



Thomas Jefferson famously stated, "I cannot live without books." In fact, this quote is so well known that you can find it on tote bags and coffee mugs, and it is the motto of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association. Unfortunately, other lifestyle choices, including a proclivity for fine French wine and cuisine—combined with participation in an unsustainable plantation economy—forced him to sell his entire library later in life, albeit reluctantly. The single bidder was the United States government, and the precious volumes became the genesis of the Library of Congress. But Jefferson apparently couldn't help himself, and immediately resumed his lifelong book-buying habit.



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PLEASE NOTE THESE IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

CALCTHF UPCOMING MEETINGS

Central California in San Luis Obispo—Location TBA,
Sunday, March 15, 2020
Joint meeting with Juan Bautista de Anza Trail Association
(see page four for more details).

Northern California in Palo Alto—Museum of American Heritage (MOAH),
Sunday, October 25, 2020 (tentative)

LCTHF 52th ANNUAL MEETING
Charlottesville, VA, August 2-5, 2020

CALCTHF President's Column

The California Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation has proceeded on through another successful year. We had two interesting gatherings. Channing Hartelius of Great Falls, MT, brought George Washington to Southern California last spring and discussed Washington's connections with Thomas Jefferson and Lewis and Clark. Then in the fall we hosted Mark Jordan, who spoke at the Museum of American Heritage (MOAH) in Palo Alto about the canoes expertly crafted by the Indians Lewis and Clark encountered on the Northwest Coast. The chapter is indebted to Arend Flick, who made the arrangements for us to meet at the library in Pasadena; to Keith Kvenvolden for securing the meeting room at MOAH; and to Allison Wong, executive director of MOAH, for her gracious hospitality.



In addition to the Spring and Fall meetings, the California Chapter's Northern California contingent had a well-attended Book Club meeting at the home of Keith and Mary Ann Kvenvolden in Palo Alto. As the meeting was held in advance of the 51st Annual Meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation in St Louis, everyone told of a personal experience in or related to St Louis. The stories were very varied and some of the reminiscences reached back decades into the past.

As a chapter project, we would like to develop signage to educate visitors in Southern California about the connections Jean Baptiste Charbonneau established there. Having signed on as a guide to the Mormon Battalion in Albuquerque, NM, he led them to San Diego on the concluding portion of the longest march in United States military history. The Mormons have opened a Visitor Center in Old Town San Diego, which would be a good venue for our sign. We would like to talk with them and the San Diego city officers about accomplishing our project. Jean Baptiste subsequently made his way to present-day Oceanside where he served as the *alcalde* of the area. In the

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museum at the Mission San Luis Rey there is a section on the Mormon Battalion. This would be an appropriate spot to include information about Jean Baptiste and his role with both the Mormon Battalion and the local municipality. If any of our California members can go by the Mormon Battalion Visitor Center in San Diego and the museum at the Mission San Luis Rey and ask whom we can contact to get started, it would be greatly appreciated.

The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF) is also concluding another good year marked by our 51st Annual Meeting in St Louis at which we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the signing of the articles of incorporation—also in St Louis—that established the LCTHF. The 52nd Annual Meeting will be in Charlottesville, VA, from August 2 to 5, 2020. The meeting hotel will be the Omni Charlottesville Hotel located right on the downtown Pedestrian Mall in easy walking distance of the mall's shops and restaurants. Ask for the special Lewis and Clark rate when you call to make reservations (434-971-5500). We would hope that all California Chapter members who are not already members of the LCTHF will join the LCTHF and then join us in Charlottesville in 2020.

The Board of Directors of the LCTHF is pleased to announce that the LCTHF has hired Sarah Cawley as our new executive director. Having majored in environmental studies, Sarah is committed to achieving the goals of the LCTHF and getting the word about Lewis and Clark and the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail out to new and expanded audiences. She will begin her work with the LCTHF on January 2, 2020. Please join us in welcoming Sarah into our family of members, friends, and partners.

Your obedient servant,
Philippa Newfield
President, California Chapter

California Chapter Fall Gathering October 2019

For its Fall Gathering the California Chapter of the LCTHF sponsored a talk by Mark Jordan on October 6, 2019, at the Museum of American Heritage (MOAH) in Palo Alto, CA. In his illustrated presentation Mark described the members of the



Mark Jordan speaks about Northwest Indian canoes at the fall meeting in Palo Alto.



