

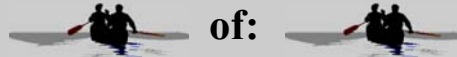


Badger State Chapter

Meriwether Lewis



of:
The Lewis and Clark Trail
Heritage Foundation, Inc.



William Clark

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Wisconsin's Chapter ~ Interested & Involved

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During this time in history:
(Excerpts from the journals of Lewis and Clark, taken from Jim Rosenberger's "Daily Calendar")

October 9, 1804 - Clark: The Indians (Arikara) much astonished at my black servant (York) and call him "the big medicine". This Nation never saw a black man before.

October 13, 1804 - Clark: One man, Pvt. John Newman, confind for mutinous expression... We tried the prisoner Newman last night, by 9 of his peers. They did sentence him to 75 lashes and dis-banded from the party.

November 2, 1804 - Lewis: This morning, early, we fixed on the site for our fortification, which we immediately set about. This place we have named Fort Mandan, in honor of our neighbors.

November 4, 1804 - Clark:... Mr. Toussaint Charbonneau, interpreter for the Hidatsa Nation, came to see us... This man wished to hire as an interpreter...

Good news! the 2005 day to day calendar has been printed. Order yours now from Jim Rosenberger, or pick one up at the fall meeting.



David Bubier

President's Message

How does the song go...? *"Memories, pressed between the pages of my mind."* As my second term as president comes to an end, I have lots of good memories "pressed between the pages of my mind" of my four years as president and my two+ years as vice-president.

As president of our chapter my overriding goal has been to involve members in the activities of our chapter in a meaningful way and build the bonds that make us a strong chapter, with or without a bicentennial in our future. To give members "their money's worth." Interesting and insightful educational programs was an essential element. Additionally, our field trips allowed members to travel with and "break bread" with other members over a longer period of time than just a



The Badger Chapter having a good time during an outing

few hours of meetings on a Saturday morning. In recent years we have added summer picnics with a social and historical nature – another opportunity to "meet and greet" one another!! As I write, we are working on a possible week-long field trip to Montana in June, 2005 to be hosted by the Portage Route Chapter of Great Falls during the National Lewis & Clark Signature Event!!

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During my time in office, we have tried to reach out to the public to tell the story of Lewis and Clark, the Corps of Discovery and the L&C Trail Heritage Foundation. We have offered informational tables at the Farmer's Market on the Capitol Square, handing out our free NPS maps and brochures. We have distributed literature at a State Teacher Conference. We have been invited to schools, churches and clubs. We are now working to tell our story at over-55 retirement villages.

We have spread our Badger Chapter's banner over public libraries, university campuses, historical societies and parks in recent years. Thanks to Jim Rosenberger, we have had interesting programs in other communities in north-central Wisconsin, Milwaukee and other areas of the state.

Thanks to the talents of Dan Kacmarcik and now Bill Holman, we have an excellent newsletter... perhaps one of the best looking of all the 40 chapters!! We have (I believe) the only chapter newsletter that is online!!

During my term in office our chapter continued to support financially the fight to save the Pompey's Pillar historic site. We have endeavored to contribute to a Lewis & Clark statue in St. Louis that did not come to pass. We have supported financially and by word and deed, the publication of the historic Floyd Journal by the Friends of the Wisconsin State Historical Society. We have promoted Lewis & Clark literature and calendars.

Thanks to one of our chapter's devoted members, John Pollock, we are able to provide new members with a complimentary gift of a printed postcard containing the official 1954 Post Office stamp of the Lewis and Clark Expedition issued for the sesquicentennial. A true collector's item! Thanks to John, we gave hundreds of these away at a LCTHF annual meeting in 2002.

As you can see by the names mentioned above, I could not accomplish what I did in office without the help of many others... including our capable and talented outgoing chapter secretary, Harriet Peppard and our Treasurer, Peggy Lapacek. Add to that list our dedicated Directors, Ray Gramentine, Tom Butts and Judy Coccia.

