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### Auburn Event Draws a Crowd

by Ken Jutzi

On an overcast but otherwise beautiful Spring day, over eighty people gathered at the Bernhard Museum Complex in Auburn, California, to attend *The Life and Times of Jean Baptiste "Pomp" Charbonneau*, an event jointly sponsored by our Chapter, the Placer County Division of Museums, and the Placer County Historical Society.



*Mary Ann Kvenvolden (CALCTHF) and Melanie Barton (Administrator, Placer County Museums Division) get ready to greet attendees at the Bernhard Winery.*

In addition to museum docents, nearby residents, and others from across the state, two descendants of Expedition members were also present. Carol Benner from Los

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### Palo Alto Eighth Grade Class Experiences Lewis and Clark

by Pat Hartinger

On March 14, 2006, in response to a request our Chapter had received for classroom support, I had the pleasure of visiting the Jane Stanford Middle School in Palo Alto where I assisted Steve Carothers' eighth grade class in learning about the Lewis and Clark story.

The class had watched a Lewis and Clark video to supplement their textbook and each student was working on a report about some aspect of the Expedition - individual members of the Corps, Native American tribes involved, and the geography along the Trail. Student reports were to be given at an evening program to which parents were invited. They also planned to serve snacks made from foods that would have been available to the Expedition and, fortunately, Safeway had buffalo meat available!

I brought a box of items for the students to observe and handle and gave an overview of the Expedition members and an in depth talk on "Pomp". The students had a question and answer opportunity and then came up to handle the telescope, compass, quill pen, and other items. During that time, Daniel Slosberg's CD, *Pierre Cruzatte*, was played.

As some of the students returned to their classroom, about fifteen students moved to the back of the room and danced to the fiddle music for about twenty minutes. How wonderful it was to see such joy!

Mr. Carothers' philosophy is based on Mark Twain's: "I never let my schooling get in the way of my education."

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Angeles was there as was Ben Garcia from Auburn. Carol is an Alexander Willard descendant and Ben is a John Ordway descendant.

Several tables were setup with information for attendees to peruse. One contained both Foundation and Chapter information as well as fund raiser items. Another contained an excellent display of Native American information put together by Pat Hartinger. Another, put together by Mary Ann Kvenvolden, contained an excellent pictorial timeline of Pomp's life.

Two very informative presentations were given. Pat Hartinger gave a presentation on Jean Baptiste's life - from his birth at the Mandan Villages on February 11, 1805; to his European travels with Prince Paul Wilhelm of Wurttemberg (Germany); to his death at Inskip Station in 1866, near today's Danner, Oregon.

Pat was followed by Carmel Barry-Schweyer, the Curator of Archives for the Placer County Museums, who gave a presentation on what life was like in Auburn when Jean Baptiste lived there as well as on specific activities he was known to be engaged in.

One interesting artifact discussed was a request, in Jean Baptiste's hand, for a permit to operate a ferry on the south fork of the American River that is dated June 12, 1857.

After the presentations, several "thank you" gifts were presented. To the Placer County Division of Museums we donated a rare set of geological folios, compiled in 1894, and a book containing old photographs of buildings, roads, and bridges that were in Auburn and the surrounding area. The folios and book were originally owned by Chapter member Tau Alpha who wanted to donate them to the museum.

To Carmel we presented a copy of a letter William Clark wrote to Toussaint Charbonneau on August 20, 1806, as the returning Expedition neared the Ricara Village<sup>1</sup>. In this letter Clark offers to raise Pomp as his own son. We also presented Carmel with a copy of Susan Colby's book, *Sacagawea's Child, The Life and Times of Jean-Baptiste (Pomp) Charbonneau*.<sup>2</sup>

In appreciation for his four years of service as our Chapter's Treasurer, we presented Tau with one of the now infamous "beer signs" (see photo collage on page 3).

After the presentations we drew tickets to determine the winners of door prizes and two Peace and Friendship blankets. The lucky winners of the blankets were Gerald Miller of Sacramento and Don Bigham of Auburn.

We then gathered outside the Bernhard Mansion to begin a docent led tour of old town Auburn. Included in this tour was the site of the Orleans Hotel (no longer standing) where Jean Baptiste worked as a clerk. The next day, some of us gathered for a tour of Murderer's Bar - a busy place during the gold rush days and a place Jean Baptiste was known to frequent.

