

Title: Dr. Robert E. Gatten Jr. Research Papers

Name of Creator: Dr. Robert E. Gatten Jr.

Inclusive Dates: 1985-2018

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Collection Number: AR 039

Name and Location of Repository:

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

Access Restrictions:

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

Language:

The contents of the collection are primarily English language documents.

Collection Processed by/Dates: Della Yeager, 2020.

Finding Aid by/Dates: Prepared by Della Yeager, 2020.

Biographical/Historical Note: Dr. Robert E. Gatten, Jr. became involved with the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation in 1983. In 1988, he joined the Bicentennial Committee and in 1993 was one of three members who incorporated the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. He worked diligently to ensure Native American tribes were contacted and their perspectives included in the commemoration. Dr. Gatten was elected to the Board in 1991 and was President of the Foundation in 1994-1996. During his time as president, he hired the first Executive Director for the foundation and applied for the Foundations first Challenge Cost Share Grant from the National Park Service. Dr. Gatten presided over the 1995 annual meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. During this meeting, Dr. Gatten saw his personal research into the birthplace of William Clark result in the placement of two Virginia Historic Highway Marker's near the location on the 225 anniversary of William Clark's birth. One is located near the Clark land in Chilesburg, VA and the second marker about the Clark family on US Highway 1 in Ladysmith, VA.

Scope and Contents: The collection contains the personal research of Dr. Robert E. Gatten Jr. into William Clark's birthplace. The research includes genealogy, land deed records, and maps. The collection also contains correspondence with many paid researchers whom Dr. Gatten used to visit archives, libraries, and courthouses to look for records.

Arrangement: Files have been left in the order in which Dr. Gatten arranged them.

Acquisition Date: 2018.

Acquisition Source: Dr. Robert E. Gatten Jr.

Processing Note:

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Related Materials:

Beam, Timber. Cut timber from old farm house of John Clark, researched by Dr. Robert Gatten, Jr. Object ID# 2018.003.001 and 2018.003.002.

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Separated Materials: None.

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Subject Terms:

Clark, William.

Clark, John, III.

Clark, Ann Rogers.

Clark, Meriwether Lewis.

Dye, Eva Emery.

Genealogical Research, Deeds and Records.

Maps.

Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

Caroline County, Virginia.

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