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Report From The Trail *Among the Nimiipuu*

14 June 2006, Spaulding, Idaho
 by Nan Kaeser

Through a light rain, a crowd of about 700 people squished over wet grass and mud to take part in the opening ceremonies of the 10th Signature Event of the Lewis and Clark National Bicentennial Commemoration known as *The Summer of Peace Among the Nimiipuu*. This event commemorated the 200 anniversary of the rejoining of the Corps of Discovery with the Nimiipuu (Nez Perce) on their return journey to the United States in 1806.



*Nez Perce Dancers Delight the Crowd
 (Lewiston Tribune)*

Events were held at the Nez Perce National Historic Park near Spaulding, Idaho. They began with a presentation of colors - the U.S. flag, the Nez Perce flag, and various tribal flags from groups met by the corps. These flags were carried by Nez Perce men who were veterans of several different U.S. wars. Oh those beautiful elaborate feather and ribbon headdresses over impressive, brown Indian faces! They walked slowly, straight and proud stepping to the rhythm of the beating drums. It was very moving!

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Hungry Creek Revisited *Letter to the Editor*

Re: Hungry on Hungry Creek

I just read Bob Allison's article on his experience in Hungry Creek in your April Newsletter. It was sent to me by Dale and Elinor Lindberg¹ who joined me on a post convention tour of the Lolo Trail following the 1990 Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF) meeting in Lewiston, Idaho. I found the story quite interesting for two reasons. The first is the personal and professional parallels that Allison and I share, and the second can be called "the rest of the story."

Personnel and Professional Parallels

Also a Forester, I spent 10 years ('88 to '97) as the Clearwater National Forest coordinator of the Lolo Trail which Lewis and Clark followed across the Bitterroot Mountains. I retired in '98 but I still live and maintain a strong interest in the area. Over the past 18 years I've spent a lot of time on the motorway and have hiked most portions of the trail. I think there must be a curse on Hungry Creek as it flows east before joining the Lochsa River while all other streams in these mountains flow west. When you are on the creek, tired, beat-up, wet and bewildered, everything is giving you wrong signals. The sun comes up in the west (unless there are clouds), it's dark, wet and slippery, and nothing seems to work right.

The mountains that L&C experienced have changed a great deal between 1805 and today. The journals all comment

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¹ Dale and Elinor Lindberg are CALCTHF members who reside in Gardnerville, Nevada.

Alexander Hamilton Willard Park Dedicated in Elk Grove, California

by Mary Ann Kvenvolden and Ken Jutzi

On Saturday, July 15, 2006, the Elk Grove, California, Community Services District held a dedication ceremony for a new neighborhood park named in honor of Alexander Hamilton Willard, the second-to-last surviving member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition¹

In 1852, at the age of 74, Alexander Willard left a quiet and peaceful farming life in Wisconsin and headed West again. Accompanied by his wife, four sons, five daughters and some of their families, he traveled by an oxen drawn wagon across the plains and mountains to California. He settled in the Sacramento Valley on a ranch located on the Lower Stockton Road (now known as Franklin Boulevard) near Georgetown, California (later renamed Franklin)². He died in 1865 at the age of eighty-seven³ and is buried in the Franklin cemetery in Sacramento County, not far from the Elk Grove park⁴.

The Willard Park celebration included a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony, lunch, and family activities. One Willard descendant, Joan Wilcox, was able to attend. She was presented with a framed plaque to commemorate the occasion. Several members of the Elk Grove Historical Society were also present. Three members of our chapter attended - Keith and Mary Ann Kvenvolden from Palo Alto and Jerry Holley from Citrus Heights. Related photos are on page 3.

¹ Patrick Gass was the last surviving member of the Expedition. Gass died five years after Alexander Willard in 1870 in Wellsburg, West Virginia at the age of ninety-eight. Morris, Larry E., *The Fate of the Corps*, p. 193, Yale University Press, 2003.

² Sacramento County Historical Society publication *Golden Notes*, January 1959 (Vol. 5, No. 2), p. 5.

³ Morris, Larry E., *The Fate of the Corps*, pp. 200-201, Yale University Press, 2003. A note on page 200 of Morris indicates that the plaque at Willard's grave shows a birth date of 24 August 1778 and that this date is consistent with Alexander's enlistment record which indicates he was twenty-one years old in 1800. However, other family records give a birth date of July 1777. This date is consistent with his obituary in the March 11, 1865 edition of the Sacramento Union and the age of 87 years, 7 months, inscribed on his grave marker.

