to Lewis and Clark sites in the state helped entice growing membership to the fledgling organization. The Headwater's Chapter held the Annual Meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation in 1989 during the Bicentennial. This national event drew several hundred participants with tours scheduled covering 450 miles of the Lewis and Clark Trail. Registrants experienced the grand scope of the local groups planning and enthusiasm as they visited the Gates of the Mountains, the Headwaters of the Missouri, Beaverhead Rock, Clark's Lookout, Rattlesnake Cliffs, Camp Fortunate, Lemhi Pass, Kelly Canyon Campsite, Bozeman Pass, and the point where Clark reached the Yellowstone River. The group had about 40 members during the Bicentennial.

After the annual meeting, the Chapter's Mission Statement became: "The Headwater's Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation seeks to provide stewardship of the Lewis and Clark trail within the chapter's region and to promote public education related to the Lewis and Clark Expedition."

The chapter formed many valuable partnerships with other area groups to further their goal of public education. Partnerships included the Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society, Museum of the Rockies, and Montana Humanities. The 19<sup>th</sup> Street Rest Area in Bozeman, which was a \$1,000,000 plus project without any plans for interpretive signs for travelers, became a project for the Headwaters Chapter who worked to secure grant funding for signs describing Clark's journey on the Yellowstone River.

**Scope and Contents:**

The collection contains the operational records of the Headwater's Chapter as kept by Don Nell. It also contains correspondence and records of chapter projects and activities.

**Arrangement:**

The Headwaters Chapter Records collection is arranged by Series starting with Series I: Administration, Series II: Sales, Series III: Partners, and Series IV: Projects.

**Acquisition Date/Information:** This collection was brought into the William P. Sherman Library and Archives by R. G. Montgomery, president of the Headwaters Chapter, in 2007.

**Processing Note:** This collection was part of a mixed group of papers that included the Headwaters Chapter Records (AR010), Don Nell's Research Collection (AR011) and documents from Don Nell's service as LCTHF President (now part of the Presidents' Papers series within RG 003, LCTHF Records).

**Separated Materials:**

**Related Materials:** LCTHF Records (RG 003), Series 4: Chapters includes a number of folders related to the relationship between LCTHF and Headwaters Chapter. LCTHF Records (RG 003), Series 9: Past Presidents' Papers includes papers of Don Nell's presidency.

**Restrictions:**

The collection is open for use and housed at the LCTHF Head Office in Great Falls, Montana.

**Copyright:**

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**Preferred Citation:**

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**Subject Terms:**

Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

Headwater's Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation  
Bozeman, MT  
Copyright  
Three Forts Cut-outs  
Lewis and Clark Pioneering Linguists  
Headwater's State Park  
Bozeman Public Library  
Museum of the Rockies  
Lewis and Clark in the Three Rivers Valleys  
Board of Geographic Names

## Container List

Headwaters Chapter Files  
AR 010

### **Series 1: Administration**

#### Box 1:

- Folder 1: Headwater's Chapter Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, 1985-1991
- Folder 2: 501 c3
- Folder 3: Liability Insurance, 1994-2000
- Folder 4: IRS Form 1099's and Paperwork, 1985-1998
- Folder 5: IRS Form 1099's and Paperwork, 1999-2003
- Folder 6: General Listing of Chapter Activities
- Folder 7: Headwater's Chapter Board Meetings, 1985-1994
- Folder 8: Headwater's Chapter Board Meetings, 1995-2003
- Folder 9: Headwater's Chapter Newsletters 1986-2003

#### Box 2:

- Folder 1: Annual Reports to LCTHF, 1997-2006
- Folder 2: Copyrights/Permission to Use, 1997-2003
- Folder 3: Three Forts Cutouts Copyright
- Folder 4: Grants Applied for /Received
- Folder 5: Grants Made to Other Organizations
- Folder 6: General Correspondence, 1980-2003
- Folder 7: Donations, 1995-2003
- Folder 8: William P. Sherman Contributions, 1989-2003
- Folder 9: WPO Communication, 1986-1999
- Folder 10: Inter-Chapter Communication, 1986-1999
- Folder 11: Membership Rosters, 1986-1999
- Folder 12: Membership, 1988-1998

### **Series 2: Sales**

- Folder 13: Sales Items, 1992-1995
- Folder 14: Audio-Visual Committee, 1986-2001
- Folder 15: Lewis and Clark Pioneering Linguists, 1991-1995

#### Box 3:

- Folder 1: Lewis and Clark in the Three Rivers Valley, 1987-2002
- Folder 2: Robert Morgan Painting, 1992-1999

### **Series 3: Partners**

- Folder 3: Museum of the Rockies, 1986-2003
- Folder 4: NPS, 1992-1999
- Folder 5: Bozeman Public Library, 1992-1998
- Folder 6: Scouts- Boys and Girls
- Folder 7: Speakers, 1991-2003
- Folder 8: Montana Humanities Speaker's Bureau, 1997-1998
- Folder 9: Montana Writer's Presentation

#### **Series 4: Projects**

- Folder 10: Pompey's Pillar
- Folder 11: Pompey's Pillar Trip, 2002
- Folder 12: Headwater's State Park, 1997-2001
- Folder 13: Brochure Project, 1998-2000
- Folder 14: Lewis and Clark Pass Signage, 1991
- Folder 15: Tavern Cave/Rock, 1990
- Folder 16: Bozeman Pass/Headwater's Signage, 1995
- Folder 17: Portage Campsite, 1995-1997
- Folder 18: Meriwether Lewis Remains, 1995
- Folder 19: Lewis and Clark Trunk, 1996-2002
- Folder 20: Bicentennial, 1996-2006
- Folder 21: Bicentennial Sign Project, 1997
- Folder 22: Bozeman Visitor's Center, 1997

#### **Box 4:**

- Folder 1: The Trail film by Robin Williams, 1997
- Folder 2: Board of Geographic Names, 1998-1999
- Folder 3: Clark's Lookout, 1986-1992
- Folder 4: Pompey's Pillar, 2000
- Folder 5: Bozeman, MT Map Case, 1994
- Folder 6: Livingston, MT Depot
- Folder 7: Statues-Milford, MA Granite Statues, 1997-2003
- Folder 8: Bozeman, MT – Lewis and Clark Avenue
- Folder 9: 19<sup>th</sup> Street Rest Area Project, 1999-2002
- Folder 10: Dubois, Camp River
- Folder 11: Miscellaneous L&C Activities of Other Organizations
- Folder 12: Miscellaneous Lewis and Clark Resources