My time in office is short and this message is getting too long... so many more *"memories pressed between*

the pages of my mind" to share. But let me close with this... I have made many good friends and travel companions in my time as president. Our friendships now go beyond Lewis and Clark activities and events. That is what I hope for each and every one of you. It is time for others to step forward and lead our Badger State Chapter into the future. If you give this chapter



your time and talents you will be richly rewarded with good friends and good times!

As I ride off into the sunset, thanks for the memories!

David Bubier

Exploring with Lewis and Clark: the 1804 Journal of Charles Floyd

By: Chuck Hatfield

The Charles Floyd Project has been an exciting and educational experience for 3 reasons:

1) For a Wisconsin Friend's group to become immersed in a serious Lewis and Clark project is in itself worthy of news. But to be engaged in the project with such a blue-ribbon consortium of L&C historians and organizations is cause for special celebration. A partial list includes: Jim Holmberg, Gary Moulton, James Ronda, Chuck Rankin, Robert Clark, the L&C Trail Heritage Foundation, the Badger Chapter of LCTHF, the WHS, the Friends of WHS, the Filson Historical Society, The Kohler Foundation, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Falls of the Ohio L&C Bicentennial Committee.

2) The book has already received praise from its noted reviewers:

- "This is a fine piece of scholarship that is sure to attract a wide and appreciative audience."
- "The great benefit of this book, though, is to be found in the copious and illuminating notes."
- "With the interest in the L&C Expedition heating up and books on the Corps of Discovery arriving one upon another, publication of a primary source is welcome, especially one as thoroughly annotated as Holmberg's, on Charles Floyd's journal."
- "This is a collector's edition. It is so refined and special it will be a MUST buy for anyone who has been captivated

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by the L&C story....”

- Gary Moulton gave Holmberg the highest compliment: “If any new journals from the expedition are discovered in the years to come, I’m going to let Jim do the editing.”

3) A book of this quality takes much money and effort to produce. Providing an author/editor with a national reputation for scholarship and writing skill, a hard covered book of stunning, high-resolution colored images, a unique and handsome layout, and extensive and exhaustive research, and a publisher noted for fine historical books has been a challenge

The cost of the project is of special concern since the Friends of the WHS is an organization of modest means. The Friends are responsible for \$17,000 of the cost—less than ½ the total—plus a contract to sell between 3-500 books. It appeared that we had secured over \$13,000 of that amount, but due to unforeseen circumstances, we now have only about \$8,000 of that amount, and about 100 less pledges to purchase books than we thought. Making up an amount that large will be difficult at this late date, but we are moving ahead with new possibilities. The Badger Chapter of the LCTHF (and its members) has been one of our most important partners, and may likely provide the contacts and credibility needed to complete the support package. Any contributions to assist the publication of Charles Floyd’s journal will be gratefully received and recognized by the Friends of the WHS.

Exploring with Lewis and Clark will arrive in early December. We are in the process of arrangements with Jim Holmberg to have a national book release event in Wisconsin soon after the book is available, with opportunities for having your copies personally autographed by the author.

What’s Up With Our Former Speakers?

By: Jim Rosenberger

At our April 2004 meeting, held at Marquette University, we listened to an impressive and educational presentation on Reuben Gold Thwaites given by Chapter member Matt Blessing based on an article he had prepared. Matt advises his article is scheduled to run in the winter issue of “The Wisconsin Magazine of History”, the quarterly magazine of the Wisconsin Historical Society, due out just before Christmas.

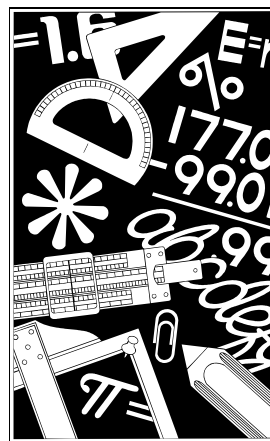
Richard Hetu spoke to us about Toussaint Charbonneau and his book, “The Lost Guide” at our June 2004

picnic at Old World Wisconsin. I am happy to report that Richard also spoke at the annual meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation in Bismarck, North Dakota this past August and gave an excellent presentation, acknowledged by all in attendance.

