



Badger State Chapter

Meriwether Lewis



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The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc.



William Clark

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

October 16, 1805 – Clark: "... After getting safely over the rapids, and having taken dinner, set out and proceeded on seven miles to the junction of this river (the Snake) and the Columbia... In every direction from the junction of those rivers, the country is one continual plain..."

October 18, 1805 – Clark: "... We thought it necessary to lay in a store of provisions for our voyage and, the fish being out of season, we purchased forty dogs..."

October 24, 1805 – Clark: "... The whole of the current of this great river must at all stages, pass through this narrow channel of 45 yards wide. As the portage of our canoes over this high rock would be impossible... I determined to pass through this place not withstanding the horrid appearance... we passed safe to the astonishment of all the Indians..."

November 4, 1805 – Clark: "We were given a roundish root about the size of a small Irish potato which is roasted in the embers until they became soft. This root is called Wap-pa-to... it has an agreeable taste and answers very well in place of bread..."

November 7, 1805 – Clark: "... Great joy in camp! We are in view of the Ocean! This great Pacific Ocean which we have been so long anxious to see..."

Contact Jim Rosenberger for your copy of the 2006 calendar.

Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Annual Meeting - Portland, Oregon



*Three Badger Chapter members tell about the trip to the Annual Meeting from different perspectives. Top: Jim Rosenberger, Tom Butts, Jim Gramentine, Ray Gramentine, Mary Butts, Mary Rosenberger, & Harriet Peppard. Bottom: Norma & Mildred Kolthoff at the Columbia River Gorge.

*#1: GATEWAY TO THE PACIFIC By: Harriet Peppard

37th Annual Meeting of the LCTHF in Portland, OR - August 2005

Eight members of the Badger Chapter attended the annual meeting this year which was held on the campus of Lewis & Clark College. Jim & Ray Gramentine, Jim & Mary Rosenberger, Norma Kolthoff, Tom & Mary Butts, and I did our best to represent our group. Jim G was out early for Board meetings, the Rosenbergers were out early for the Vendor's booth, and Norma & I were out early for fun!! Local chapters organized side excursions before the official conference began. I went on a trip up the Columbia River Gorge which included Lewis & Clark sites such as Beacon Rock (their first indication of ocean tidal ebb and flow), Memaloose Island (mentioned in the journals as a Native American burial site), and the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center. The waterfalls and the river are great scenery. The next day I went on a trip to Mount St. Helens which was extremely interesting. It is still an active volcano and we could see 3 distinct plumes the day we were there. The contrast between areas of re-growth and areas of lingering devastation was striking.

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Trivia Question of the Month
(The answer is somewhere in this issue.)
What is the name of Meriwether Lewis's home in Virginia?

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There were 2 dedication ceremonies at the beginning of the conference: Nichaqwli at Blue Lake and Captain William Clark Park at Washougal. Nichaqwli was a Native American village visited by Clark. The Clark Park is located at a campsite of the Expedition. The ceremony included Bud Clark (descendant) in period costume and Native Americans arriving in a replica canoe. It was very moving.

The conference had several general meetings, but there were also breakout sessions with topics ranging from analysis of the weather conditions that winter, to weapons used by the Corps of Discovery, to wildflowers of the area. Sprinkled throughout were book signings.

Participants had a choice of a long trip up the Gorge with sternwheeler cruise or down to the coast. I chose the coast option since I had already done the Gorge. My trip included the spot where the Expedition was forced to hole up because of severe storms and the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center at Cape Disappointment. We also toured Fort Clatsop. I'm writing this on October 8 after the fire there. I'm sure that everyone who had seen it in the past is now grateful for that opportunity. It will be rebuilt, of course, but it is still a shocking loss.

The final day was a choice of 3 short trips: Bonneville Dam, Portland Zoo, or Ridgefield Plankhouse. I picked the Plankhouse. This is a replica cedar Native American dwelling which includes many artifacts found at the site. I learned a lot about the culture of the Indians in this area. Tom & Mary Butts left for an Elderhostel about Lewis and Clark so they really got a concentrated dose of exposure to the Expedition. The closing banquet featured food similar to that of the early 1800's. All in all it was a great experience. Patti Thomsen and Jim Gramentine are now President and President-Elect of the Foundation. We are very proud of them and are grateful for their work.

#2: Our 1st Annual Meeting of the L & C Trail Heritage Foundation By: Tom and Mary Butts

Not only was this our first annual meeting, it was our first time in Oregon.