⁴ For an excellent history of Alexander Willard's life see the January 1959 (Vol. 5, No. 2) issue of *Golden Notes*, a Sacramento County Historical Society publication (pp. 1-6). A PDF copy of this article may be viewed on our Chapter's website (<http://web.mac.com/calcthf>, Members Only area, Downloads page, Miscellaneous section).

President's Notes

With this issue of GN we bid farewell to the formal activities of the National Bicentennial Commemoration. This does not mean, however, that future issues of GN will be devoid of content related to the Bicentennial. On the contrary, articles about the experiences of those who attended or participated in it's events will continue to be provided so they can be shared with others.

The partnerships forged during the Bicentennial among many Federal, State and Local entities and the Tribal Communities along The Trail were not only unprecedented in their scope and complexity but were uncommonly effective as well. I think we should all salute those who labored so tirelessly and for so long to make the Bicentennial such a success. I also think we should thank those in our Foundation who, over a decade ago, had the foresight to envision such a national event and provided the leadership to make it a reality. The memories of those who were able to attend or participate in one or more National Signature Events and other local activities along The Trail will last a lifetime. I certainly know that will be the case for me.

In addition to another fine "Trail Report" by Nan Kaeser on the 10th Signature Event, *The Summer of Peace Among the Nimiipuu*, a few scenes from the 15th and last Signature Event, *Currents of Change*, held in St. Louis last month, are also included in this issue (p. 6). Other images are available on the Galleries Page of our website.

If you have some pictures you would like to be included in these galleries, I encourage you to provide them (.jpeg format preferred). Just mail them (by regular mail or by email) to one of the addresses contained on the left side

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CALCTHF attendees to the 38th LCTHF Annual Meeting
St. Louis, Missouri, 18-19 September 2006
(left to right: Rodney and Barbara Willard, Barbara Gaitley, Donna Masterson, Ken Jutzi, Nan Kaeser, and Eleanor and Bob Ward. Dan Slosberg also attended but is not shown)
(photo courtesy Rodney Willard)



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Alexander H. Willard Park, Oak Grove, California, July 15, 2006 (mak)



Willard descendant Joan Wilcox (mak)



Resolution and Plaque presented to Joan Wilcox (rw)



Sign next to the exit ramp for Franklin, California, leading to Alexander Willard's grave-site (about 15 miles south of Sacramento on I-5 north) (kj)



Alexander Willard's grave site, Franklin Cemetery, Sacramento County (kj)

Photos by Mary Ann Kvenvolden (mak), Rodney Willard (rw), and Ken Jutzi (kj)

about the fire-scared and bare hillsides or fire killed down logs.¹ Although fire control started shortly after 1900, a major fire burned in the area in 1932. Since then the brush and timber has grown unhampered. Lewis and Clark and early Forest Service Rangers had open country and great vistas during their time in the mountains. Today we are walled in by dense timber with a thick ground cover making travel difficult at best. Lewis and Clark followed Indian trails across the mountains. The trails were established by Indians trading across the mountains between the Columbia Basin and the Northern Plains, as well as small family groups that lived in the mountains during the summer. There were a great many trails besides the Lolo Trail (the equivalent of today's "I-90") that L&C followed. Even today it is still possible to find remnants of the old Indian trails, but usually you are confronted by great walls of brush and young timber.

Currently there [are] about a dozen of us fussing about the location of the 1805-06 trail that L&C followed. The "accepted" trail shown on maps today was designated by then Clearwater National Forest Supervisor Ralph Space in the 1960s. I visited with Ralph about the location of several segments shortly before his death. Thirty years later he could not remember why he had chosen those locations. But he did say that he had only looked for the trail in order to establish campsites. "I never expected this much interest in the trail location" he told me. Later I met Andy Arvish in our local grocery store: "Andy, how did the L&C trail get on the map?" Andy: "I went to Missoula and sat down with a cartographer and we put it on the map". "But Andy, how did you decide where it went?" Andy: "I put it where Ralph told me to put it. He was wrong, but he was the boss".²

Today there are several guide books to tell you which way L&C went. In my opinion, all are wrong in some locations. I'm convinced that they did not go down Willow Ridge but instead stayed on the main ridge past Doubt Creek and then traveled down Doubt Ridge to Hungry Creek. About half way down there is a knob that makes a perfect "Cache Mountain" where the Corps cashed their gear for a period in 1806. They would have hit Hungry Creek further up the creek than Allison did, and would have spent less time and travel along the creek. I doubt that that is any consolation to Allison and his empty stomach and sore muscles.

The Rest of the Story

The second reason for my interest, using Paul Harvey's line "the rest of the story" is an illustration on how to make things happen in our society today.

