Washington State Chapter, LCTHF

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Editor's Notes:

With this issue of WON we begin not only a new volume, but also a new year with new officers and board members, new dues along with new adventures along the trail at our meetings. In this issue you will find a ballot for voting for the recommended – or any other person(s) you wish to write in – for the new officers and board members to take us into the bicentennial of the great epoch which draws us all together. Please take the time to vote, either by the ballot if you will not be attending, or at the meeting in Tacoma on Feb. 8th.

This is also the time of year to renew your membership. Please note that the dues have been increased to \$15 per year. This is a bit of a hike from what we have had for the past several years, yet it is still <u>below</u> the average of most of the other chapters, of which only a couple cover as large a geographical area as we do. And only the Oregon Chapter puts out as large a newsletter as ours! Please don't let this be a deterrent for continuing to be a member of the organization. Send your renewal forms to Rob Heacock at the address on the form soon so don't miss any future issues of WON or any of the meetings planned for the 2003 season.

President's Message:

It's finally here – the long-awaited bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Here in the Pacific Northwest, we will be hosting the National Foundation membership at the annual meeting in Portland in 2005. Organizing for the meeting is already underway, and we need chapter members to volunteer their help in planning this event. Oregon Chapter President Jay Rasmussen is actively seeking your help! Contact him at <u>info@lcarchive.org</u>, or express your interest to me or any other board member, and we can get you involved.

This issue of WON marks the end of my term as chapter president. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you, and best wishes for 2003!

Sincerely, Cheryl Essary

Annual Washington State Chapter Business Meeting on February 8, 2003 Washington State Historical Society Museum, Mezzanine Level @ 10:00 AM

The 2003 Annual Chapter Business Meeting will be held at the Washington State Historical Society Museum per usual. Included in the business will be the election of new officers and board members, the silent auction of the Dumas Malone biography of Thomas Jefferson, called <u>Jefferson and His Time</u>, the always popular raffle which will include a poster of the Corps at Fort Rock (from a mural in The Dalles) and an Oregon Trail poster of The Dalles area.

The featured speakers of the day will be Connie Estep from the CREHST Museum in Richland, WA, who will be speaking on the scientific aspects of the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the role of artists in documenting expeditions <u>before</u> photography, and David Nicandri, Director of the WSHS Museum, speaking about Hat Rock near Umatilla, OR.

Come and join in the camaraderie of our Corps and support the Chapter as the bicentennial begins. Become involved in the future of the Lewis and Clark heritage in Washington State. (See p. 3 for driving directions.)



In Memorial... Ambrose Joins His Heroes

For those who may have missed this note, it is with sadness that we mention that noted historian Stephen Ambrose has crossed the "last divide." It was announced on October 13, 2002 that Ambrose had



Stephen E. Ambrose, 1936-2002

lost his battle with lung cancer.

Though his specialty was World War II and the many heroes that returned from the "Great War," he, more than anyone else, was the moving force behind the recent interest in the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Though he wrote and spoke volumes on WWII, he "lived" the Expedition. Family vacations would be spent canoeing, hiking and camping in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark.

Like most of us, he was stubborn – even cantankerous at times – but would be overcome with emotions when it came to his favorite places along the trail. Steve's contributions were not just monetary. He gave his all to history and the Corps in his writings and his speaking, imparting great emotion so that the readers and audience would almost feel they were on the slick, snowy trail or the out-ofcontrol canoe careening through the Cascades. Such was the case with <u>Undaunted Courage</u>.

An ardent scholar, the whole country was his classroom. Gatherings will seem less full without him. We now let him rest among his heroes. He will be truly missed.

Silent Auction Reminder:

There will be a silent auction held at the Tacoma meeting for the Dumas Malone biography of Thomas Jefferson. If you wish to make a bid, mail it to Tim Underwood, Editor, at 128 Galaxie Road, Chehalis, WA 98532-9018 by February 1st. Or you may bid in person at the meeting. The minimum bid is \$100. This is a wonderful, in depth study of the "Sage of Monticello" in six volumes. And the money will help our chapter. Thank You!