New California Chapter Officers (l to r) Treasurer Keith Kvenvolden, Vice President Arend Flick, Secretary Frances McVittie, President Philippa Newfield, and Immediate Past President Phillip Gordon at the Museum of American Heritage in Palo Alto. Photo by Allison Wong

Lewis and Clark Expedition's experience in the Pacific Northwest and often in their own words. Here they encountered natives who built exquisite canoes that they could paddle on the Columbia River and into the challenging waters of the Pacific Ocean. As the Corps of Discovery continued toward the coast, the Captains and the men were awestruck by the expertise of these paddlers, while they themselves, hungry, cold, and wet, were afraid to cross the tempestuous waters at the mouth of the Columbia. Mark, who lectures regularly on the Lewis and Clark Expedition and has 40 years of canoeing experience, brought the men of the Expedition to life as they came down the Columbia, facing the difficulties of river travel and then meeting the natives who developed these incredible canoes. The California Chapter thanks CA Chapter Treasurer Keith Kvenvolden for arranging the use of the community room at MOAH and also MOAH Executive Director Allison Wong for making us feel very welcome.

Submitted by Philippa Newfield

Favorite Spots on the Trail—Sulphur Springs, MT

In responding to the *Golden Notes* editor's request for CALCTHF members to let him know what we would choose as a favorite site we've experienced on the Lewis and Clark Trail, I am going to write about Sulphur Springs. I'm not sure it qualifies as a "favorite" as Keith and I have visited many places along the Trail that have made long-lasting impressions that have enhanced our fascination with the Lewis and Clark story.

However, Sulphur Springs is off the usual sight-seeing path and is not easy to get to, so I feel we were fortunate to have an opportunity to see this site. This chance came during the Bicentennial Signature Event in Great Falls, MT, in June 2005. One of the many activities we participated in was the Morony Dam "Breaks" float trip. This raft trip on the Missouri River took us through undeveloped areas with one stop along the way where the tour group could hike from the river up the bluff to the site where Sulphur Springs is located. Expedition members camped at this site before moving directly across the river to the Lower Portage campsite on June 16, 1805.



Sulphur Springs, June 30, 2005



Mary Ann and son-in-law Garth Lewis at Sulphur Springs site with a great view of the Lower Portage campsite directly across the Missouri River. (June 30, 2005)

At this point in the expedition, Sacagawea had become severely ill. Lewis and Clark were greatly concerned that she might die. They were depending on her as their only Interpreter with the Shoshone Indians and also feared that her baby "Pomp" would not survive without her. Clark tried various "remedies" and finally Lewis decided to have her drink the water from Sulphur Springs. It turned the tide and Sacagawea gradually improved. So, this site played a pivotal role in the story of the expedition, and thus it is one of the more unique and special places that we've seen along the Trail.

A side note: There were several days of wonderful activities at this Great Falls Bicentennial Signature Event in 2005. Our daughter, her husband, and three young grandchildren joined us for some of them. During this time, we also met Ken Jutzi for the first time and encouraged him to consider being President of our Chapter, as we knew that leadership was being sought to replace the original leaders. For Keith, Ken, and me, it was the beginnings of several years of working together and having much fun and enjoyment in the process of planning meetings, etc., for the Chapter.

Submitted by Mary Ann Kvenvolden

Bay Area Lewis & Clark Book Discussion Group Report—August 4, 2019, at the Kvenvolden Home in Palo Alto, CA

This group was first organized in January of 2006, and even after 13 years, some of the core members still enjoy getting together. Others joined in the next 2 or 3 years and are still part of the group. I never thought the the group would continue to meet for so many years, but members look forward to the chance to socialize and share stories about their interests in Western History and their experiences on the Lewis and Clark Trail.

For this meeting we were joined by Mark Jordan and Bob Case—both of whom live in the East Bay area and have given presentations at our Chapter Meetings. Mark was also the Presenter at our October 6, 2019, Fall Gathering in Palo Alto.



Some book discussion participants from left to right: Barbara Dorr, Mary Ann Kvenvolden, Mary Mueller, Phillip Gordon, Virginia Hammerness, and Mark Jordan in the back.

Because the Annual LCTHF Meeting would be held in St Louis on September 21-25, our Book Discussion Group focused on having each person share a story about some time he or she had spent in or near St. Louis at a meeting or other event, especially if it pertained to the Lewis & Clark story. Not everyone had been to St. Louis, but those that had visited there had unique experiences to share.

We planned a potluck meal after our discussion, and everyone enjoyed the good food and time for visiting and further discussions. To top it off, we celebrated Mary Mueller's 96th Birthday (actually three days later on August 7) with a special cake. She joined our Book Group in 2007 and has always encouraged us to keep getting together. She became a member of our CA Chapter of LCTHF in 2007 and prior to that was a very active member in the Oregon-California Trail Association and was a leader of many trips and tours on that and other trails. One friend stated at the 2007 Meeting that "Mary never met a trail she didn't like!" It has been a great pleasure knowing her all of these years..