The LCTHF started thinking about how to observe the bicentennial in the late '80s. By the mid-90s the National L&C Bicentennial Council had formed and here in north-

central Idaho the "Clearwater-Snake Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Association had formed (of which I was President). We were having trouble getting much interest from the general public or the media. We had the L&C "buffs" but most of the local community was sitting on their hands. I was on my first retirement trip out of the area when Allison made his excursion into Hungry Creek. By September, when I returned, the whole area was willing to deal with the probable (negative) impacts of the bicentennial. After-all, if eight years in advance someone comes up from Colorado and gets lost and our local always financially broke county spends huge (by local standards) resources to look for him, what will happen when the bicentennial occurs?

Our regional committee got a small grant to do a plan which was very broad, our local congressman got it funded, and suddenly we had a half million dollars planning money to fund grant writers. That half million of planning money has translated to many new emergency vehicles and ambulances together with rescue gear for search and rescue teams, radios and other equipment needed for searches. We've found money for upgrading our emergency rooms in our hospitals, and just this weekend was the grand opening of a new multi-emergency vehicle storage building for Kamiah, Idaho.

That's just the "deal with the impacts" side of the story. In addition, we held several good symposiums, created statues, and supported rein actors to name just a few.

Local beneficiaries of Allison's trip include not just north-central Idaho, but western Montana and eastern Idaho. All this largeness did not stem directly from Allison's troubles, but it started a chain of events and attracted attention and large amounts of money.

So, Bob, we thank you, but I don't recommend doing it again.

Chuck Raddon, Orofino, Idaho, May 2006.

¹ Editor's Note 1: Perhaps Chuck is referring here to a different area of the Bitterroots. Although I could find several journal references to great quantities of "falling timber" (e.g. Clark, 9/18/1805, p.213, and 9/19/1805, p. 216) and "a very bad road" (Lewis, 9/19/1805, p. 215), I could not find any reference to "fire-scared and bare hillsides" or "fire killed downed logs". Moulton, Vol 5, pp. 213-216.

² Editor's Note 2: Andy Arvish is a former Clearwater National Forest Recreational Specialist who worked out of the Orofino office. He is the author of *The Lolo Trail, What it is and it's Future*. The Lewis and Clark Trail location through the Bitterroots was originally mapped by Andy Arvish but it's location was credited to Ralph S. Space who was Andy's supervisor at the time. Ralph S. Space is the author of *The Lolo Trail, A History of Events Connected With the Lolo Trail Since Lewis and Clark* (Printcraft, Lewiston, ID, 1970, 1988) and *The Lolo Trail, A History and a Guide to the Trail of Lewis and Clark*, 2nd edition (Historic Montana Publishing, Missoula, Montana, 2001).

Missouri's Most Distant Source is Hand Delivered to the Mississippi
by Ken Jutzi

In the mid-1890s, a Civil War Veteran, surveyor and historian known as Jacob V. Brower set out to find the true most distant source of the Missouri. Convinced it was not the spring Lewis had found as his party was ascending Lemhi Pass on 12 August 1805, Brower and his companions followed the source streams of the Jefferson River, the Beaverhead and Red Rock rivers and discovered another spring on a mossy hillside in the Centennial Mountain Range west of Yellowstone National Park, at an elevation of about 8,848 feet, and more than 100 miles from the one Lewis noted. Today this spring is known as Brower's Spring and it is recognized as being the most distant source of the Missouri¹.

Lynn and Doug Davis from Cherokee, Iowa, recently visited Brower's Spring and Lynn had an idea: Wouldn't it be neat to hand carry water from this spring to the confluence of the Missouri with the Mississippi?



*Left: Stream (Hell Roaring Creek) flowing from Brower's Spring which eventually becomes the Jefferson River and joins the Madison at Three Forks (after traveling 298 water miles)
Right: Lynn holding a bottle of water taken from the spring
(photos courtesy Doug Davis)*



*Lynn and Doug Davis at the rock cairn marking the stream flowing from Brower's Spring
(photo courtesy Doug Davis)*



Doug and Lynn (holding bottle of Brower's Spring water) and Dave Lingo onboard the Grandpa Woo II near the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers

Well, on 23 September 2006, during a cruise down the Mississippi², Lynn did just that. As the Grandpa Woo II yacht came to the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers, Lynn poured a bottle of water she had collected at Brower's Spring into the Mississippi. Had that water followed a water course from Brower's Spring, it would have traveled 2,639 miles! Way to go Lynn!