Bicentennial Kick-off

The official bicentennial will begin soon with the inaugural event, Jefferson's West, to be celebrated in Charlottesville, VA beginning January 14th. This is the beginning, also, of what is hoped to be a "healing" process among all parties that were impacted as a result of the epochal journey accomplished by the Corps of Discovery. For many, this was THE journey of exploration, rivaled by none other in history, before or since, because of the tremendous overall impact upon the continent. To others, however, this is a time of sorrow, because it was the "beginning of the end" for the life that the Native Americans once knew. Since that time we have lost several tribes that were extant at that time, something that should never have happened under any circumstances. It is now time to reconcile these past times and live as human beings together in mutual respect, and try to save the history of this event for the good of mankind.

Watch the WON for future information on the next Signature events taking place and where. Information will be printed in several issues so you won't miss any of the upcoming events over the next three years.

Websites of Interest....

www.lcarchive.org/fulllist.html This is a full list of LC material available on the net.

www.nps.gov/lecl/200.htm or www.lewisandclark200.org Bicentennial Information.

www.nps.gov Go to "Search" and type "Lewis and Clark." Then choose your field.

www.lewisandclark200.gov A combination of 32 agencies with info on the Bicentennial.

Officer and Board Member Voting

Another year has quickly passed and it is time to elect new officers and board members for the next year. Below is a list of the nominees for the positions as selected by the nominating committee. When you have looked them over, find the ballot enclosed in this issue and complete it. If you will be coming to the meeting in Tacoma on Feb. 8th, you may vote there. However, if you will be unable to attend, you can still cast your vote by sending the ballot to Tim Underwood, Editor of WON, 128 Galaxie Road, Chehalis, WA 98532-9018 by Saturday, Feb. 1st. I will take them up to the meeting and present them for inclusion in the vote.

We would rather you attend the meeting but in either case, please exercise your privilege to vote for the new group of officers and board members who will lead us into the bicentennial year. Thank You,

President: Doc Wesselius	Vice President: Gary Lentz
Sect/Membrshp: Rob Heacock	Treasurer: Muff Donohue
Connie Estep	Martin Snoey
Murray Hayes	Don Payne
	Sect/Membrshp: Rob Heacock Connie Estep

Annual Business Meeting – Directions

The annual business meeting of the Washington State Chapter will be held on February 8th, 2003 at the Washington State Historical Society Museum in Tacoma. The address is <u>1911 Pacific Ave</u>. and we will be on the Mezzanine level, as usual.

Driving Directions: Form I-5, <u>both N and S</u>, take exit #133 onto Hwy 705. This will take you past the Tacoma Dome. Shortly past the dome, exit RIGHT off of 705 onto WA 509 – the Port of Tacoma exit. Keep in the LEFT lane as you reach the stoplights, as you will need to turn left onto 21st St. (This is somewhat confusing, as 21st and Hwy 509 are the same at this point.) As you turn left onto 21st, pull all the way to the RIGHT so you can turn right onto Pacific Ave. Once on Pacific, proceed approximately 600' and turn right into the parking area of the museum. If the upper lot is full, there is a lower lot on the opposite side of the building that has access.

See you there!

Future Meetings of the Washington Chapter, LCTHF

February 8, 2003 – Tacoma, WA - The annual business meeting (see page one for the "lowdown.")

May 10, 2003 – Ridgefield, WA - The spring meeting of the chapter will take place at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. It will begin at the local library for the lectures, then move out to the refuge itself for a tour of the plankhouse site as well as the rest of the facility. Watch for more info and directions in the April WON.

July 2003 – Since the annual National meeting is so far away, there may be an "extra" meeting this summer to keep us occupied along the trail. News of the program and event location will be in future WONs.

September 21-22, 2003 – SE Washington – "The Overland Trail and Campout." This will be a two-day affair that will include a campout at the Lewis and Clark Trail St. Pk. with some good, old-fashioned campfire fun and maybe some of Gary Lentz's "Trail Stew." We'll see! The trip will start at the mouth of the Walla Walla River and roughly follow the Overland Trail the Corps used on its return trip to Clearwater River. We should have a very good appreciation for the rigors the Corps went through when we are finished. Come and have a great time!

