

**Title:** Missouri Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission Materials Compiled by Gerald Lee

**Name of Creator:** Dr. Gerald Lee, Commissioner at Large, Missouri Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission

**Inclusive Dates:** 1997-2005

**Extent:** 1.0 lf.

**Collection Number:** AR 035

**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:**

The contents of the collection are primarily English language documents.

**Collection Processed by/Dates:** Della Yeager, 2020.

**Finding Aid by/Dates:** Prepared by Della Yeager, 2020.

**Biographical/Historical Note:**

The Missouri Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission was established by Governor Mel Carnahan on December 5, 1997. The executive order stated “The purpose of the commission is to rekindle the spirit of discovery, achievement and wonder fostered by the original exploration.” The commission was very active during the bicentennial implementing a strategic plan developed in 2000 and amended in 2002. Dr. Gerald Lee, of Kansas City, served on the commission from the time of its founding as a Commissioner at Large and the chair of the Education Task Force. The commission awarded many educational grants, encouraging the study of Lewis and Clark through the use of professional re-enactors, trunk programs, and field trips. The Missouri Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission Final Report can be found at <https://dnr.mo.gov/parks/finalreport.pdf>

**Scope and Contents:** This collection contains the papers of Dr. Gerald Lee along with notes from his time on the Missouri Lewis and Clark Commission. It also includes his papers from the education committee he chaired while on the Commission, and reference materials related to Lewis and Clark. The collection also includes correspondence with Dr. James E. Starrs who was working at the time to get the body of Meriwether Lewis exhumed so a forensic study could possibly determine Meriwether’s cause of death.

**Arrangement:** Chronological.

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**Processing Note:**

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**Related Materials:**

AR 002 Confluence of Cultures Symposium Collection.

AR 006 Robert E. Gatten, Jr. National Bicentennial Council Papers.

AR 012 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Eastern Legacy and Bicentennial Records.

AR 013 Phil Scriver Papers re: Explore the Big Sky Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Signature Event.

AR 015 Bureau of Land Management Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Records.

AR 016 Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Signature Events Collection.

AR 017 National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Annual Convention Collection.

AR 020 Heart of America: A Journey Fourth Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Signature Event Records.

AR 023 Circle of Tribal Advisors for the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Records.

AR 024 Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Materials Compiled by Hal Stearns, Jr.

AR 026 National Council for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Records.

AR 033 Corps II, Tent of Many Voices Traveling Exhibit Records

**Separated Materials:** None.

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**Subject Terms:**

Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Lewis and Clark Commission—Missouri.

Education—Lewis and Clark.

Missouri—Interpretive Signs—Lewis and Clark.

National Signature Event—Preparations Complete, the Expedition Faces West, May, 2004.

Missouri—Historical Encampment—Cupboard Creek.

James E. Starrs—Meriwether Lewis Death.

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Folder 1: Missouri L&C Bicentennial Commission Project Prioritization, 2000

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