Special thanks go to Karen Rickert of the Foundation who donated door prizes and the two Peace and Friendship blankets; to Mary Ann Kvenvolden for helping to coordinate this event, for her Pomp display, and furnishing the refreshments; to Keith Kvenvolden for helping out with door prize tickets and donating the "beer sign"; to Pat Hartinger for her very informative presentation and display of Native American information; to Tau Alpha for donating his rare folios and book; to Jane Jutzi and Barbara Gaitley for staffing the Foundation/Chapter information and fund raising table; to Melanie Barton and her staff for making the arrangements for use of the Bernhard Winery and the docent tours; to Carmel Barry-Schweyer for putting together a well researched presentation; and to Michael Otten, President of the Placer County Historical Society, for donating door prizes. Each one of you helped make this event a success. Thank You!

A photographic summary follows<sup>3</sup>. Larger images and additional photos, including a copy of Pomp's ferry permit request, may be found on our website (*Galleries Page*).

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<sup>1</sup> This letter is part of the William Clark Papers, Voorhis Memorial Collection, located at the Missouri History Museum Library and Research Center, St. Louis, Missouri. An electronic copy, in PDF format, is available on our website. (*Members Only area/Downloads page*)

<sup>2</sup> Colby, Susan M., *Sacagawea's Child, The Life and Times of Jean-Baptiste (Pomp) Charbonneau*, The Arthur H. Clark Company, 2005.

<sup>3</sup> Photos were taken by Barbara Gaitley, Mary Ann Kvenvolden, and Ken Jutzi.

### ADVANCE NOTICE!

**In November, Dr. Gary Moulton will be in the Bay Area and we will have two opportunities to hear him speak. The dates are 3 November in Santa Rosa and 4 November in Cupertino (or possibly Palo Alto).**

**Check the calendar page of our website for more details and the latest information or contact Mary Ann at (650) 328-0414 or Ken at (805) 987-0978.**

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Bernhard Winery



Foundation/Chapter Info Table



Pat's Native American Display



Museum Docent and Keith



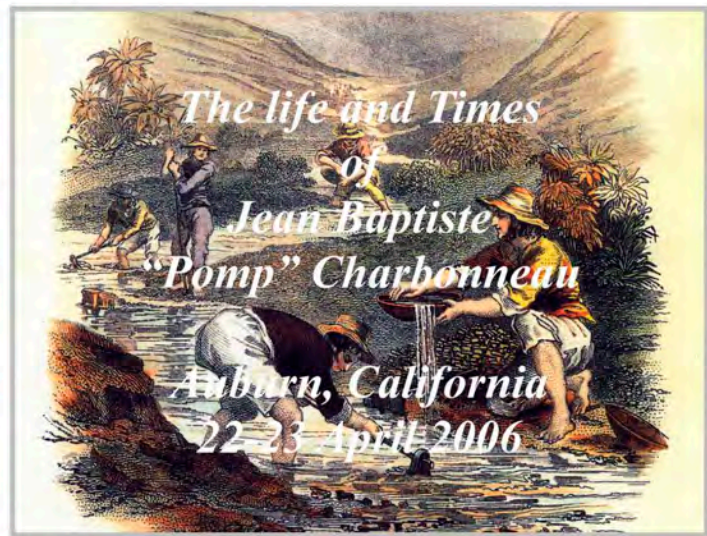
Mary Ann's Pomp Timeline



Attendees Gathering



The Allison's



Ben Garcia (Ordway D)



Pat's Presentation



Carmel's Presentation



Bob & Carol Benner (Willard D)



Ken thanking Carmel



Tau's Presentation (Ann helping)



Keith Thanking Tau



Bob Benner and Docent



Ann and Tau Alpha



On the Tour of Old Town



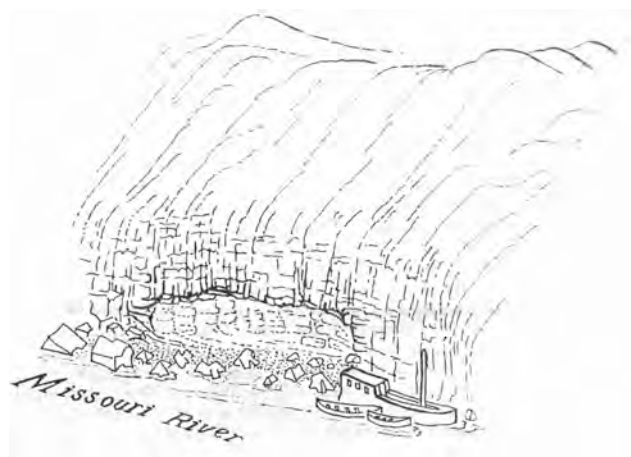
At Murderer's Bar

## A Visit to Tavern Cave St. Albans, Missouri

by Tau Rho Alpha  
(U.S. Geological Survey) (retired)