William Clark's Exploration of the Willamette River By Chuck Sawhill and Glen Kirkpatrick

Historical Background

Lewis and Clark missed the Multnomah (today's Willamette) River on both the west and east bound portions of their travels. Contrary to popular belief, the mouth of the Multnomah River was not obscured behind Image Canoe Island (now Hayden Island). Our findings, based on a comparison of Clark's maps to the 1888 nautical charts, reveal that the Corps simply mistook the mouth of the Multnomah for water flowing around the numerous islands in the confluence of the rivers. This would be easy to do from the north edge of the Columbia River due to the flat terrain and wide, gentle current of the Columbia. Also, the Captains had a pre-conceived notion that the Quicksand (Sandy) River (see "Quicksand River" in the September 2002 WON) was the main drainage to the south due to its massive multi-channeled delta in the Columbia. Therefore, they were not looking for a major river when they passed the mouth of the Multnomah.

The Captains were only convinced that the Quicksand River was <u>not</u> the major river of the south after the local natives told them that the Quicksand was just a short river draining Mt. Hood, and that there was a larger river flowing in just below Image Canoe Island. Still in disbelief, they sent Sgt. Pryor and two other men to explore the upper reaches of the Quicksand River on April 1, 1806, and realized that the natives were correct. The Corps of Discovery had just missed an eruption of Mt. Hood that gave the Quicksand River its appearance when the explorers passed by in the fall of 1805.

On April 2, 1806, Captain Clark, a native guide, and seven other men (Thompson, Potts, Cruzatte, Weiser, Howard, Whitehouse and York) canoed up the Multnomah from its confluence with the Columbia, past a sluice (Multnomah Channel) and camped near a Native American house. The next day, April 3rd, they proceeded farther up the Multnomah River reaching Waud's Bluff before turning back to join Lewis near present-day Washougal, Washington (see "Provision Camp" in the September 2002 WON).

Clark's findings were important. He proved that the Multnomah was navigable for the largest ships of the day as he found the width as great as 500 yards and greater than 30 feet in depth. He also interfaced with Native American tribes not previously identified, showing the Multnomah Valley was a much-used habitat. On March 30, 1805, Lewis had estimated that the valley could support a population of 40,000 – 50,000 people.

From Moulton, we read "the course and distance ascending the Multnomah (Willamette) river from its entrance into the Columbia at the lowest point of the 3rd Image Island."

- S 30 W 2 Miles to the upper point of a Small island in the Middle of the Moltnomar [Multnomah] river. thence
- S 10 W 3 miles to a Sluce 80 yards wide which devides Wappato Island [Sauvie] from the Main Stard. Side Shore passing a Willow point on the Lard. Side
- S 60 E 3 miles to a large Indian house on the Lard Side below Some high pine land. High bold Shore On the Starboard Side. thence
- <u>S 30 E 2</u> miles to a bend under the high lands on the Stard Side passing a Larboard point miles 10

"thence the river bends to the East of S East as far as I could see. at this place I think the width of the river may be stated at 500 yards and Sufficiently deep for a Man of War or Ship of any burthen"

In Moulton, Clark states "I proceeded up this river 10 miles from its entrance into the Columbia at a house on the NE side and Encamped near the house." Note that this 10-mile distance from the Columbia to the camp is only 8 miles (see chart above and on p 6).

Basic Documentation

In order to understand the evidence for the proposed location of Clark's camp, as well as Clark's turnaround point, it is absolutely essential to look carefully at the primary documentation of the trip up the Multnomah by Clark, and to have a clear picture of the river *before* alterations were made by dredging.

The primary documentation of Clark's trip on the Multnomah is presented in Volume 7, pages 55-70, of Moulton. This includes Clark's journal entries for April 2nd and 3rd and two maps of the lower Multnomah River. The documentation of the river prior to dredging can be found on an 1888 Columbia River nautical chart, sheet 6, Fales Landing to Portland. This nautical chart shows river depth and landforms in great detail that can be correlated to Clark's maps. Clark's primary documentation, consisting of words, compass bearings, estimates of distances and maps, clearly pinpoint the location of Clark's camp, and turnaround farther upstream.

In working with compass bearings from the journals of the expedition, it is important to note that the bearings are simply magnetic readings, and that there were no corrections for magnetic declination. (The "declination" is the difference between True or Geographical North and Magnetic North. This difference fluctuates from year-to-year at any spot on earth. At present, it is about 16 degrees East offset here in the PNW. Ed.) For this analysis, a declination of 21.5 degrees East is given on the 1888 nautical chart. Although this declination is 82 years after William Clark's visit, it approximates the lines of sight taken by Clark in 1806. On the 1888 map, we have plotted Clark's 1806 bearings from the lower end of the Third Image Canoe Island to the turnaround point.