Lynn pouring water from Brower's Spring into the Mississippi at the Missouri confluence

¹ *Montana Outdoors*, July-August 2005 (online at <http://fwp.mt.gov/mtoutdoors/HTML/articles/2005/MissouriSource.htm>). See also the Nov 2002, Feb 2003, Feb 2004, and Aug 2004 issues of *WPO*.

² This cruise, onboard the Grandpa Woo II yacht, was a field trip associated with the 38th LCTHF Annual Meeting. It was organized by the George Drouillard Chapter. More scenes from this outstanding field trip are available on our website (Galleries Page).

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Report from the Trail

Among the Nimiipuu

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A welcome was given by the tribal chair Rebecca Miles, the first woman to hold that position. She was followed by greetings from a number of dignitaries, both Indian and Caucasian. In these speeches, everyone made it clear that they were working toward better communication and partnership between whites and native americans in the future - a more cooperative going on from here.



Rebecca Miles Welcomes Attendees

The crowd was treated to the sight of young Nez Perce girls dancing and decorated horses the Nimiipuu have been breeding for well over 200 years. It had not been unusual for one man to own 50 horses in Lewis and Clark's day.



Retiring of the Colors

After the speeches and tribal demonstrations, a circle dance was announced and everyone was encouraged to participate. The whole assemblage poured to the outer edges of the field to join hands. There was still not enough room so an inner circle was formed facing out.

We moved to our left with the Indian hesitation step. On each beat of the drum, we shook the hand of the person opposite. The crowd was made up of attendees from the concurrent Lewis and Clark Symposium, a large contingent of young 4-Hers, an Elder-hostel group, many Nez Perce, and the general public.

For the retiring of the colors, all veterans in the audience were invited to march with the others as the flags were carried slowly back down the central aisle.

What a stirring and emotional experience this was!

Nan submitted this trail report from Lewiston, Idaho, as she began a four month long journey eastward along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (LCNHT) to St. Louis, Missouri. When not traveling (which is seldom), Nan lives in Sierra Madre, California. Other scenes from this National Bicentennial Signature Event are on page 7.

Scenes from the 38th LCTHF Annual Meeting and the last National Bicentennial Signature Event St. Louis, Missouri, 18-24 September 2006



Vicki Coreia (Travelers Rest Chapter) and friends arriving at the Adams Mark Hotel for the Gala Ball

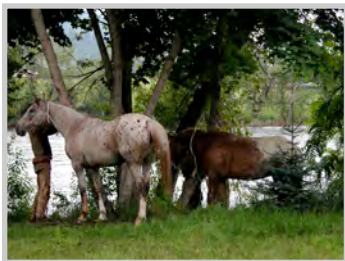


"Bud" Clark, Gerard Baker, Amy Mossett, Roger Wendlick, Hasan Davis, Tribal Leaders, and members of the Discovery Expedition of Saint Charles gather at the St. Louis waterfront (photo by Betty Kluesner)

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**Scenes from the
8th Annual Lewis & Clark Symposium
and The Summer of Peace
National Bicentennial Signature Event
Lewiston, Lapwai, and Kamiah, Idaho
(13-17 June 2006)**



California Attendees

Left to right: Ken Jutzi (Camarillo), Mary Ann Kvenvolden (Palo Alto), Nan Kaeser (Sierra Madre), Sid Stoffels (Garden Valley), and Keith Kvenvolden (Palo Alto)

President's Notes
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of page 8 and I will be glad to incorporate them.

I want to personally thank all of you who responded favorably to Mary Ann Kvenvolden's recent letter concerning lapsed chapter memberships. Of those who received the reminder, 89% responded favorably as of this writing. It's only via loyal members like you that our organization can continue to operate. Thank You!

During the 38th annual Foundation meeting in St. Louis last month we held a chapter business meeting. One focus topic of that meeting was our 2007 calendar and the ongoing challenges that the large area we serve poses. Those present concluded that due to our limited financial and volunteer resources, we should sponsor only two chapter events in 2007, one in Northern CA and one in Southern CA. Although Auburn and San Diego were

discussed as possible venues, the exact locations are still to be determined.

To obtain a larger sample of our membership's view on this issue, I will be sending out an email to those we have an email address for shortly asking for input. If you are a member without an email address, and would like your voice heard, please send a note to our Camarillo address (listed on page 8).

Lastly, please take a look at the inserts provided with this newsletter which describe upcoming Lewis and Clark events on the West Coast. In particular, I encourage all of you to consider attending our chapter sponsored event with Dr. Gary Moulton on the 4th of November in Menlo Park. We are very fortunate to have a guest speaker of Gary's caliber and it sure would be nice to have a full house!

Ken



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