We arrived on Saturday, August 6th late in the afternoon. We had been traveling since early morning, and we were tired, hungry and ready to relax. Unfortunately registration went very slowly, but we eventually had our room assignment in one of the dorms. It was right across from Templeton Hall (cafeteria and registration) and we found our way to our very warm dorm room. We had our first experience with the cafeteria and then followed the music to the Washington National Guard Band Concert, which was very enjoyable.

Sunday we went to the dedication of Capt. William Clark Park. Very well done. Unfortunately the bus we were on, didn't leave for almost 45 minutes. No one had mentioned our departure time, so we waited while people talked and walked around.

We spent a great deal of time looking for a pay phone to use our calling card. Everyone tried to help, but we finally discovered how to use the college phones to make our calls home.

We attended the Opening Session. We enjoyed the interpretive program put on by "Captain Lewis, Druillard, and an Indian Chief." We then had our chapter meeting.

Monday night we attended the Awards night featuring Gary Moulton. This was a very long meeting and they did not have the auction because of the length of the program. Unfortunately we did not know many of the presenters or award winners.

We attended several break-out sessions and found them to be very informative. Our first one was "Lost legacy: Lewis & Clark place names in the Pacific Northwest", then we attended "Medical aspects of the Journey" by Gary Lentz. It was excellent! Another session was "Separating Facts and Myths about Sacagawea" by Barb Kubik. This again was very informative.

On Tuesday we went on the Eastbound tour: "Roll on Columbia." It was a long day but very enjoyable. One of the highlights was a boat tour on the Columbia where we saw the many wind surfers and kite surfers.

Early Wednesday we left to attend a Lewis and Clark Elderhostel starting in Great Falls, Mt. We had a few observations concerning the annual meeting.

Most of the chapters attending spent a great deal of time together. Very little interaction. We did meet individuals at the general meetings and at meals. We attended one meeting for first timers and new members that was very informative. We were always happy to see our own chapter members. Would have liked information about the various vests, patches, and pins we saw. Felt we were unaware of many people and their reason to be there. In general we met the people in the organization but not in a personal way.

We did receive a questionnaire about the meeting and filled it out. Overall a very interesting experience. The next meeting will be in St. Louis which is much more centrally located for us.

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#3: Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Annual Meeting By: Jim Rosenberger

As usual, early August temperatures were in the 90's for the foundation's 37th annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon, but I would have to say members of the Badger State Chapter in attendance had a "cool" time.

The campus of Lewis & Clark College was a beautiful setting for the meeting; dormitory rooms provided very comfortable lodging and cafeteria meals were excellent. Field trips to Fort Clatsop and the Columbia River Gorge provided more beautiful scenery and were hosted by knowledgeable and talented guides and speakers. A tour to Cathlapotle Plankhouse, a reconstructed cedar plank house, provided insight into the lives of the Chinookan people at the time of the Corps of Discovery's visit.

Seminar days at Lewis & Clark College provided breakout sessions with topics covering everything from The Corps of Discovery on the Columbia River to restoring salmon runs to the leadership skill of Lewis and Clark. And you haven't lived until you have heard Roger Wendlick speak on his addiction to collecting Lewis & Clark books and maps.

One of the impressive happenings was the ability to attend the dedication of the Nichaqwli Monument at Blue Lakes Regional Park and the dedication of Capt. Wm. Clark Park.

The monument at Blue Lake Regional Park commemorates the Nichaqwli people and the site of their village on the Columbia River. Capt. William Clark Park commemorates the expedition's March 31 to April 6, 1806 campsite and is the only park in the country named for Capt. Clark.

Attending dedications gives credit to those who worked so hard to bring these parks and monuments into existence but more importantly, standing at the ceremonies, fills one with a great deal of pride in being a member of an organization like the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation which supports, promotes and advances the legacy of the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

Next year's annual meeting will be in St. Louis, Missouri, September 18 and 19 and will be a prelude to the final Bicentennial Signature Event. Plan to attend.



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 Jim Rosenberger at punkinz@att.net or Bill Holman at wghmch@chorus.net. If you don't have e-mail, call Bill at (608) 249-2233. If you include a picture with your article, we will be happy to return it upon request.

- Fire at Fort Clatsop -

To connect with the article in the "Daily Astorian" that tells the story of the fire, go to message #63 on our Group Message Board at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LewisandClark-BadgerChapter/>

Time and the Trail By: Brad Brakke

Following the Trail, I have often found myself mulling over the topic of time and how different it was for the Captains than it is for us today.

In 1804 people, information and material traveled only as fast as a person could walk. In special cases, if a person had a horse or was traveling downstream, things went a little faster, but not much. Today, information exchange is instantaneous, and people and material can make it from point A to anywhere in the world in less than a day.