Columbia River to Multnomah Channel

Clark's map shows five distinct islands at the mouth of the Multnomah. These can all be identified by their shape and location on the 1888 nautical map of the river. Upon close inspection, it is evident that the lower point of the Third Image Canoe Island, today's Kelly Point, is where Clark starts his course and bearings. Clark measures from Kelly Point to the Multnomah Channel, a dead-reckoning distance of 5 miles. The actual distance from the mouth of the Willamette to the Multnomah Channel – then as well as now – is only 3.2 miles, so Clark must have incorrectly estimated the distance. However, plotting Clark's 1806 bearings on the 1888 map confirms the accuracy of the bearings.

Location of Clark's Camp

Clark took a bearing of S 60 E from the Multnomah Channel to the Indian house on the "Lard" (left) side of the river where he camped on the night of April 2nd. He also notes high pinelands above the house and high, bold lands on the starboard (right) side. The distance from the Multnomah channel to the camp he estimates at three miles, and notes that some smaller houses are situated on two bayous, which appear on the S. E. side, below the house.

Clark's bearing from the Multnomah Channel to the camp was plotted on the 1888 map. It leads directly to two small lakes, a stream and bluffs that are identifiable on both maps. These features pinpoint the location of the April 2nd campsite just south of Municipal Terminal #4. The distance from "the sluce" (Mulnomah Channel) to the campsite is nearly two miles.

Location of Clark's Turnaround

From the Indian house, Clark takes his final bearing of S 30 E to the spot where he turned around. Clark described the spot the spot as a "bend under high lands on the Stard Side passing a larboard point." He goes on to say "thence the river bends to the East of S East as far as I could see." noting on April 3rd that "the mist was so thick that I could see but a Short distance up this river." At the turnaround point, Clark found "the wedth of the river ... 500 yards and Sufficiently deep for a ... Ship of any burthen."

Clark's bearings from the camp to his turnaround point were plotted on the 1888 map. They lead directly to a bend under high lands (as Clark had described) near the present-day St. Johns Bridge. The bend in the river at St. Johns is the only bend that can be reached by two lines of sight going from the Mulnomah Channel to the east bank, then back to the west bank.

Many of the earlier editions of the journals interpret the turnaround point from Clark's dead reckoning of ten miles from the mouth of the river, thus putting the turnaround at Waud's Point in Portland. The required conditions do not fit Waud's Point. The river is taking a sharp east-west "s" curve to the east of Swan Island. Had he proceeded on to Waud's Point, he would have seen Swan Island and Mock's Bottom and plotted them on his maps and noted them in his journal, neither of which he did. This is strong evidence that Clark did not make it that far up the river.

Clark estimated the distance from the Columbia to the Multnomah Channel to be five miles when it was only about three. If he did the same for the distance from the Channel to the turnaround, the distance would not be fives miles, but three. Scaled on the 1888 map, the original bearings and revised distances together lead to the St. Johns area as the turnaround point. See the following summary chart for comparative distances.

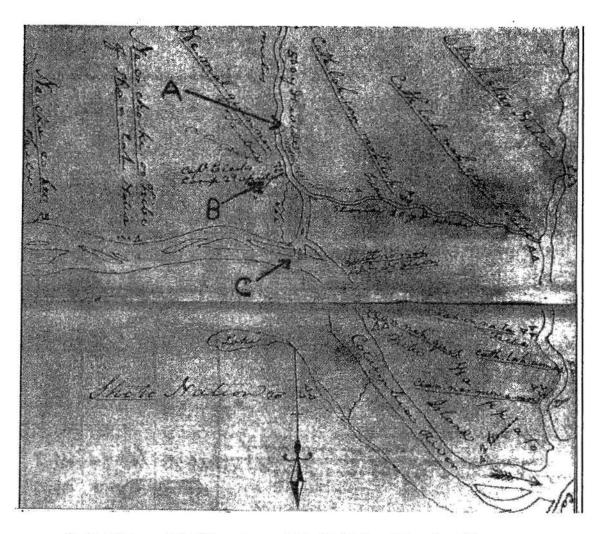
Summary of Distances

Leg	Clark	Actual	Destination
Columbia to Mulnomah Channel	5 miles	3.2 miles	(today's Willamette Slough)
Multnomah Channel to Native house/camp	3 miles	1.8 miles	Camp of April 2 nd
Camp to turnaround point	2 miles	1.2 miles	Turnaround under a "highland"

