

Title: Bicentennial Material Compiled by Hal Stearns, Jr.

Name of Creator: Harold "Hal" Stearns, Jr., Vice Chairman, Montana Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission

Inclusive Dates: 2002-2006

Extent: 1.0 lf

Collection Number: AR024 (old number AR2009-031)

Name and Location of Repository:

William P. Sherman Library and Archives Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, 4201 Giant Springs Road, Great Falls, MT 59405.

Access Restrictions:

The collection is open for use and housed at the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

Language:

The contents of the collection are primarily English language documents.

Collection Processed by/Dates: Richard H. Smith, 2009. Della Yeager, 2019.

Finding Aid by/Dates: Prepared by Richard H. Smith, 2009. Typed by Joan Farmer, 2009. Updated by Della Yeager, 2019.

Biographical/Historical Note:

The collection contains the papers and materials collected by Harold "Hal" Stearns, a member of the Montana Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission and Chair of its Education Committee. The commission oversaw the events throughout Montana which commemorated the 200-year anniversary of the 1803-1806 Lewis and Clark expedition.

Stearns served in the Montana National Guard from 1963 to 2000, promoted to the rank of Brigadier General. In his civilian life, he received his BA in Communication Arts from Notre Dame, his MA in Western History from the University of Montana, and PhD in Education from the University of Montana. He taught high school history and other subjects for 28 years and served twelve years as adjunct professor at the University of Montana.

Since his retirement, Mr. Stearns has served as a Lewis and Clark interpreter for many tour groups as well as speaking across the country at various Bicentennial functions. At the Confluence of Cultures event May 28-30, 2003 in Missoula, MT, Mr. Stearns spoke on "Special Encounters: The Education Journey of Lewis and Clark and the Indians." In his presentation, Mr. Stearns was dressed as and playing the role of William Clark as an older man looking back at the expedition. He will reflect on such things as how he perceived Indian life and culture, the

importance of Sacagawea to the expedition, and how both Indian and white learned from each other in the encounters they had.

Scope and Contents:

The collection consists of records, papers, and collected ephemera from Hal Stearns time on the Montana Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission. The collection includes a total of two boxes, and items stored elsewhere in the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Library.

Arrangement: Left in general arrangement of collector.

Acquisition Date: 2009

Acquisition Source: The Collection was sent to the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation by Harold "Hal" Stearns, Jr. Vice Chair of the Montana Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission.

Processing Note:

The *Bicentennial Material Compiled by Hal Stearns, Jr.* processing and finding aid creation was funded through a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service, Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, Omaha, Nebraska.

Separated Materials:

Ellis, Clifford B. *Pompey's Pillar, Montana*. Post card. Object ID 2008.055.001

Monticello the Home of Thomas Jefferson. Post card. Object ID 2008.055.002

The Vigilante Theatre Company. *The Great Vigilante Theatre Company Present Clark and Lewis*. Object ID 2008.055.003

Gurling, Mike. *Fort Clatsop Replica*. Post card. Object ID 2008.055.004

The Summer of Peace a Commemoration of Generations 1806-2006 Among the Nimiipuu. Invitation. Object ID 2008.055.006

Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation Reunion at the home of Sakakawea. Invitation. Object ID 2008.055.006

A Part of History with A Journey Fourth. Invitation. Object ID 2008.055.007

North Dakota Department of Commerce. *Lewis and Clark Golf Trail*. Booklet. Object ID 2008.055.008

Carlson, Eric. *Spirits from the Sky Thunder on the Land*. Book. Object ID 2008.055.009

American Heritage Magazine. *Lewis and Clark Expedition*. Object ID 2008.055.010

Sioux City Convention and Visitors Bureau. *Relive the Journey Lewis and Clark Expedition, 1803-1806*. Object ID 2008.055.011

Sacajawea Heritage Days. Object ID 2008.055.012

Goss, John. *Teamwork Defines Lewis and Clark Commemoration*. Object ID 2008.055.013

Gantz, Richard A. *Lewis and Clark At the Falls*. Object ID 2008.055.014

State of Montana. *Montana Highway Map Lewis and Clark Commemorative Edition*. Object ID 2008.055.015

Sacajawea Statue Dedication. Invitation. Object ID 2008.055.016

Duncan, Dayton. *Lewis and Clark in Montana*. Article. 2008.055.017

Torgerson, Pat. *An Agricultural Adventure with Lewis and Clark*. Object ID 2008.055.018

Reeves, Laura. *The Official Driving Tour of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Vol. 1*. Audio. Object ID 2008.055.019

Brown, David. *Crisis at the Headwaters*. Newspaper supplement. Object ID 2008.055.020

Lewis and Clark the National Bicentennial Exhibition. Object ID 2008.055.021

Burns, Ken. *Lewis and Clark the Journey of the Corps of Discovery Teacher's Guide*. Object ID 2008.055.022

Longest, David and Stanton, James. *Lewis and Clark the American Journey*. Play program. Object ID 2008.055.023

Stephen E. Ambrose Tribute. Program. Object ID 2008.055.024

Holland, Erik. *Lewis and Clark Among the Earthlodge People*. Object ID 2008.055.025

North Dakota Tourism. *North Dakota the Real Adventure Began Here Lewis and Clark Trail Guide*. Object ID 2008.055.026

North Dakota Tourism. *North Dakota Lewis and Clark Trail Guide*. Object ID 2008.055.027

Belleville News Democrat. *Lewis and Clark Discovery Begins in Illinois Bicentennial Festival*. Newspaper supplement. Object ID 2008.055.028

US Forest Service. *Following Lewis and Clark across the Clearwater National Forest*. Object ID 2008.055.029

Atchison Daily Globe. *A Journey Fourth*. Newspaper supplement. Object ID 2008.055.030

Welcome to the Grand Opening of the Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitors Center. Event program. Object ID 2008.055.031

Building the Vision. Object ID 2008.055.032

Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan. *Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Remembering a Great American Adventure*. Object ID 2008.055.034

Several newspapers were removed from the collection. They are stored in the Map Case under Newspaper, Hal Stearns.

1 archival box of miscellaneous ephemera collected by Hal Stearns to be processed into that collection as needed.

1 folder of various photos from along the trail removed to photographs collection.

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Container List

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Sub-Series 1:

Box 1:

Folder 1: First Annual Lewis and Clark Symposium, 1972

Folder 2: Lewis and Clark in Montana- Interpretive Sign Strategy, 2000

Folder 3: Montana Bicentennial Master Plan, 2000

Folder 4: Montana- Lewis and Clark License Plates, 2001

Folder 5: Montana- Tourism & Rec Strategic Plan, 2003-2007

Folder 6: Montana- Lewis and Clark Legacy Campaign

Folder 7: Idaho Bicentennial

Folder 8: Oregon/Washington Bicentennial, 1970-2005

Folder 9: Nebraska Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission Strategic Planning, 2002

Box 2:

Folder 1: Bicentennial Signature Events 1

Folder 2: Bicentennial Signature Events 2

Folder 3: Oceti Sakowin Native Waters

Folder 4: On the Trail with Lewis and Clark in Montana- Stearns

Folder 5: Wonders of the Wilderness

Folder 6: L&C Publications-1

Folder 7: L&C Publications-2

Folder 8: Newspaper Articles

Folder 9: Research