In 1804, once the boats left Camp Wood, Jefferson could only hope that the boys knew what they were doing. No micromanaging by the boss in this case - no managing by the boss at all.

From the other point of view there would be no one to call at the home office to discuss plans or changes in the plans. No ordering spare parts for overnight shipment. No e-mail for transmitting a speech text for approval before stating the position and promises of the United States. No press corps to report and critique every move as it happened, and no video cameras to document every step and misstep. No oscillation of public opinion. They had to plan, then execute without review.

President Jefferson selected well when he chose Lewis; Lewis selected well when he chose Clark; and the Captains selected well (and trained well) when they chose their men. The whole operation was built on solid planning and trust of all involved, and faith that the trust would be rewarded. The success of the expedition, regardless of how you measure it, is even more astounding viewed in the light of the technological conditions available to them.

What is also amazing is that in the years remaining to William Clark, Fulton sailed his steamboat Clermont in 1807, a steam assisted crossing of the Atlantic took place in 1819, and the railroad era started in the 1830s. A mere 6 years after Clark's death Samuel Morse demonstrated his telegraph.

I can hear Clark talking to a young steamboat captain, "You fellows have it easy. You should have gone up river with us in '04. Yes, indeed."

Brad Brakke is the Treasurer of the Ohio River Chapter of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. "Time and the Trail" appeared in their Summer 2005 Newsletter, and is reproduced here with his permission.

President's Message

By: Jim Rosenberger



Jim Rosenberger

Each day we face new challenges but here is one that can be fun. From September 26, 2005 through January 23, 2006, the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation is holding a Chapter Challenge to recruit new Foundation members. A new Foundation member is someone who has let their membership expire prior to September 1, 2004 or has never been a member. Cash prizes of \$200 to \$500 are being rewarded for Chapters who recruit the most new

members with 33 new members being the minimum to qualify for the challenge.

33 new members is a lot, especially for a non-trail state Chapter like ours. But I think there are people out there who would join our Chapter and The Foundation if they only knew about our organizations. Even more important; this program supports the need to let people know the Foundation and Chapter exist so we have the membership base to continue our efforts of being the "Keepers of the Story, Stewards of the Trail" beyond the bicentennial years. You can help.

Talk about Lewis and Clark, talk about our Chapter and the Foundation, invite people to join both and leave a membership application. If you do presentations on Lewis and Clark, include a discussion about the Foundation and Chapter and hand out applications. If you are asked to do a presentation but do not feel you want to, let me know, I will make sure we have someone available. We have a number of members who give wonderful presentations. The holiday season is coming up; consider giving a gift membership to the Foundation and Chapter. Let your Chapter officers and board members know if you have other ideas on promoting the Chapter and Foundation.

My hope is that some day we will have members throughout the state so we can have meetings in places like Green Bay, Wausau, Superior, Eau Claire, Racine/Kenosha and more. But to accomplish this, we need to promote the Chapter. Not just our officers, not just our board of directors but rather, we all need to promote the Chapter. Every member needs to get the word out. I have the membership application forms, now what I need is your help in getting the forms and the word out. If you have ideas or suggestions on how to proceed, let's talk.

Are you up for the Challenge?

Jim



A "Must See" (above) is The Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural, & Educational Center, 200 Main St., Salmon, Idaho 83467 (800) 727-2540

Spirit of Sakajawea Expedition: A Walking Trek...

During the summer of 2006, a Spirit of Sakajawea Expedition will trek across The Rockies of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming from Lewiston, ID to the Wind River Indian Reservation and Sakajawea's supposed gravesite. This trek will follow the Corps' path over the Lolo Trail in the Bitterroot Mountains to Traveler's Rest, then along Capt. Clark's route to the Jefferson River and on eastward over Bozeman Pass to Pompey's Pillar. Arrival at Pompey's Pillar in late July will be timed to coincide with the bicentennial celebration at the National Monument. From Pompey's Pillar, the trek will turn southward on a trail of their own, heading for Cody, WY. There, the trail will turn abruptly west for a trek through Yellowstone National Park and then through Grand Teton National Park before, again, heading eastward to the Wind River Reservation. For the last mile, Shoshone women, girls and infants will join the trekking group and accompany them to the gravesite. There, they will join Shoshone Elders and Sakajawea descendants for a celebration in Sakajawea's honor. The total trek will be approximately 1,025 miles to be hiked over a ten week period. Applications for anyone interested for from a week to the whole trek are available by e-mail at either: feetsdont_failmenow@yahoo.com or http://www.journeyheretothere.com/here_to_there_llc.htm. Susannah Rose is coordinating the trek and will answer questions or provide information at the above addresses.