Summary of Findings

Using Clark's original maps along with text of the Journals from Moulton, and other various maps, our determination is that currently accepted locations of Clark's camp at St. Johns and the turnaround at Waud's Bluff are incorrect. Locations for his camp should be just south of Terminal 4 and the turnaround in the St. Johns area. A statue and two plaques are located at the University of Portland (Waud's Bluff). Another plaque is located at Kelley Point Park.

(Thanks to Chuck and Glen for their research. Edited for WON, 2003)

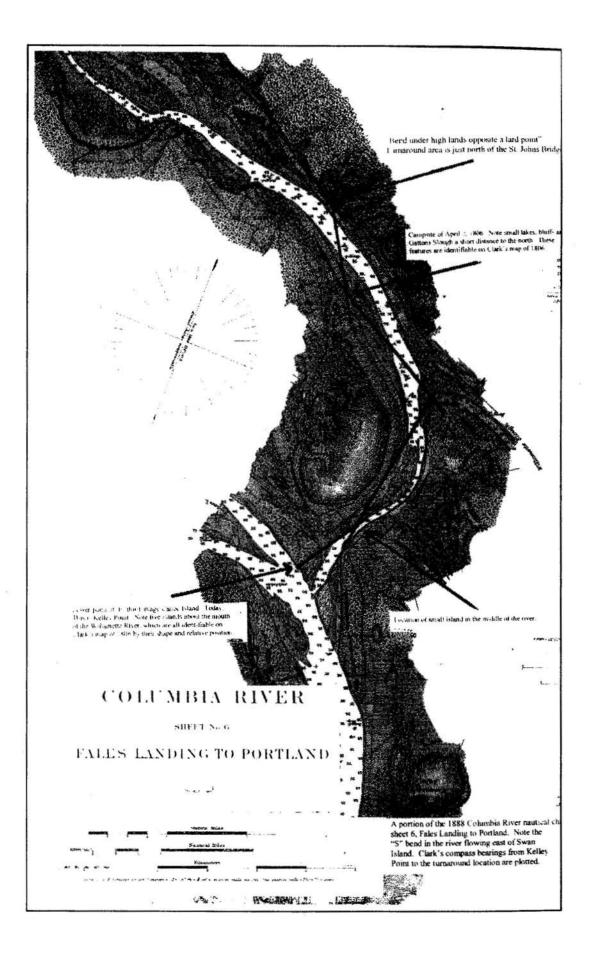


Clark's 1806 map of the Willamette as published in Moulton, Volume 7, pg 69

A. Clark plots the West Hills as far as he can see to the south.

B. April 2, 1806 campsite. Note the bluffs just to the SE of the arrow, the small lake just north of the arrow point, and the small slough a little further north. All these features are identifiable on the 1888 nautical chart of the Willamette.

C. Lower end of the 3rd Image Canoe Island. Today this is Kelly Point. A close examination of the mouth of the Willamette River on this map identifies 5 islands and the outlet to the small slough. All these features are identifiable by their position and shape on the 1888 Willamette River nautical chart.



Book Review by Doc Wesselius

In Full View by Rex Ziak. Moffit House Press, First Edition 2002. ISBN 0972531505. \$35.00

Local historian, Rex Ziak (pronounced "zeek") has researched and published the book that finally clarifies many of the misconceptions that past authors have written about the thirty days that the Lewis and Clark Expedition spent at the mouth of the Columbia River before establishing a winter encampment. From November 7 to December 7, 1805, the Corps of Discovery spent a month on the lower Columbia River trying to reach the Pacific Ocean and then seeking a suitable location for winter quarters. Rex's intimate knowledge of the Columbia River estuary and his scholarly approach to the study of the Lewis and Clark story has produced a volume of information on the controversial matters dealing with their arrival at the end of their mission.