On May 23, 1804, nine days into their epic journey, the Lewis & Clark Expedition visited a cave on the Missouri River. In his journal entry for that day, Captain Clark writes "... we passed a large Cave on the Lbd. Side Called by the French the Tavern about 120 feet wide 40 feet Deep & 20 feet high ... Stopped about one mile above for Capt Lewis who had assended the Clifts which is about at the Said Cave 300 feet high, hanging over the Water ...".<sup>1</sup>

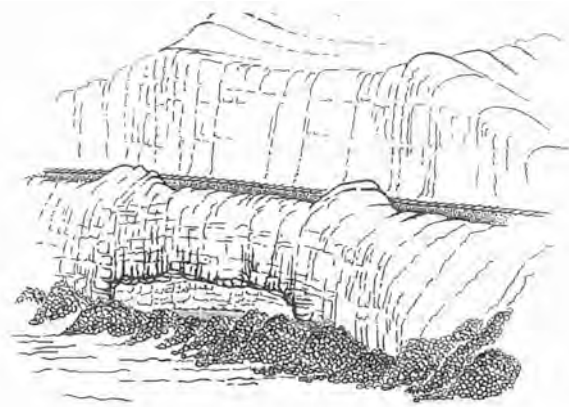
Today the cave is still called Tavern Cave and its measurements are the same as Captain Clark's. The illustration below shows how it appeared when the expedition visited it. At that time, the Missouri River was right next to the cave. The cliffs described by Captain Clark do, in places, hang over the Missouri River. As Captain Lewis was nearing the top of one of those cliffs during his ascent, he slipped and fell.



Tavern Cave in 1804

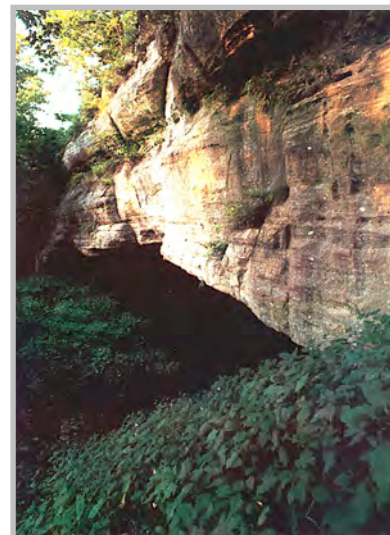
Fortunately, for Lewis and the Expedition, he was able to catch himself with his knife after falling about 20 feet. It's hard to imagine the Lewis & Clark Expedition without Lewis.

The next illustration portrays Tavern Cave as it looks today. Over the last 200 years the Missouri River has meandered away from the cliffs so today there is no boat access. The mouth of the cave is covered with debris from railroad construction that took place in 1903. The debris acts as a dam so there is now more than 3 feet of water on the floor of the cave.



Tavern Cave Today

Tavern Cave is hard to locate on maps and is not an easy place to visit. The cave is near the small town of St. Albans, Missouri. If you want to visit it, park near the post office in St. Albans and walk northeast on the railroad tracks for 1.75 miles to railroad mileage marker number 38. Turn west (toward the river) and carefully work your way down a very steep and slippery slope. You will need to use extreme care as there is no path. The foliage and trees are very dense and you will have a hard time seeing your feet. Once at the mouth of the cave, the dense trees and the debris make photography of the cave almost impossible. No attempt has been made to make Tavern Cave more accessible to Lewis and Clark enthusiasts. However, if you have time for a day trip, have good boots, and exercise caution, you can safely get to it. It's also recommended that you choose a cool day and take plenty of water. It's well worth the effort!



