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Please Save This Date!

Spring Gathering of CALCTHF
Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 1:30 to 5 PM
 Packard Hall
 Westminster Gardens Retirement Community
 1420 Santo Domingo Avenue
 Duarte, California 91010

Program: Nan Along the Lewis & Clark Trail

Come see highlights of Nan Davidson's (Nan Kaeser's) travels along the L&C Trail from 2000 thru 2006, including some events of the 2-1/2 year Bicentennial Celebration.

CALCTHF Chapter Officers for 2015-2017



Pictured are our new officers, from left to right, front row: President Joan Hockaday, Director John Hess, Director Ken Jutzi; back row: Secretary Mary Ann Kvenvolden, Director Virginia Hammerness, Vice President Barbara Gaitley, Treasurer Keith Kvenvolden, and Director David Smith

YEAR-END MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT:

Remembering the holiday meal of poor elk meat and spoiled pounded fish that Captains Lewis and Clark, with their Corps of Discovery, ate at their Pacific Ocean campsite on December 25, 1805, followers of the trail today are grateful indeed for more sumptuous holiday meals. And thankful for a better supply of liquor on hand along the Pacific to toast the season -- and our CALCTHF chapter this December.

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"We had no ardent spirit of any kind among us, but are mostly in good health, a blessing which we esteem more than all the luxuries this life can afford," Private Joseph Whitehouse added after Captain William Clark's Christmas journal entry.



Fort Clatsop

On New Year's Day, 1806, Fort Clatsop captains awoke to *"a discharge of a volley...of small arms, which were fired by our party in front of our quarters to usher in the new year,"* Meriwether Lewis wrote. His newly-carved desk and bench in place at the fort, Captain Lewis wrote about winter discoveries and better food, while his Corps boiled sea water for salt, found and ate leftovers of a beached whale, and hiked down the Oregon coast to



Lewis's Desk

Haystack Rock.

The new year of 2016 will usher in the centennial of the National Park Service, with events planned across the country. The Lewis and Clark Trail is now incorporated into the National Park Service, with both those historic entities looking forward to celebrating the new year together, with all the LCTHF chapters. Look for events posted on both national websites and in our newsletters in the months ahead, and offer any suggestions for California celebrations (with or without ardent spirits).

Already in the planning stage by board member John Hess is our Northern California fall event in 2016. Happy New Year to all California chapter members. Joan Hockaday, for the Board of Directors

FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

It has been a privilege for me to serve as President of the California Chapter (CALCTHF) of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF) for the past two years. In this endeavor I was fortunate to have worked closely with Secretary Mary Ann Kvenvolden and Treasurer Keith Kvenvolden and Directors-at-Large: Robert Allison, Jr., Ken Jutzi, Nan Kaeser, and Nelson Weller. During my tenure, the CALCTHF continued the Lewis & Clark Bay Area Book Discussion Group, led by Mary Ann Kvenvolden and Pat Hartinger, and the spring and fall chapter meetings organized by the Kvenvoldens and Gloria Slosberg. The southern California Spring meetings featured Daniel Slosberg in a variety of programs on Lewis & Clark era musical historiography. The Fall northern California meetings featured an NPS Ranger talk about the Anza National Historic Trail which runs through California from Mexico to San Francisco, and a recent presentation by Ron Anglin about the adventures of John Colter in the Yellowstone Park area. The CALCTHF also continues its close ties with the LCTHF and was the only chapter to contribute, as a chapter, to land acquisition for Shoshone Landing on Montana's Jefferson River Canoe Trail and Travelers' Rest State Park in Lolo, Montana.

I have also been personally able to augment contact between the CALCTHF and the national organization as I have served on the Vice President of LCTHF. In this meeting organized by Bill Stevens Dakota (EOTP-SD) Chapter of the Monument in South Dakota entitled Thomas Jefferson." Brad Tennant encounter with the Teton Sioux, and Mount Rushmore's stone carvings. Rushmore with "Thomas Jefferson" from Williamsburg, Virginia, to



Mount Rushmore, South Dakota

surrounding his dispatching Lewis & Clark to explore the Louisiana Purchase. We were touched and honored that the EOTP-SD Chapter had dedicated the meeting to the memory of my mother, Ruth Newfield, who had

LCTHF Board of Directors and am now the capacity I recently attended the regional and the Encounters of the Prairie-South LCTHF at Mount Rushmore National "Road Trip: A Visit with a Stone-Faced gave a talk about Lewis & Clark's Jay D. Vogt discussed the history of The meeting attendees met at Mount as re-enacted by Tom Pitz, who traveled relate to us the circumstances

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not only attended many of our CALCTHF Book Club meetings but, at the age of 96, had accompanied us to the EOTP-SD Chapter's meeting in Fort Pierre, SD, commemorating the 200th anniversary of the reported death of Sacagawea at Fort Manuel Lisa near Mobridge, South Dakota.