Submitted by Mary Ann Kvenvolden

Save the Date! The LCTHF California Chapter and the Juan Bautista de Anza Trail Association will hold a joint Spring Gathering in San Luis Obispo, CA, on Sunday March 15, 2020, at 1:00 PM PDT. Our speaker Bill Buck has traveled both the Lewis and Clark and the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trails and will discuss the similarities between the Lewis and Clark and de Anza Expeditions. We invite everyone to stay on after the program for a group dinner. Please contact Lindy Hatcher at hiker59405@gmail.com for information about the meeting venue, registration (no cost), accommodations, area restaurants, and local wineries. And while you are in the area, please plan to visit Mission Plaza, a wooded creek and urban oasis; the Central Coast Veterans Memorial Museum (805-543-1763); the History Center of San Luis Obispo County (805-543-0638); Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa (805-543-6850); the San Luis Obispo Children's Museum (805-544-5437); and Edna Valley Vineyard (805-544-5437).

Editor's Column: Did Lewis and Clark know each other before 1795?

There is no indisputable support for the contention that Meriwether Lewis and William Clark were boyhood acquaintances. Reuben Thwaites suggested many years ago without evidence that they were, and a book by Clark's nephew by marriage, William Clark Kennerly, also places them together around 1781, in Fredericksburg, VA, at the home of Meriwether's father's cousin Fielding Lewis. However, Kennerly's memoir, *Persimmon Hill*, is riddled with errors, and it is likely that his story of Clark and Lewis as childhood playmates is also apocryphal. We do know that the Clarks left Albemarle County well before William was born, and then left Virginia for Kentucky in 1784, when William was fourteen and Meriwether ten. There would have been no obvious time and place for them to have become friends as children.

A number of intriguing early connections between the Clark and Lewis (and Meriwether) families exist, though—enough to make it likely William and Meriwether knew OF each other before they met in Ohio in 1795 as officers in the Legion of the United States. For one thing, Clarks and Lewises had intermarried in the eighteenth century. Meriwether Lewis's sister Jane married a man named Edmund Anderson in 1785. Two years later, Richard Clough Anderson, the first cousin of Edmund's father, married William Clark's sister Elizabeth. Earlier, around 1754, Francis Holmes Pollard married George Rogers, William Clark's uncle. She was his second wife, a Holmes by birth. In 1762, her younger sister Elizabeth married James Meriwether, who was the first cousin once removed of Meriwether Lewis's mother Lucy. There are other Meriwether-Clark marriages through their shared Holmes ancestry. We may think of these sorts of connections as pretty tenuous today, but Virginians of this period took their family trees seriously, and it's probable that Lewis and Clark knew they had relatives in common.

The Clarks and the Meriwethers were, however, not only connected by marriage. The land that the Clarks acquired in Kentucky for their Mulberry Hill plantation in 1785 had been at least partly purchased from the estate of George Meriwether, Lucy's first cousin and the brother of Meriwether's guardian William Douglas Meriwether. George Meriwether had served in the Virginia legislature in the early years of the Revolutionary War, where he became friends with William Clark's brother George Rogers Clark, by then commander of the Kentucky militia and later a founder, with George Meriwether, of the city of Louisville. George Meriwether died in 1782 of what his wife called "a Violent Fever" in present-day Pennsylvania while arranging to bring his family from Virginia to Kentucky. The descendants of William Clark's and George Meriwether's brothers lived in close proximity in Louisville well into the nineteenth century, bound by ties of friendship, business, and marriage.

All of William Clark's brothers served in some capacity during the Revolutionary War, and two of them—Jonathan and Edmund—were captured after Charleston fell to the British in 1780. Most of the Virginia Continental Line was sent to South Carolina between 1779 and 1780, since the British had shifted its focus to the South in part because they had been led to believe (erroneously) the populace there was largely loyal to the Crown. Over 100 officers from Virginia spent more than a year in captivity near Charleston before being paroled or exchanged. They included not only Jonathan and Edmund but also their future brothers-in-law Richard Clough Anderson and William Croghan. Joining them as prisoners of war were Meriwether's cousins David Meriwether, Benjamin Taliaferro, and Nicholas Taliaferro. A year sharing close quarters was enough to create bonds that led several of these men to end up marrying each other's sisters, so we can certainly imagine, if not absolutely know, that members of William Clark's family had forged friendships with members of Meriwether Lewis's by the time the Clarks decamped to Kentucky.



Jonathan Clark

One can certainly hypothesize, then, that the extraordinary friendship that developed between Lewis and Clark had its beginning not in the summer of 1795, when they first physically met, but many years before.

Arend Flick



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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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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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