Overgrown Entrance to  
Tavern Cave  
(Courtesy Tau Alpha)

*Tau Alpha is a long time member of CALCTHF and LCTHF and served as our Chapter's Treasurer for four years. He resides in Palo Alto, California, with his wife Ann.*

<sup>1</sup> Moulton, Gary (editor), "The Definitive Journals of Lewis & Clark", University of Nebraska Press, 2002, Vol. 2, p. 248.

## President's Note

As we enter the Summer months and approach the end of 2006, a few of us are beginning to think about our 2007 calendar. From my perspective, there are several key questions we need to ask ourselves as we go about putting one together. These are: How many Chapter sponsored events should we have?; Where geographically should they be held?; What should be the focus or theme of each event?; What resources are required to effectively conduct the event (both financial and volunteer) and do we have them?; and What should our priorities be?

The primary objective in this planning process is to define events that are both interesting to you, our membership, and are held within a reasonable driving distance from where you live. Of course another key attribute is that the event must be within our means to conduct.

As of this writing, our membership totals 71, an increase of 40 from 9 months ago. This growth is encouraging. However, we are spread over a large geographical area, from San Diego to Weed - a distance of over 700 miles, and this makes choosing a convenient location difficult at best. [It's over 870 miles across the length of the state (San Diego to Crescent City) and over 280 miles across its middle (Monterey to South Lake Tahoe). Three of our members reside outside California.] Conducting many events at locations distributed across the state can overcome this geographical difficulty but our limited resources make this impractical.

As a point of reference, 46% (17) of the respondents to our January survey stated a preference for quarterly Chapter events whereas 49% (18) preferred semi-annual events. However, although 54% (25) indicated they would be willing to travel a distance which required an overnight stay - if an event involved a nationally known speaker - it's likely that a travel distance of more than one hour associated with a lesser event would be out of the question for most people.

If you would like to be a member of our 2007 Event Planning Committee, or just have ideas or opinions about what our 2007 Calendar should look like, please let me or another member of your Board of Directors know. I may be reached via regular mail at CALCTHF, P.O. Box 1767, Camarillo, CA 93011; via email at calcthf@adelphia.net; or via phone at (805) 987-0978.

As a reminder to those of you who will be attending the annual meeting in St. Louis this September, we will have a short business meeting in the afternoon of the 19th. One of the items on the agenda will be our plans for 2007.

Ken

## On the Trail

### Danner, Oregon

by Nan Kaeser

A mourning dove is singing her sad song from atop an elderly cottonwood. A meadowlark's liquid notes float across the sagebrush and a quail calls "Chicago" then skitters across the dusty track. A northern harrier skims low over the fields in search of breakfast. A few white fluffs of clouds dot the horizon. Overhead all is blue.

In the high desert of south eastern Oregon these are the sounds of Jean Baptiste "Pomp" Charbonneau's final resting place. A simple wooden fence encircles his grave and various signs commemorate his life and burial site. Inside this enclosure is a large wooden sign identifying this special location. His mother's name is spelled with a "g", i.e. Sacagawea. There is a plaque inlaid into a lava rock-stand erected by the Oregon Historical Society that enumerates five different people buried here in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, including of course, Jean Baptiste Charbonneau.

Within the larger circle is a smaller chain and pole circle. This encloses the actual gravestone for Pomp that was erected by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Here a plaque spells Pomp's mother's name with a "j", i.e. Sacajawea, the way the Salmon River area Lemhi-Shoshone spell their ancestors name.

The grave is decorated with mementos honoring him - plastic flowers; a colorful scarf; two lava rocks; a few Sacagawea dollars and numerous other coins; three baseball caps, one with "Lewis & Clark" across the front; and even a pen knife.

At the age of sixty-one, Jean Baptist was traveling from the Auburn, California, gold fields to a new gold strike in what was then know as the Montana Territory. On the way he contracted pneumonia to which he succumbed on May 16, 1866, at a roadhouse known as Inskip Station.

It is incredibly peaceful here in this high plateau of south eastern Oregon. The rolling plains of sage brush stretch in every direction, a gentle breeze nods the grasses and birds sing and flit everywhere. What a special spot to spend eternity!

