Heart of America: A Journey Fourth Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Signature Event Records

Inclusive Dates:
2000-2006

Name and Location of Repository:
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AR 020

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Extent:
2.5 linear feet

Historical Note:
Thousands of Americans turned to the heart of their nation to celebrate Independence Day 2004. The cities of Kansas City, Missouri and Atchison and Leavenworth, Kansas played host to the sixth Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Signature Event, “Heart of America: A Journey Fourth.” This event commemorated the 1803-06 Lewis and Clark Expedition’s observance of Independence Day, July 4, 1804, near present day Atchison, Kansas.

The lead partners for the event are the cities of Atchison, Kansas, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri. Emilie Jester was the executive Director of Heart of America. MaryLee Sturdevant served as a volunteer during the events.

Scope and Contents:
Materials in this collection include records of the planning, coordination and execution of the sixth Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Signature Event, “Heart of America: A Journey Fourth.” Most of the records are paper format. The first folder contains samples of materials handed out to familiarize attendees with the area, the event, and the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial as a whole. It includes correspondence and samples of the formats of the different materials. The collection including the
involvement of different councils, marketing, fundraising, and budgeting. It contains records of executive committee meetings; executive director reports; the decision on the official site; and logo discussions. There is material about Congressional involvement, pre events, and the events for “Heart of America: A Journey Fourth” held in Leavenworth, Atchinson, and Kansas City. There is material about other bicentennial events held in Platte County, Illinois, and Kentucky. The collection includes ads and publicity for the event. Non archival materials have been removed from the collection and added to the objects catalogs as accession number 2008.046.

**Arrangement:**
Since the materials relate to the planning for this event no series were needed. Most of the folders are titled and organized as submitted by Heart of America Executive Director, Emilie Jester. The arrangement of the folders is by function beginning with an introductory folder and ending with advertising. Three folders of information from other bicentennial signature events are arranged alphabetically at the end of the collection.

**Subject Terms:**
Budget  
Fundraising  
*Heart of America: A Journey Fourth* National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Signature Event  
*Heart of America: A Journey Fourth* National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Signature Event Logo  
*Heart of America: A Journey Fourth* National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Signature Event official site  
Marketing  
Platte County, Missouri  
Illinois  
Kentucky  
Planning  
Publicity  
Sponsors

**Acquisition Information:**
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**Acquisition Source:**
Emilie Jester sent the records to the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. The newspapers were collected by MaryLee Sturdevant.

**Related Materials**
Archival materials in the William P. Sherman Library and Archives:  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Collection, AR 012  
Phil Scriver Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Papers, AR 013  
Bureau of Land Management Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Collection, AR 015
Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Signature Events Collection, AR 016
National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial 2003 Annual Convention, AR 017
Clark on the Yellowstone Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Signature Event, AR 018
Lewis and Clark Stamp First Day of Issue Event, Great Falls, MT Collection, AR 022
Circle of Tribal Advisors for the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Records, AR 023
Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Material Compiled by Hal Stearns, Jr., AR 024
National Council for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Records, AR 026
Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Material Compiled by Chet Robinson, AR 027
Corps II, National Park Service Travelling Exhibit Records, Unassigned
Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Materials Compiled by Helen Markwell, Unassigned

Access Restrictions:
The collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions:
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Box Listing:

Box 1
Folder 1: Introduction
Folder 2: Planning
Folder 3: Mid America Regional Council
Folder 4: Kansas Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission
Folder 5: Marketing Commission
Folder 6: Marketing Commission 2
Folder 7: Marketing Commission 3
Folder 8: Marketing Strategy
Folder 9: Press Release and Map

Box 2
Folder 1: Fundraising
Folder 2: Grants
Folder 3: Budget Information
Folder 4: Executive Director Updates
Folder 5: Legacy
Folder 6: Sponsorship
Folder 7: Executive Committee
Folder 8: Official website
Folder 9: Logo
Folder 10: Congress/Senate

Box 3
Folder 1: Pre-events
Folder 2: Opening Ceremony
Folder 3: Lewis and Clark in Kansas
Folder 4: Lewis and Clark in Kansas 2
Folder 5: Atchison, Kansas
Folder 6: Kansas City, Missouri
Folder 7: Leavenworth, Kansas
Folder 8: Lewis and Clark Bridge
Folder 9: Arts and Culture
Folder 10: Education
Folder 11: Scouts, Boy and Girl

Box 4
Folder 1: Riverfront Heritage Trail
Folder 2: Performer
Folder 3: Reenactment Voyage
Folder 4: Books
Folder 5: Miscellaneous Readings
Folder 6: Mid Continent Library
Folder 7: Kansas Gateway Guide
Folder 8: Missouri Vacation Planner
Folder 9: News Releases
Folder 10: KCTV 5
Folder 11: KCPT
Folder 12: KCMO
Folder 13: Entercom
Folder 14: Infinity Radio
Folder 15: Article Printouts

Box 5
Folder 1: Advertisements
Folder 2: Advertisements 2
Folder 3: Illinois Bicentennial Events
Folder 4: Kentucky Bicentennial Events
Folder 5: Platte County, Missouri Bicentennial Events