Filled with maps and photographs the book is meticulously referenced with supportive evidence for an accurate interpretation of the events that changed history. The use of old navigational charts of the Columbia River and satellite photographs helps the reader follow the movements of the corps and understand the changing weather patterns that influenced their exploration. The book not only includes pertinent information relative to the Lewis and Clark Expedition but also the history and environment of the Pacific Northwest around the mouth of the Columbia River.

Step by step Rex leads the reader through the many harrowing events that led the expedition to their triumphant success and then determined their decision to winter on the Pacific coast. Charts and graphs help explain the effect tides, river currents, and weather had upon the winter conditions as the corps struggled to survive in the harsh conditions. The author is also very frank when speculation and conjecture are required to fill in the blanks where the journals of both the Captains and Corpsmen do not provide the information necessary for a conclusion on several unanswered questions concerning the expedition. The creditability of the information that is provided in this publication is enhanced because the author does not allow prejudices to influence his conclusions. Rex lets Captain Clark tell the story, then provides the modern reader with the facts to clarify the corps' experience when they finally completed their mission then began searching for a place to winter over before returning home.

Just in time for the bicentennial observance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, this book is a must for historians and students of Pacific Northwest history. It will be a valuable source of analysis for Lewis and Clark scholars regarding a small segment of the journey that has a crucial – and larger - historical impact.

(Thanks, Doc, for the great review.)

Corps of Discovery II

The National Park Service is pleased to announce the debut of phase one of the Corps of Discovery II: 200 Years to the Future (Corp II). This traveling exhibit, being unveiled on January 14th in Charlottesville, VA, will provide visitors across the country with an introduction to the Lewis and Clark story as it relates to the natural history, cultural resources and the people of the nation before, during and after the Expedition.

Corps II is made up of three components; two exhibit tents and a performance tent entitled "Tent of Many Voices." There will be live demonstrations, lectures and audio-visual presentations, the live performances being provided through a partnership of Native American Tribes, state governments, local agencies and the private sector.

The exhibit will travel over roadways and through communities that are associated with both the preparation route and the Discovery Route across the continent. It will stop in large urban areas, Native Reservations and small towns along the way, eventually returning to St. Louis in late 2006.

The Corps II exhibit is to serve as the unifying component for the bicentennial observance of the Expedition. The main emphasis of the effort is to link <u>all</u> Americans in a common bond with this important historical event through stories, sharing the history of, and the contemporary affects created by, the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the Native American Nations they encountered.

(Washington 200 Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Newsletter, Oct. 2002. Edited for WON. 2003)

The Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Plankhouse Project

Ridgefield – On October 13, 2002, Assistant Secretary of the Interior Craig Manson joined honorary Chief of the Chinook Tribe Cliff Snider in a public "hearth lighting" ceremony at the site of the future Cathlapotle Plankhouse. This plankhouse is a replica of the houses that existed in the nearby village of Cathlapotle when Lewis and Clark visited the village on 29 March 1806. It is the culmination of a partnership that includes the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Chinook Tribe, the Vancouver/Clark County Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee and others. The full-scale Chinookan-style longhouse will be constructed on the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge.

The hearth lighting is a traditional Chinookan ceremony performed before the construction of a plankhouse. This event also marked the first hearth lighting open to the public. It is another step forward in the construction of a living history classroom where people can learn about the area's original inhabitants from the Chinook people themselves.

The Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge will also be the site of the 2003 spring Chapter meeting on May 10, 2003. (See "Future Meetings" on the back page) Be sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss the opportunity to see this special site. Watch for a full synopsis in the April WON.

(Washington 200 Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Newsletter, Oct. 2002. Edited for WON. 2003)

"Dear Brother" Author to Speak

The Pacific County Friends of Lewis & Clark, the group that puts on "Ocien In View," is pleased to announce that author/historian James Holmberg has agreed to give a talk and book-signing on his new book <u>Dear Brother</u> on Saturday, February 22nd at the Inn at Ilwaco, beginning at 3:30.

This will be the culmination of a long weekend for Mr. Holmberg in the Portland/Astoria/Ilwaco area where he will be speaking about his book. He is the Curator at the Filson Historical Society in Louisville, KY specializing in Lewis and Clark history. He wrote the epilogue to the newly revised (2000) edition of Robert Bett's In Search of York: The Slave Who Went To the Pacific With Lewis and Clark and edited the letters of William Clark to his brother Jonathon into his fine book Dear Brother: Letters of William Clark to Jonathon Clark.