From Rapid City, South Dakota, my husband, Phillip Gordon, and I continued west with LCTHF



Downtown, Rapid City, South Dakota

President Steve Lee to the LCTHF Board of Directors' meeting at Travelers' Rest State Historic Park in Lolo, Montana. We stopped in Deadwood, South Dakota, where the receipts from the casinos are funding the town's historic restoration projects and in Lead, South Dakota, with its open-pit mine. We toured Butte, Montana, with Steve, a special experience as that is where he grew up. He hopes to return to re-explore Butte at his leisure after completing his term as President of the LCTHF, and we hope to join him for a further stroll down his memory lane.



Steve Lee at Travelers' Rest, Lolo, Montana

We had a few days back in California after our swing through western South Dakota, northeastern Wyoming, and half of Montana, and then headed east to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park (HFNHP) in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, for a meeting of the 2016 LCTHF Annual Meeting Planning Committee. The



Harpers Ferry, West Virginia

48th LCTHF Annual Meeting will be on July 24-27, 2016, and promises to be an excellent gathering. The area around the park is as scenic as it is historic because of its strategic position at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers and the location therein of the Federal Armory from which Lewis secured guns and supplies for the expedition in March of 1803. The program will include talks, a concert, and field trips to HFNHP. The meeting hotel is the Quality Hotel Conference Center which is in Harpers Ferry in close proximity to HFNHP. The planning Committee recommends making hotel reservations



Lower Town, Harpers Ferry

early as the number of rooms is limited. Please call 304-535-6302 and ask for the Lewis & Clark rate of \$83.00 plus tax including breakfast. There are also campsites and bed-and breakfast inns in the area as well as historic trails and opportunities for adventure travel. Go to wvtourism.com for more information.

I am grateful to all the people who supported me during my presidency, and I look forward to the new administration of the CALCTHF as led by President Joan Hockaday, Vice President Barbara Gaitley, Secretary Mary Ann Kvenvolden, Treasurer Keith Kvenvolden, and Directors-at-Large: John Hess, Ken Jutzi, Virginia Hammerness, and David Smith.

Respectfully submitted, Philippa Newfield

FALL 2015 GATHERING REPORT

Our California Chapter Fall Gathering was held on October 18, 2015, at the new Mitchell Park Library Midtown Room in Palo Alto. We were privileged to be one of the first non-profit organizations to have the use



Ron Anglin telling about John Colter

of this facility at no charge. Ron Anglin gave an intriguing presentation, focusing on his many years of researching the life and adventures of John Colter, who left the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1806. He joined two fur trappers and with them headed back to the Rocky Mountains via the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers. Ron's research traced Colter's life and his travels through the Yellowstone Country as thoroughly as



Fall Gathering 2015

possible, citing dozens of sources of information in the book

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co-authored “Gloomy Terrors and Hidden Fires: The Mystery of John Colter and Yellowstone.” Ron provided handouts about the most likely route used by Colter in the Yellowstone Park area and an 1818 Vermont newspaper account of Colter’s escape from the Blackfeet Indians in 1808.

Twenty-three people attended the Fall Gathering--seventeen of which are Chapter members. All of our recently elected Chapter Officers and Directors-at-Large were present. Several members made the trip to Palo Alto from southern California. Their willingness to keep our Chapter moving forward is greatly appreciated.

John Hess, a long-time Chapter member and a Lewis & Clark re-enactor during the bicentennial years, brought some of his L&C reproduction artifacts to display and discuss before and after the main program. It was a very nice addition to the afternoon, and we thank him for offering to do that.

Following the program and time for refreshments and socializing, our newly elected officers and at-large members met for a Chapter Business Meeting. This provided a good opportunity for our new President, Joan Hockaday, to get acquainted with the people she will be working with for the next two years, and to share some ideas for future Chapter meetings.

Submitted by Mary Ann Kvenvolden, Secretary

LEWIS AND CLARK AND DANIEL BOONE

By Robert Allison Jr.

I am a history buff and my interest in American history has always extended far beyond just the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The life of Daniel Boone has long been another of my interests. Over the years I have visited many of the places he once lived in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Missouri including his son Nathan’s home in Defiance, Missouri. This article explores the question “Did members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition actually meet and talk to Daniel Boone as they passed by his settlement on the Missouri River?” There is some compelling, heretofore ignored, evidence to suggest that yes they did meet and talk with him.



