

**Title:** Dr. Robert N. Bergantino Lewis and Clark Campsites

**Name of Creator:** Robert N. and Sharon Bergantino.

**Inclusive Dates:** c. 1970-2023.

**Extent:** 1.0 lf.

**Collection Number:** AR018.

**Name and Location of Repository:**

William P. Sherman Library and Archives Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Great Falls, MT.

**Access Restrictions:**

The collection is open for use and housed at the LCTHF Head Office in Great Falls, Montana.

**Language:**

The contents of the collection are primarily English language documents.

**Collection Processed by/Dates:** Della Van Setten, 2023.

**Finding Aid by/Dates:** Prepared by Della Van Setten, 2023.

**Biographical/Historical Note:**

Dr. Robert (Bob) Bergantino is a hydrogeologist and associate professor at Montana Tech in Butte, Montana. Robert became a member of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation in 1983 and corresponded regularly with Don Peterson of the Portage Route Chapter. Mr. Bergantino has studied the Lewis and Clark Expedition and in particular Clark's maps of the route of the expedition since at least 1971. Bob presented regularly on Lewis and Clark to a wide variety of groups in Montana including the LCTHF.

Bob set out to map the Lewis and Clark survey points, routes and campsites through Montana. He also mapped the portage route around the Falls of the Missouri. Dr. Bergantino was engaged in preparing the geologic and geomorphic footnotes for Gary Moulton's *Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*. Dr. Bergantino became interested in the Expedition's celestial observations. He eventually recalculated all their conclusions regarding latitudes, extended the data they collected for longitudes, and mapped magnetic declinations for the explorer's entire route. In 1992, Dr. Bergantino provided the National Park Service with a database of the campsites coordinated from Wood River to Fort Clatsop and return. In 2002, he completed a GIS compatible database of the entire Lewis and Clark route through Montana for the Continuing Education Department at the University of Montana.

**Scope and Contents:**

The collection encompasses Dr. Bergantino's many years of research on the cartological information of the Lewis and Clark Expedition and contains documents, hand drawn maps, copies of maps, and commercial quadrangle maps with Dr. Bergantino's notations.

**Arrangement:** Papers are arranged in the order they were received.

**Acquisition Date:** 2023.

**Acquisition Source:** The Robert N. Bergantino Lewis and Clark Campsites papers were picked up from Mr. Bergantino at his home in Butte, MT and transported to the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation headquarters in Great Falls, MT by Lee Ebeling, LCTHF board member and Portage Route Chapter board member.

**Processing Note:**

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**Related Materials:** RG 003 LCTHF Records, Portage Route Chapter Records, Series IV: Box 10.

<https://lewis-clark.org/contributors/robert-n-bergantino/>

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**Separated Materials:**

Bergantino, Robert. *Atlas of the Lewis and Clark Expedition from the Yellowstone River to the Summit of Lolo Pass 1805-1806*. 1986. 2023.002.003 Map Case Drawer 10.

Bergantino, Robert. *Draught of the Falls and Portage of the Missouri. Tracings of William Clark's original map by Bob Bergantino*. 2018. 2023.002.002 Map Case Drawer 10.

Bergantino, Robert. *A Map of Part of the Continent of North America between the 35th and 51 degrees of North Latitude and 80 degrees of West Longitude to the Pacific*. 1974. 2023.002.001 Map Case Drawer 10.

Bergantino, Robert. *Possible sites to include in the traveling exhibit*. 2023.002.006 Map Case Drawer 10.

Bergantino, Robert. *Set of Topographic Quadrangles including the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers annotated by Robert Bergantino*. 1967-1989. 2023.002.004 Map Case Drawer 10.

Bergantino, Robert and Abdo, Ginette. *Lewis and Clark in Montana Beaverhead Rock*. 2023.002.012 Map Case Drawer 10.

Bergantino, Robert and Abdo, Ginette. *Lewis and Clark in Montana Entering Montana*. 2023.002.007 Map Case Drawer 10.

Bergantino, Robert and Abdo, Ginette. *Lewis and Clark in Montana Finding the Latitude*. 2023.002.016 Map Case Drawer 10.

Bergantino, Robert and Abdo, Ginette. *Lewis and Clark in Montana Gates of the Mountains*. 2023.002.010 Map Case Drawer 10.

Bergantino, Robert and Abdo, Ginette. *Lewis and Clark In Montana A Geologic Perspective*. 2023.002.017 Map Case Drawer 10.

Bergantino, Robert and Abdo, Ginette. *Lewis and Clark in Montana Great Falls of the Missouri*. 2023.002.009 Map case Drawer 10.

Bergantino, Robert and Abdo, Ginette. *Lewis and Clark in Montana Pompeys Pillar*. 2023.002.013 Map Case Drawer 10.

Bergantino, Robert and Abdo, Ginette. *Lewis and Clark in Montana Powder River Area*. 2023.002.014 Map Case Drawer 10.

Bergantino, Robert and Abdo, Ginette. *Lewis and Clark in Montana Scientific Equipment of the Expedition*. 2023.002.015 Map Case Drawer 10.

Bergantino, Robert and Abdo, Ginette. *Lewis and Clark in Montana Three Forks of the Missouri*. 2023.002.011 Map Case Drawer 10.

Bergantino, Robert and Abdo, Ginette. *Lewis and Clark in Montana the White Cliffs of the Missouri*. 2023.002.008 Map Case Drawer 10.

Bergantino, Robert and Abdo, Ginette. *Scientific Equipment Lewis and Clark Used on the Expedition*. 2023.002.018 Map Case Drawer 10.

Bergantino, Robert and Sandau, Kenneth L. *The Route and Campsites of Lewis and Clark in Montana: A Geologic Perspective*. 2023.002.005 Map Case Drawer 10.

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Celestial Navigation.

## **Container List**

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### Box 1:

Folder 1: Defeated Drain, 2023.

Folder 2: Lewis and Clark's Celestial Observations, 2023.

Folder 3: Meriwether Lewis Astronomy Notebook with transcript, 1995

Folder 4: Nautical Almanac for 1805.

Folder 5: Longitude of Fort Mandan, 1993.

Folder 6: Geological Aspects of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, 1999.

Folder 7: Determining the Location of Sites, 2021.

Folder 8: Lewis and Clark Map of 1806.

Folder 9: Grog Spring.

Folder 10: Lewis-Blackfeet Fight Site, 2022.

Folder 11: Lower Portage Camp Area, 1988.

Folder 12: White Bear Islands, 1985.

Folder 13: Great Falls Portage, 1975-1984.

Folder 14: Clark's Dinosaur.

Folder 15: Celestial Observations.

Folder 16: Junction of Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers.

Folder 17: William Clark's Triangulation of River Widths.

Folder 18: Clark's Detailed Maps of Montana, 1971.

Folder 19: Route Maps from Topo Files- Mouth of the Yellowstone to Lolo Pass.

Folder 20: Route Maps from Topo Files- Traveler's Rest to White Bear Islands.

Folder 21: Route Maps from Topo Files- Upper Marias 1806.

Folder 22: Ryan Cooper- Maps, 2018.

Folder 23: Mapping the Route 1804-1806 with transparency.

Folder 24: Mouth of Ohio River to Camp Fortunate-Maps.

Folder 25: Fort Mandan to Camp Fortunate-Maps.

Folder 26: Camp Fortunate to Pacific and Return.

Folder 27: Correlation Clark's Survey Mouth of Marias to Great Falls.

Folder 28: Missouri River Commission Maps-St. Louis to Yellowstone River.

Folder 29: Portage Route Chapter Correspondence, 1983-2009.