New Program Examines Roots of Explorers Lewis & Clark

(News release from Virginia's Community Idea Stations)

"I can relive in my imagination what it must have been like for Meriwether Lewis as a young man to wake up and look out of the window...and see the mountains and wonder what was on the other side." – Dolley Buswell, owner, Locust Hill, Home of Meriwether Lewis

Charlottesville, VA, July 1, 2004— Meriwether Lewis and William Clark grew up in a time when dreams of western exploration became reality. Now 200 years later, the nation is commemorating their extraordinary westward journey. The history and legacy of these explorers—told from the perspective of their hometown—is the focus of a new half-hour program, VIRGINIA'S LEWIS & CLARK: ROOTS OF A LEGACY, produced by the Community Idea Stations and distributed by American Public Television (APT).

Their remarkable mission began in central Virginia at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Meriwether Lewis was born in what is now Albemarle County, and William Clark's family had roots in Albemarle soil as well. Their ideas of what lay beyond the Mississippi River were nurtured by Thomas Jefferson, a "vicarious westerner" who had never traveled farther west than Hot Springs, VA, and who built his home, Monticello, in Albemarle County.

Jefferson intended to establish the United States as a continental nation, an "Empire of Liberty" that reached from Atlantic to Pacific. To further his goal, Jefferson sent Lewis and Clark's Expedition of North Western Discovery to find a water route to the Pacific Ocean, which would also increase trade between the U.S. and Indians of that region in order to thwart British fur trading there.

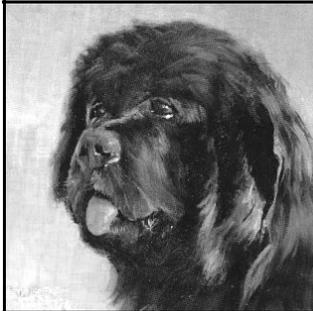
VIRGINIA'S LEWIS & CLARK: ROOTS OF A LEGACY features interviews with descendants of Lewis & Clark like Sara Lee Barnes; historians such as Cinder Stanton from Monticello; geographer John Allen from the Univ. of Wyoming; and owners of Locust Hill, the boyhood home of Meriwether Lewis, & Buena Vista, the early home of William Clark's family. Through these conversations, this Telly Award-winning program explores how the families and contemporaries of Lewis & Clark prepared them for this daring voyage and examines their influence today.

Activities from the Jan. 2003 commemoration held in the explorers' hometown, which kicked off the national bicentennial celebrations, are featured in this program including a L & C re-enactment, a keelboat demonstration, and the Monacan Nation Muddy Creek Drum Group performance at the commemoration's opening ceremony at Monticello.

The Community Idea Stations launched an **online teachers' guide** to accompany **VIRGINIA'S LEWIS & CLARK: ROOTS OF A LEGACY** in late August 2004. The online resource guide provides teachers with access to such primary sources as letters and maps written and used by Lewis and Clark, as well as other documents dating from the journey's origins in Virginia. High school, middle school, and elementary teachers will be able to download these primary sources and the suggested accompanying teaching activities. More information, see: www.ideastations.org/lewisandclark.

Production funding for this program was provided by the City of Charlottesville, the County of Albemarle, the Charlottesville-Albemarle Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the University of Virginia Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Project.

Seaman Says...August 17, 1805



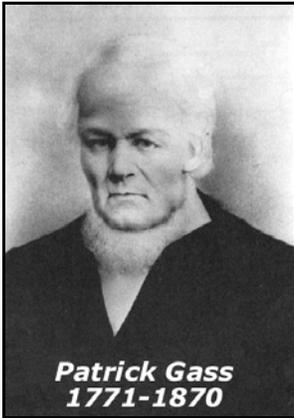
Captain Lewis has been ahead of us, searching for the Shoshone people. This morning I am reunited with my Captain and he has apparently found the Indians.

At first, I protected Sacagawea and Pomp from these strangers but then found they are of the same family and allowed them to join in visiting. Since some of the men's belongings fell into the river and being now among friends, I commenced to show the Shoshone my ability to swim and to retrieve, and then herded their numerous horses so they would not wander off.

This evening Captain Lewis entered into his daily journal that the Shoshone were astonished at my sagacity. I believe this to be a good thing.



Letters from my cousin, Patrick Gass, with the Corps of Discovery



**Patrick Gass
1771-1870**

Dear Bill,

From time to time I'll try to write you a letter about what we have been doing during this period. This letter is about some days when we were starting to use the canoes that we have recently built. (I will also use many of these thoughts in my Journal.)

