

Don Nell Research Files AR011

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Name of Creator:

Don Nell

Extent:

3.0 linear feet

Collection Number:

AR 011

Name and Location of Repository:

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

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Biographical/Historical Note:

The papers in this collection represent the research of Don Nell throughout his work with the LCTHF, numerous speaking presentations offered on Lewis and Clark topics, and his published works including *Lewis and Clark in the Three Rivers Valleys* by Donald F. Nell and John E. Taylor, Headwaters Chapter Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc. and The Patrice Press, Tucson, AZ, 1996. The files illustrate why Don Nell was considered an expert on Lewis and Clark and his lifelong fascination with the expedition and its members.

Scope and Contents:

The collection contains the research papers of Don Nell in his capacity as an active member of the LCTHF and a scholar of the expedition. The collection includes copies of book and article materials used as reference material by Don. It also includes correspondence and genealogical research.

Arrangement:

The Research Papers of Don Nell are arranged by topic at the folder level as designated by the owner of the files. The topics are then grouped into sub series

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) and documents from his 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. Headwaters Chapter Records (AR010) include all of the administrative and operational papers of the Headwaters Chapter.

Restrictions:

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

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Subject Terms:

Meriwether Lewis
Thomas Jefferson
William Clark
Sacagawea
Toussaint Charbonneau
Jean Baptiste (Pomp) Charbonneau
Pvt. George Shannon
National Archives
Louisiana Territory
Patrick Gass
Nathaniel Hale Pryor
Charles Floyd
William Bratton
John Collins
Pierre Cruzatte
Joseph and Reuben Field
Robert Frazer
Hugh McNeal
John Potts
Joseph Whitehouse

York

James Madison

Albert Gallatin

Spanish

Native Americans

Nez Perce

Journals of Lewis and Clark Expedition

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- Folder 6: Sacagawea Articles
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