A recent contact from Verne Huser, who spoke to us about his book, “On the River with Lewis and Clark” last January advises he is “On the River” himself, serving as a tour guide on the upper Columbia and Snake river.

What’d Ya Know...?

By: David Bubier



In the January, 2004 newsletter I wrote about Wisconsin’s little known connection to a member of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, Private Alexander Hamilton Willard. You may recall that Private Willard lived from about 1824 to 1852 in Platteville and Elk Grove, Wisconsin. Willard served as blacksmith and gunsmith on the expedition.

By 1836, and now in his fifties, he was the father of seven boys and five girls, one, a son named George Clark Willard, was named for William Clark. Two other sons were named Lewis Augustus and Alexander Hamilton, no doubt after men he admired.

It was while living in the Platteville area, on June 6, 1836 that word was received of the tragic news that Alexander and Eleanor’s son, George Clark Willard, had been shot and killed. It appears that George Clark Willard, age 26, had become involved in a dispute between a neighbor woman and her husband, Lyndon McUmbert. They had asked George to care for Mrs. McUmbert’s son by another marriage, because they were too poor to care for him. George and his wife, Aurelia, agreed and the boy had been living with them since the fall of 1835.

On that June day, Lyndon McUmbert arrived at the house and demanded to take his stepson back. The boy ran away and hid and Aurelia, in George’s absence, attempted to speak to McUmbert. George quickly rode up and proceeded to retrieve his gun from

Lewisia and Clarkia

Described & named by: Frederick Pursh-1814
(Information compiled by Jerry Anderson)



Lewisia

Scientific Name:
Lewisia rediviva Pursh
Common Name: Bitterroot
Collected: Travelers Rest
July 1-2, 1806
Near Missoula Montana



Clarkia

Scientific Name:
Clarkia pulchella Pursh
Common Name:
Elkhorns, pinkfairies,
ragged robins
Collected: Camp
Chopunnish June 1, 1806

Present location: Lewis and Clark Herbarium, at The Academy of Natural Science, in Philadelphia

Journal entry regarding the Lewisia:

Capt. Lewis 8-22-05: "I made the exp(e)rement, found that they became perfectly soft by boiling, but had a very bitter taste, which was naucious to my pallet, and transferred them to the Indians who had eat them heartily."

Journal entries regarding the Clarkia:

Capt. Clark 5-29-06: "Capt. L s met with a singular plant in blume of which we preserved a specimen. it grows on the steep fertile hill sides..."

Capt. Lewis 6-1-06: I met with a singular plant to-day blume of which I preserved a specemine; it grows on the steep sides of the fertile hills..."

Publications:

PLANTS of the Lewis & Clark EXPEDITION

by H. Wayne Phillips

Lewis and Clark's Green World

by A Scott Earle and James L Reveal

Web site: www.acnatsci.org

Badger Chapter Travels

By: Jim Rosenberger

As in our past journeys of discovery, our 6th annual field trip put us in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark; this year from Leavenworth, Kansas to Nebraska City, Nebraska. While we saw many interesting and wonderful sites, a few stand out.



The Group at Riverfront Park in Leavenworth

At Fort Leavenworth, Kansas we were awed by the monument to the "Buffalo Soldiers", the black troops who have served our nation since 1866 and we were privileged to visit with some veteran Buffalo Soldiers who were also visiting the monument.



Buffalo Soldiers Monument

The attractions at Atchison, Kansas and Independence Creek are good examples of improved and new interpretation, in the form of educational pavilions, walking trails and plazas, that is taking place along the Lewis and Clark Trail as a result of the Bicentennial and it will continue to provide excellent interpretation and education into our third century of Lewis and Clark.

The Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpre-

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the house. McUmbler walked towards the boy's hiding place and was followed by George. McUmbler turned swinging a club, striking George Willard and wrested the gun from him, he then fled. Foolishly, Willard, armed with only a stick, chased after McUmbler. Words were exchanged. McUmbler again fled, Willard pursued him. Out of sight over a ridge, a gun was heard to go off. McUmbler was seen fleeing and within minutes George Clark Willard was dead. The killing took place only two miles from Alexander and Eleanor Willard's home.