Daniel
Boone

In 1799 Daniel Boone had left Kentucky and moved to the Femme Osage Valley in Missouri territory. It seems likely that he, for a while at least, lived in a settlement named for himself bordering the north side of the Missouri River near where Femme Osage Creek drained into the Missouri. He was living there when the Lewis and Clark Expedition passed by both in May of 1804 and again in September of 1806. Daniel Boone was 70 years old in 1804. Twenty years previously, in 1784, John Filson had written his life story in his book titled “The Discovery, Settlement and Present State of Kentucky to which is added the Adventures of Daniel Boon.” Largely due to that book, Daniel Boone was a well known celebrity in his own lifetime. However, neither Lewis nor Clark mentioned anything at all about Daniel Boone in their journals. This may have been deliberate on Meriwether Lewis’s part--not wanting to share any limelight with a famous “explorer” from the past.

One of the enlisted men also keeping a journal, Private Joseph Whitehouse, did mention Boone. On May 23, 1804 Whitehouse wrote “We embarked this morning at 6 o’clock, having fair weather, and proceeded on very well, and passed some plantations, which is called Boons settlement lying on the north side of the River. This settlement was made by Colonel Daniel Boone, the person who first discover’d Kentucky and who was residing at this place with a number of his family and friends.” Gary Moulton’s comment in a footnote to Whitehouse’s *Volume 15, No. 3 (December 2015)*

journal is as follows: “This was the clearest statement in any of the journals that Boone was actually in residence at his settlement at the time the party passed by. None of the journals, including this one, indicates that they actually met him, which is odd since he already had the slightly exaggerated reputation of the man who “first discover’d Kentucky.” Perhaps Whitehouse’s scribe elaborated unjustifiably on Whitehouse’s information.”

While, as Gary Moulton states, none of the journals indicate that the party actually met Daniel Boone, two intriguing and largely ignored letters written by Patrick Gass (1771-1870) in 1866 and 1867 seem to indicate differently.

The letters were written to historian Lyman Draper (1815-1891). Lyman Draper had a strong interest in the life of Daniel Boone and spent many years collecting information about his life as well as the lives of other historic figures. In 1851 he interviewed Daniel Boone’s youngest son Nathan Boone and his wife Olive. This led to the recently published book “My Father, Daniel Boone, The Draper Interviews with Nathan Boone,” 2013. In 1865 Lyman Draper wrote to Patrick Gass asking him about his memories of several famous persons including General George Rogers Clark, Lewis Witzell, and Daniel Boone. Patrick Gass was 95 at the time. He lived to age 98 and was one of only two expedition members to live long enough to be photographed. The pertinent part of Patrick Gass’s reply to the 1865 letter is as follows: “...In 1793 I seen Col. Dan Boone at Lewisville Ky, and again in 1806 at Boonsboro on the Mo, [Missouri River] but did not learn anything concerning the early services or adventures of any of those men except that which I have read...” In 1867, Patrick Gass sent a second letter to Lyman Draper. The portion of the letter referring to Daniel Boone is as follows: “...Col Boone in the spring of 1793 had been out on the Kentucky River among the Indians. In 1806 he had removed his family to Boonsboro on the northern bank of the Mo [Missouri] above Jefferson City, if I mistake not. We were anxious to get home and did not stop long to converse with him. I can not describe his dress...” I feel that this is fairly conclusive proof that Lewis and Clark’s party did briefly stop at Daniel Boone’s settlement on their return journey in September 1806 and briefly talk with him. Patrick Gass indicates in both letters that he had “seen” Daniel Boone along the Missouri River in 1806. The complete text of both Gass letters is published in the August 2001 issue of “We Proceeded On.”

The settlement may not have actually been named “Boonesboro.” Gass may have been confusing it with the name of Boone’s previous settlement on the Kentucky River.

Some people will discount Patrick Gass’s memory because of his advanced age. I have some very recent experience dealing with persons in their mid nineties. Both my parents were in their mid nineties when they died last year. I worked with my mother recording oral history shortly before her death. She still had a very sharp mind and could clearly remember events from her early childhood. Likewise with my father, he had been wounded in combat in World War II and even into his nineties he clearly remembered, in great detail, all of the events surrounding his wounding.

I personally believe Patrick Gass’s account and believe that Lewis and Clark did briefly see and talk to Daniel Boone in September 1806 along the shore of the Missouri River.



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The Foundation works with Native American tribes, site tourism bureaus and several federal agencies including the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S.D.A/Forest Service.

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About the California Chapter

The California Chapter is one of 32 Foundation chapters located throughout the country. We work in partnership with the Foundation to stimulate public awareness and appreciation of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's contributions to America's heritage. We actively support education, research, and preservation of the diverse heritage of Lewis and Clark and we seek ways to support trail stewardship. We also have fun! To learn more, please visit us at www.calcthf.org.

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