William Clark wrote at least 45 letters to his older brother Jonathon, including six that were written during the first leg of the epic journey. All of these are here published for the first time, and reveal details of the expedition, the mysterious death of Captain Lewis and the status of Clark's slave York. We learn the details of Clark and York's falling out and subsequent alienation. The letters, together with the richly informative introduction and annotations by Mr. Holmberg, provide valuable insight into the lives of Lewis, Clark, York and the world of Jeffersonian America.

Mr. Holmberg will be a featured speaker at the opening of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial at Monticello in January. He will participate in a panel on "Discovering York."

The talk and book signing will be held at the historic and charming Inn at Ilwaco, located at 120 Williams Ave., Ilwaco, WA. For information for lodging or directions, call them at 360-642-8686. If you would like to reserve a copy of Mr. Holmberg's book or have one mailed to you, you may contact Time Enough Books in Ilwaco, WA at 360-642-7667. For other lodging on the Long Beach Peninsula, contact the Long Beach Visitor's Bureau at 1-800-451-2542 or www.funbeach.com.

For more information on this program, contact the Pacific County Friends of Lewis & Clark at 360-642-2805 or www.lewisandclarkwa.org.

(PCFLC News Release, December 2002. Edited for WON. 2003.)

Important Websites to Keep Handy

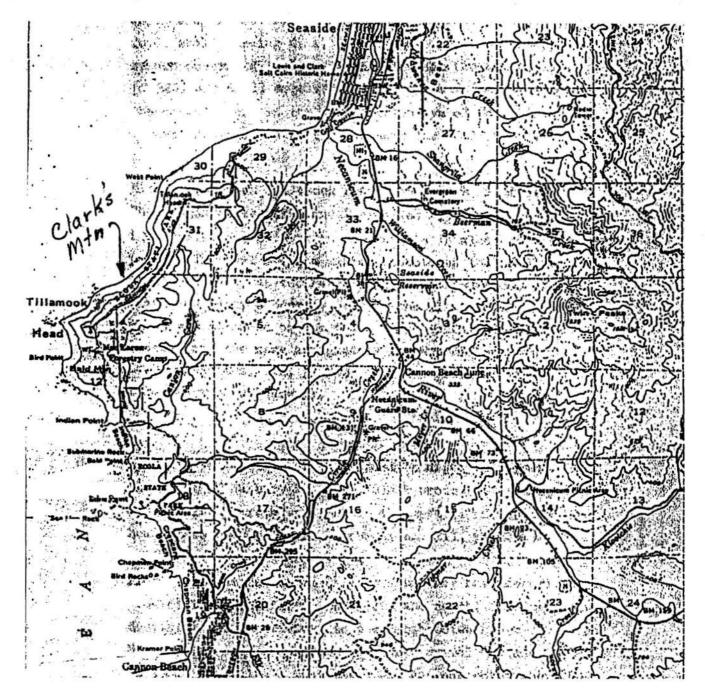
www.lcarchive.org/wa_lcthf.html This is the Chapter website that Jay Rasmussen keeps up-to-date for us.

www.lewisandclark.org This is the National website for access to any information on the national front.

Clark's Mountain to Honor Famed Explorer

In early November, the Oregon Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation announced the successful completion of their quest since June of 2001 to honor explorer William Clark by having the peak of Tillamook Head named as "Clark's Mountain." Chapter secretary Glen Kirkpatrick received a letter confirming the official acceptance of the proposal from Mr. Roger L. Payne, Executive Secretary of the U.S. Board of Geographical Names

The peak of Tillamook Head rises over 1250' above the sea surf and is a very prominent geographic feature above Seaside on the northern Oregon Coast. William Clark first described Tillamook Head on November 18, 1805 as he and Meriwether Lewis looked south across the mouth of the Columbia River from Cape Disappointment. On January 10, 1806, shortly after Clark's return from a trip over the mountain in search of a beached whale, Captain Lewis took the liberty of naming the mountain after his esteemed colleague as "Clark's Mountain and Point of View." (Once again, it has its historical name. Congratulations to the Oregon Chapter for their perseverance at "recapturing" another part of the trail. Ed.)



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