Alexander was determined to see justice done. He even delivered subpoenas to those called to testify, including his son Roland and George's wife, Aurelia. In May, 1837, McUmbler (who had escaped from jail and been recaptured) was found guilty of manslaughter. Perhaps, in some family gravesite, in some cemetery, somewhere in Grant County, Wisconsin, lies the grave of George Clark Willard, second son of Alexander Hamilton Willard, blacksmith, gunsmith, and hunter of the Lewis & Clark Expedition!! What'd Ya Know!!!

Reference: Larry E. Morris, *The Fate of the Corps* (New Haven & London; Yale University Press, 2004) pgs. 172-3.
Reference: Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

Important Fall Meeting and Elections

Don't miss our November 13th meeting! Elaine McIntosh, Ph.D., R.D., Professor Emeritus, University of Wisconsin-Green will speak on her recently published book, "The Lewis and Clark Expedition Food, Nutrition, and Health". Professor McIntosh is a registered dietician (R.D.) with a Ph.D. in biochemistry, bacteriology, and bacterial physiology from Iowa State University. She also authored "Food Habits in Historical Perspective", published in 1995. We will hear how food and nutrition affected the ability of the Corps of Discovery to perform the hard work of their daily duties.

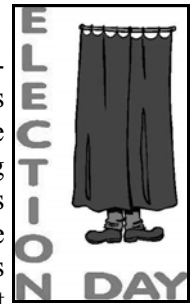


Newsletter articles

Do you have an interesting thought about the Lewis and Clark Expedition, or know someone who shares our interest in "The Journey?" Would you like to share it with others through this newsletter? Then write to either Dave Bubier at dbubier@merr.com or Bill Holman at wghmch@chorus.net. If you don't have e-mail, call Dave at (608) 846-8716. If you include a picture with your article, we will be happy to return it upon request.

We will have a limited supply of Professor McIntosh's book available for purchase at the meeting and an order form was also sent to the membership along with the meeting announcement. Additional order forms may be obtained from Jim Rosenberger or Dave Bubier.

Our officer positions are all up for election so be sure to attend the business meeting to acquaint yourself with the slate of candidates. Our Nominating Committee is considering candidates right now. If you have a desire to serve or would like to see someone serve as an officer or board member, contact Harriet Peppard, Jerry Anderson or Norma Kolthof.



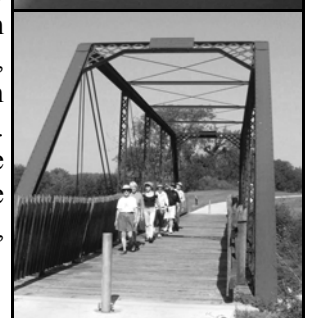
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Center (shown below) at Nebraska City, Nebraska, opened July 30, 2004 and must be one of the finest centers along the Trail. The displays of the boats, flora and fauna relative to the Expedition are some of the best we have seen. There is a footpath to a Missouri River overlook and more footpaths and exhibits are planned as the Center continues to expand.



But as always, the fondest memories are of the fun, the comradery and friendship we shared with fellow members of the Badger Chapter. Such a moment is shown here, when the group saw this sign in the Riverfront Park in St. Joseph. Always wanting to be "law abiding citizens," we followed the instructions, exactly as presented.

BRIDGE AHEAD
PROCEED SLOWLY
AND IN SINGLE FILE



Following Lewis & Clark on Two Wheels

By Karl Schmidt

This past August, a few of us who have “been around the block a few times,” (on motorcycles) decided to go around once more, and retrace a bit of Lewis & Clark’s route through the Dakotas. Bill Holman asked me to tell you a bit about our trip.



Karl Schmidt



Our group did not stay together the whole time, but here we are as we started out. My friends are (L to R) Howard Jorgenson, who rides the 1999 Honda Goldwing trike. He was known as “Pops” and had no difficulty keeping up with the two wheelers. Jim Simpleton (center) was on the Goldwing to the right in the photo, and Vern Carlson had the dark Goldwing next to the trike. My BMW is second from the right. Jim and Howard went to the Black Hills and did not attend the Lewis and Clark campout in Yankton. Vern and I attended the campout and followed the Missouri River to Mandan. The general route was on SD Highway 1806. (The year that Lewis and Clark returned.)