Saturday, Oct. 5, 1805: Having got pretty well forward in our canoe making, we collected all our horses and branded them, in order to leave them with the Indians, the old chief having promised that they should be well taken care of. In the evening we got two of our canoes into the water. We had four large ones; and one small one, to look ahead. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon we began our voyage down the river, and found the rapids in some places very dangerous. One of our canoes sprung a leak. We therefore halted and mended her, after going twenty miles.



A Canoe Striking on a Tree

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1805 At 9 o'clock in a fine morning we continued our voyage down the river: passed three islands and several rapids; and at noon stopped at some Indian lodges, of which there are a great many along the river. At 2 we proceeded on again. In the evening, in passing through a rapid, I had my canoe stove, and she sunk. Fortunately the water was not more than waist deep, so our lives and baggage were saved, though the latter was wet. We halted and encamped here to repair the canoe, after coming 18 miles.

Your cuzzin,
Patrick Gass

(Note: Bill Holman, a Badger Chapter member and the editor of this journal, is the second cousin four times removed, of Patrick Gass. He has offered these "letters from the trail", which must have been held up in the mail.)

Badger Chapter Meeting November 12TH



Lane Library at Ripon College

Join us on Saturday, November 12th as we return to the picturesque setting of Ripon College, Ripon, WI for our next Chapter meeting. Those of us who were at our January 2005 meeting were very impressed with this location and by popular demand, historian and chapter member, Todd Berens will conclude his discussion on the history and evolution of the Lewis & Clark Journals. An added pleasure is to browse through the Lane Library and the volumes of western history donated to the college by Todd and Betty.

The board meeting will begin at 10 A.M., business meeting at 11 A.M. Todd will begin his discussion at 1:30 P.M. Lunch will be at the college cafeteria in Pickard Commons which provides an excellent all you can eat lunch at a very reasonable price. Plan on being at this meeting and bring a guest.

The official meeting announcement will be mailed to members in the near future.

Interesting excerpts from: "The Men of the Lewis and Clark Expedition"

By: Charles G. Clarke (1899 - 1983)

"A Biographical Roster of the 51 Members and a Composite Diary of Their Activities from All Known Sources"

**CAPTAIN MERIWETHER LEWIS,
U.S. INFANTRY**

Born, August 18, 1774, near Ivy, seven miles west of Charlottesville, Virginia, of Welsh parentage. Son of William and Lucy (Meriwether) Lewis. Well educated, blond-sunny

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hair; bowlegged, particular, precise, serious, reserved and inclined to melancholia and hypochondria. He served in the 1st Infantry, U.S. Army and in Gen. Wayne's northwestern campaigns. In 1801 he was appointed Pres. Jefferson's private secretary. After the expedition, he was appointed the Governor of Louisiana Territory. Clerks in Washington protested some of his drafts -some of which were connected with the expedition - which caused him emotional strain. He decided to go to Washington to explain the drafts, and while enroute on the Natchez Trace, he died, either by murder or suicide, on October 11, 1809. A monument stands at his burial place on the Trace near Nashville, Tennessee. He never married.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM CLARK, U.S. ARTILLERY

Born, August 1, 1770, near Charlottesville, Virginia, of Scottish ancestry. Son of John and Ann (Rogers) Clark. Six feet tall, red-haired, a popular leader of men. He was promised a captaincy by Lewis, and received the same pay and recognition as a captain, though when the commission was received, it was for a second lieutenant. When the expedition returned to St. Louis he promptly returned the commission on October 10, 1806. After the expedition he was appointed Indian Agent, and after Lewis' death, the Governor of Missouri.

(BEN?) YORK

Clark's negro servant who was willed to him by Clark's father on July 24, 1799. Since their childhood, a life-long companion of Clark. York was the son of "Old York" and "Rose," slaves who had been with the Clark family all their lives. York was kinky-haired, jet-black, large sized, and of herculean strength. A wag, wit and delight of the party and Indians, who considered him Great Medicine. After the expedition he was freed by Clark, and he returned to Louisville, Kentucky, where he married. He was furnished a dray and six horses by Clark who was concerned for his welfare for as long as he lived. He engaged in the draying business between Nashville, Tennessee, and Richmond, Kentucky. He took to drink and entertained with stories about his adventures with the expedition, which became taller with each telling. He died of cholera in Tennessee.

A note from Dave & Tanya Bubier

We have a new e-mail address...
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=We're On The Web=

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and share it with your friends.

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