*Nan Kaeser is a member of the LCTHF and our Chapter. Nan submitted this "trail report" as she was en-route to Lewiston, Idaho to begin a four month long journey eastward along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (LCNHT) to St. Louis, Missouri. Learn more about this "globe trekker extraordinaire" in this months issue of "The Orderly Report". Nan lives (some of the time) in Sierra Madre, California. Photos related to her report are on page 8.*

## Bay Area Book Discussion Group Meets Again

by Pat Hartinger

Nine Lewis and Clark enthusiasts met in Los Gatos on May 20, 2005 to discuss their second book, *Finding the West, Explorations With Lewis and Clark* by James P. Ronda.

Discussion was lively, covering the various topics contained in the seven essays. Maps were shared to supplement the map portfolio provided by the author. A great deal of interest surrounded Dr. Ronda's final chapter, "A Lewis and Clark Homecoming."

**The next gathering of the Bay Area Book Discussion Group is tentatively set for October 15, 2006.**

**The book to be discussed will be *Lewis and Clark Through Indian Eyes*, edited by Alvin M. Josephy, Jr.**

**If you are interested in joining the discussion, please call either Pat Hartinger at (408) 356-5363 or Mary Ann Kvenvolden at (650) 328-0414 not later than the 10 October.**

## Fort to Sea Trail Dedicated

by Robert Allison, Jr

On November 14, 2005, as part of the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration, the Fort to Sea Trail from Fort Clatsop to Sunset Beach was dedicated. I had the opportunity to hike the trail and attend the trail dedication. The following is some background and a description of this new trail, now part of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail system.

When Lewis and Clark wintered on the Pacific coast in 1805-06 they chose a site which was located about 6 1/2 miles inland from the ocean near a small protected stream now called the Netul River. On this site they built Fort Clatsop. Because of frequent strong tides and winds at the mouth of the Columbia, Lewis and Clark did not often use the Columbia River itself as their primary route to the coast. Instead, they either travelled overland or they used a route which involved both canoe and land travel.

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Clark also used the combination land and water route in traveling to present day Ecola Beach to view the beached whale. In following this route, Expedition members would canoe out the Netul River to Youngs Bay (Meriwether Bay), then northwest along the shoreline of the bay for a short way, and then up a small stream to a point where they left the canoes and walked overland to the coast.

On December 8, 1805, Clark scouted out the overland route from the fort and blazed it so the "... men out hunting might find the direction to the fort if they Should get lost in cloudy weather...". Describing his objectives he noted "I deturmin'd to go as direct a Course as I could to the Sea Coast which we Could here roar and appeared to be at no great distance from us, my principal object is to look out a place to make Salt ..."<sup>1</sup>.

In his entry for December 10th Clark describes the overland route: "The Sea Coast is about 7 miles distant Nearly West about 5 miles of the distance through a thick wood with reveens hills and Swamps the land, rich black moald 2 miles in a open wavering Sandy prarie, ridge running parrelal to the river, Covered with Green Grass."<sup>2</sup>

Two hundred years later the vegetation and topography remain much the same. The thick woods are still there as are the ridges and ravines, the swamp areas (Clark sometimes referred to swamps as Slashes), the river (Skipanon), the grassy areas, and the sand dunes. The new trail is very scenic and traverses all of these areas. It crosses ponds or lakes and skirts the edges of the grassy areas which are now farmers' fields.

Prior to last November, if modern day enthusiasts attempted to retrace Lewis and Clark's land route from the reconstructed Fort Clatsop to the coast they would have encountered Highway 101 blocking the route as well as private property with no trespass signs, farmers' fences, pastures, wetland areas through which they would have had to wade and the Skipanon River which they would have had to cross.

Construction of the new trail was a cooperative effort between the National Park Service, the Oregon State Parks, the Oregon Board of Forestry, the Federal Highway Department, and many local entities and volunteers. The Highway Department built a beautiful concrete underpass under Highway 101 inscribed with the Fort to Sea name. The cooperators obtained rights-of-way across all the private land not within park boundaries and they built bridges across the Skipanon River and the smaller water courses. The trail crosses a pond (East Neacoxie Lake or Sunset Lake) on a pontoon bridge. Basically it's a high standard hiking trail built to Park Service standards. Board walks were built over the

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wetland areas, it's signed with directional signs and a portion of it is graveled. The Park Service also has plans to build a viewing platform.