Our Expectations:

We went to the Internet to plan most of the trip, but many of the Lewis and Clark websites were not very informative. When



setting up the trip it was hard to get worthwhile information. I finally got help from the Yankton, SD Chamber of Commerce. The explanation was that The Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, Missouri (photo from their website) would be replicating the original Lewis and Clark trip. The Yankton stop was to be a reason for a local celebration. The crew and boat were to tie up there for two days, so I was hoping to see the boat in the water and to observe the skills involved in moving the boat up the river.

The Results:

The Chamber in Yankton had the information wrong telling us that the boat was already in the water. When we got there we found the boat high and dry on the trailer. They had hauled the boat out for repairs to bearings that supported the shaft, running from the engine to the prop. There were three bearings. In one case the bearing had cut into the shaft making it impossible to remove the shaft. They worked almost all day and finally succeeded in cutting the bearing. It turned out the bearings were a new Teflon material guaranteed to last forever. The water in the Missouri is so full of silt that it makes a good grinding compound and the bearings were destroyed before Yankton.



We did get to see the boat and talk with the captain and crew. They were knowledgeable and helpful. The celebration consisted of a buffalo feed that night with some entertainment. In the encampment, we saw the crew plying skills at gunsmithing, navigation, manufacture of stone cutting implements, and setting up teepees.

Vern and I followed the Missouri to Bismarck. The hope was that there would be historical places noted along the river. There really were very few. We stopped at the overlook in Chamberlain, which has a museum, another Indian museum in Chamberlain, and the Sitting Bull and Sacagawea monument in Moberly. In South Dakota, roads run along the river on both sides. One route is 1804 the other is 1806. We thought this numbering was almost too much to be a coincidence. We rode the West River side that included the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. There are no people or traffic but the road was generally good.

We all enjoyed the ride, but it was unfortunate that there really wasn't much of Lewis and Clark along the route. In fact, the road and river were often miles apart.

Note: Karl Schmidt lives in Madison, is retired from the Small Business Administration, and is a motorcycling and golfing buddy of editor Bill Holman.

Letters from my cousin, Patrick Gass

("Cuzzin" Patrick's letter must have been held up in the mail this month, so I'm substituting this information from the Library of Congress web page.)

Bill Holman

Hunting Bear

Patrick Gass was one of the three sergeants in the Corps of Discovery. His account, first printed in 1807, was the only one available to curious readers until the official publication appeared in 1814. This Gass edition contains six woodcuts, two of which depict encounters with bears.



The first image may have been based on Corps member Hugh McNeal's experience on July 15, 1806. Lewis records: ". . .and with his clubbed musquet he struck the bear over the head and cut him with the guard of the gun and broke off the breech, the bear stunned with the stroke fell to his ground. . .this gave McNeal time to climb a willow tree."



Badger Chapter Member Donates L&C Material to Ripon College

Local Ripon collector and historian and valued member of the Badger State Chapter, Todd Berens shared his knowledge of the collection of Lewis and Clark material he and his wife, Betty, donated to Ripon College at the school in April, 2004. The exhibition, entitled "The Lewis and Clark Expedition: The Journals," was Todd's way of celebrating the L&C bicentennial with his community. While not alumni of the college, Todd and his wife have donated items to the Lane Library for years. The collection includes rare and out-of-print copies of Lewis and Clark journal material, Western Americana books, framed maps and a 10-drawer map cabinet. Congratulations to Todd and Betty Berens for being such fine "keepers of the story."

David Bubier (from article sent to me from Ripon Magazine, summer, 2004 issue)

=We're On The Web=

This is the 5th issue of the Badger Chapter Newsletter to be available on the Internet.

If you are not on the mailing list to receive the link, drop an e-mail to Bill Holman at: wghmch@chorus.net ...we'll send you a link where you can find it and share it with your friends.

Treasurer's Report

As of September 30, 2004 we have \$1,232.72 in the Treasury, and there are 48 paid members in the Badger Chapter.



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