

USPS Lewis and Clark First Day of Issue

Name of Creator: Jill Jackson, librarian and LCTHF staff. Added to by John Fisher accession number 2020.003

Inclusive Dates: 2004

Extent: .5 lf

Collection Number: AR 022

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: Jill Jackson and LCTHF staff and volunteers, 2004.

Finding Aid by/Dates: Della Yeager, 2019.

Biographical/Historical Note:

In partnership with the U.S. Postal Service, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center hosted a day of activities marking the Montana release of three new Lewis and Clark commemorative postage stamps May 14, 2004. The public was invited to participate in activities marking the bicentennial anniversary of the beginning of the Corps of Discovery's historic journey through the Louisiana Purchase territory. The public was able to obtain exclusive access to the Lewis and Clark first day of issue Great Falls, Montana postmark at the event. They also could obtain the limited-edition Lewis and Clark Stamp booklets titled *Lewis and Clark: The Corps of Discovery, 1804-1806*, which included two semi-jumbo stamps in self-adhesive panes of 10 featuring individual portraits of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. A third stamp, available in a pane of 20 stamps, featured an image of the two co-leaders of the expedition standing on a promontory and surveying the countryside was also available. Also offered were two custom-designed cachet envelopes—one produced by the Postal Service depicting a Lewis and Clark theme and one produced by the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Association depicting a Native American theme. The schedule of events for the day included: stamp sales, kids' Lewis and Clark letter writing project, stamp unveiling ceremony, and a meet the Montana Cachet Artist, Jesse Henderson event.

The official first day of issue ceremony for the Lewis and Clark stamps took place at one location in each of the eleven states along the route of the Lewis and Clark expedition: Pink House Recreation Site, Orofino, ID; Camp River Dubois, Hartford, IL; Southern Hills Mall, Sioux City, IA; Atchison Riverfront Park, Atchison, KS; Frontier Park, St. Charles, MO; Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center, Great Falls, MT; Lewis and Clark Landing, Omaha, NE; Fort Mandan, Washburn, ND; Fort Clatsop National Memorial, Astoria, OR; SD Capital Building Rotunda, Pierre, SD; and Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center Cape Disappointment State Park, Ilwaco, WA.

Scope and Contents:

The collection contains materials collected at Stamp Events in various locations where Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation staff were in attendance. The bulk of materials are from the Great Falls, MT stamp event as Foundation staff were involved in the planning, preparation, and execution of the event. Some of the contents of the collection are non-archival materials, or materials separated for preservation, including examples of the stamps.

Arrangement:

The papers and other materials are arranged in two sub-series: one for the Great Falls, MT stamp event and the second for stamp event materials from other locations. Collection is housed in one archival box.

Acquisition Date: 2004

Acquisition Source:

Materials collected by Jill Jackson, librarian, Carol Bronson, and other LCTHF staff and volunteers at the events. Staff did not attend all stamp events. Collection was added to in 2020 through a donation from John Fisher which provided multiple examples of materials from additional stamp events.

Processing Note:

The USPS Lewis and Clark First Day of Issue collection processing and finding aid creation was funded through a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service, Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, Omaha, Nebraska.

Related Materials:

See other Bicentennial Archival Collections as this was a Bicentennial commemorative event.

Separated Materials:

Sealing Wax Press United States of America Louisiana Purchase 1803 Nickel Coin Back. Set of 2 metal stamps for use with sealing wax used during the Children's Lewis and Clark Letter Writing activity. Object ID 2004.001.098. Object Box 3.

Restrictions on Use:

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Subject Terms:

Lewis and Clark.

United States Postal Service—1st Day of Issue—Commemorative Stamps.

United State Postal Service—Cachet Envelope.

Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center Association-Cachet Envelope.

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center.

Jesse Henderson—Chippewa Cree—Artist.

Lewis and Clark Bicentennial

Container List

Title: USPS Lewis and Clark First Day of Issue

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Series 1: Stamp Event Great Falls, MT

Box 1:

Folder 1: Stamp Event Planning Meetings

Folder 2: Stamp Event Invitations

Folder 3: Stamp Event Activity for School Children

Folder 4: Stamp Event Packet for School Children

Folder 5: Stamp Event Ceremony

Folder 6: Stamp Event Press Packets

Folder 7: Stamp Event News Downloads

Folder 8: Stamp Event Davenport Painting Sign

Folder 9: Stamp Event Retail Sales

Folder 10: Stamp Event Prestige Booklet

Folder 11: Stamp Event First Day USPS Cachet Envelope

Folder 12: Stamp Event Lewis and Clark Interpretive Association Cachet Envelope

Folder 13: Lewis and Clark Commemorative Stamps

Folder 14: Stamp Event Neal Stamp Promo Flyer

Series 2: Other Stamp Event Location Materials

Folder 15: USPS Invitation and Program, Sioux City, IA

Folder 16: USPS Cachet Envelope 1st Day Issue, Sioux City, IA

Folder 17: L&C Interp. Center Sioux City, IA Cachet Envelope

Folder 18: Sioux City Journal Articles (newsprint needs to be copied)

Folder 19: USPS Invitation, St. Charles, MO

Folder 20: Sgt. Floyd Tri State Chapter Postcard

Folder 21: USPS Cachet Envelope 1st Day of Issue, Orofino, ID

Folder 22: USPS Cachet Envelope 1st Day of Issue, Weippe, ID

Folder 23: USPS Cachet Envelope 1st Day of Issue, Omaha, NE

Folder 24: USPS Cachet Envelope 1st Day of Issue, Tekamah, NE

Folder 25: USPS Cachet Envelope 1st Day of Issue, Atchinson, KS