

Title: Thomas Danisi Papers *Meriwether Lewis* Biography

Name of Creator: Thomas C. Danisi.

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Name and Location of Repository:

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

Access Restrictions:

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Language:

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Biographical/Historical Note:

October 10, 2009 marked the bicentennial of Meriwether Lewis' death. In their *Meriwether Lewis* published by Prometheus Books in 2009, Thomas C. Danisi and co-author John C. Jackson used twelve years of research to present information on Meriwether Lewis. The authors extensive search of archival records contained in public and private collections examined materials previously undiscussed in prior works. Original documents were uncovered and studied in over three hundred reels of microfilm. In their quest to illuminate the real Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Danisi also thanked the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation for their support over the years through a small grant and the availability of their journal, *We Proceeded On*.

Mr. Danisi's papers also include his presentation of "A New Perspective on the Death of Meriwether Lewis: an attempt to clear his name" by Thomas C. Danisi given at the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation 41st Annual Meeting in Olive Branch, TN on October 6, 2009. Mr. Danisi also published various articles in *We Proceeded On* over the years, and added subsequent materials in a second book that he authored alone, *Uncovering the Truth About Meriwether Lewis*, 2012.

Danisi lives in St. Louis, Missouri and graduated from St. Louis University with a major in English in 1973.

Scope and Contents:

This collection contains Thomas Danisi's research materials, notes, presentations, and drafts of the manuscript *Meriwether Lewis* by Thomas C. Danisi and John C. Jackson.

Arrangement:

The contents of the collection are arranged in folders in largely the order the author had them and contained in two archival boxes.

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Acquisition Source: Thomas Danisi.

Processing Note:

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Related Materials:

Meriwether Lewis by Thomas C. Danisi and John C. Jackson. William P. Sherman Library call number F592.7 .L42 .D36 2009.

We Proceeded On articles by Thomas Danisi.

Separated Materials:

Danisi, Thomas. *Meriwether Lewis Death: A New Perspective*. Powerpoint presentation on DVD given at the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation 41st Annual Meeting.

Danisi, Thomas and Wood, W. Raymond. *James MacKay: International Explorer*. Missouri Historical Review Vol. 102, No. 3, April, 2008. p. 154-164.

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Subject Terms:

Lewis, Meriwether, 1774-1809.

Lewis and Clark Expedition (1804-1806).

West (U.S.)—Description and travel.

West (U.S.)—Discovery and exploration.

Explorers—West (U.S.)—Biography.

Clark, William, 1770-1838.

Danisi, Thomas C.

Jackson, John C.

Container List

Title: Thomas Danisi Research Papers for *Meriwether Lewis* Book

Collection Number: AR025

Box 1:

Folder 1: Sentiment on Meriwether Lewis Biography, 2009

Folder 2: A New Perspective on the Death of Meriwether Lewis, 2009

Folder 3: Research Materials Bibliography Draft

Folder 4: Correspondence from Ann Dahl, 2006

Folder 5: Correspondence from James L. Williams, 1999

Folder 6: Catalog Prometheus Books, 2009

Folder 7: Copies of Materials from Missouri Historical Society

Folder 8: Manuscript Review Unknown of High Destiny

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Folder 10: Manuscript Review Unknown of High Destiny

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Folder 2: High Destiny: The Biography of Meriwether Lewis Manuscript

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Folder 4: Copies of Materials Clark's Field Notes