At the November 14th dedication, re-enactors, the public, U.S. Army representatives, and Oregon Governor Kulongoski's wife and dog - about 200 people in all - hiked the trail. At Fort Clatsop, before the hike began, breakfast was served for the volunteers, the re-enactors and the dignitaries. The actual dedication ceremony was held around noon at the end of the hike in the Sunset Beach parking lot. The Governor's wife gave a speech as did several representatives of the Department of Interior, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Park, the Oregon State Parks, the Oregon Board of Forestry and other local



*U.S. Highway 101 underpass. The underpass is located two miles from the west end of the trail. (Courtesy the National Park Service)*

entities. Many awards were given out and a re-enactor portraying President Thomas Jefferson made a fine speech.<sup>3</sup> He was dressed as befitted an early 19th century



*Hikers crossing one of the trail's many waterways (Courtesy the National Park Service)*

gentleman, complete with polished riding boots and a cape. He seemed puzzled by the casual 21st century dress of most of the hikers in the audience.



*Re-enactors on the Dunes at Sunset Beach (Courtesy the National Park Service)*

The Fort-to-Sea Trail is a fine new trail and well worth hiking<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Moulton, Gary (editor), "The Definitive Journals of Lewis & Clark", University of Nebraska Press, 2002, Vol. 6, p. 116.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., p. 122.

<sup>3</sup> The re-enactor was Bill Barker from Colonial Williamsburg, VA

<sup>4</sup> Additional details on the construction, dedication, and planned improvements of this new trail, including photos taken during construction and on dedication day, may be found on the National Park Services's Fort to Sea Trail website located at <http://www.forttosea.org/dedicationandphotos.html>.

<b>Dates to Remember*</b>	
<b>Foundation/Chapter/Community Events</b>	
September 18-19 St. Louis, MO	Foundation Annual Meeting
September 18 St. Louis, MO	CALCTHF Business Meeting
November 3 Santa Rosa, CA	Book Collection Dedication Ceremony with Gary Moulton as Keynote Speaker
November 4 Cupertino, CA	Chapter Event With Gary Moulton (alternate location is Palo Alto, CA)
<b>Remaining Signature Events</b>	
May to September Washington, DC	Lewis and Clark: The National Bicentennial Exhibition
July 22-25 Billings, MT	Clark on the Yellowstone
August 17-20 New Town, ND	Reunion at the Home of Sacagawea
September 20-24 St. Louis, MO	Currents of Change

\*additional details are available on the *Calendar* page of our website located at: <http://web.mac.com/calcthf>

## About Our Organization

The California Chapter is a non-profit organization. We are dedicated to stimulating public appreciation of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's contributions to America's heritage. We actively support education, research, development, and preservation of the Lewis and Clark experience, and we seek ways to support trail stewardship. We also have fun! To learn more please visit us at: <http://web.mac.com/calcthf>.



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### Inskip Station - Danner, Oregon

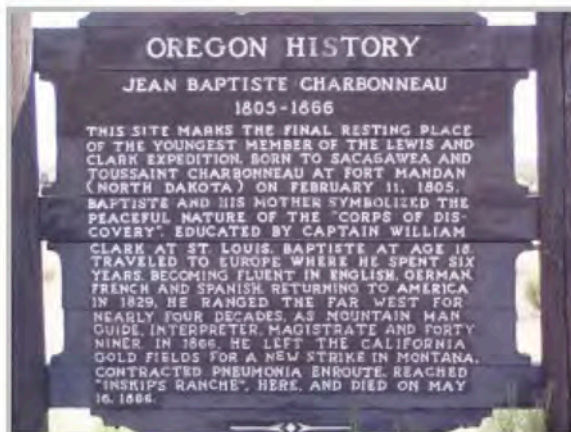
The place where Jean Baptiste "Pomp" Charbonneau died on May 16, 1866. At the time, it was a fortified roadhouse located on the wagon road between Silver City, Idaho, and Winnemucca, Nevada.\*  
(Danner is about 15 miles west of Jordan Valley, Oregon) (related article on page 5)



Inskip Station (ca. 1910)



Inskip Station Today



(all photos, except the ca.1910 photo of Inskip Station, are by Garwood Jorgenson)

Jean Baptiste "Pomp" Charbonneau's Final Resting Place

\*Anderson, Irving W., "A Charbonneau Family Portrait, Biographical Sketches of Sagajawea, Jean Baptiste, and Toussaint Charbonneau", p. 17, Fort Clatsop Historical Association, 2002.