

# MISSOURI BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

Minutes of the 98-1 Meeting

May 21, 1998

Attendees: Chris Barnett, Liz Cook, Jim Goodrich, Kieth Hassler, Tony Holland, Don Lance, Craig Manning, Gordon McCann, Jane Messenger (Exec. Sec.), Gloria Miller, Russ Mueller, Walter Schroeder (Chair), Claude Strauser, Jerry Vineyard, Ken Winn (Vice-Chair).

Absent: Ryan Burson, Bob Flanders, and Margot McMillen

Guests: Mr. Jim Denny, Historian, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, and Mr. Lynn Morrow, Conservation Lab, Secretary of State Office

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Walter Schroeder.

Chair asked that the members approve the order of the agenda. Members so approved.

Jim Goodrich moved and Kieth Hassler seconded that the minutes of the 97-2 MOBGN meeting be approved with the correction of "Burnett" to "Barnett" in the first paragraph of page two. Motion carried by 100 percent.

## Names Issues:

### Manitou

Mr. Denny presented two name proposals. He asked that the MOBGN recommend approval of Big Manitou Bluffs for the cliff or bluff area along the northeast bank of the Missouri River from just north of Rocheport to just north of Huntsdale. Mr. Denny presented slides showing the bluffs, including one slide showing one the pictographs on the bluff above the spring located in Sec. 21, T48N, R14W. Mr. Denny explained the reason he chose the spelling of "Manitou" for the name is because that is the conventional spelling found in the dictionary for the Native American deity as rendered in the Algonquian language group.

Mr. Denny also submitted one additional name, Little Manitou Bluffs, for the area along the southwest banks of Moniteau Creek from the north end of the levee along Moniteau Creek down river and continuing along the southern bank of the Missouri River to the confluence of Meadows Creek with the Missouri River. He had originally sent a map to the Executive Secretary showing two discontinuous areas he labeled Little Manitou Bluffs A and Little Manitou Bluffs B but would rather submit only one name encompassing the entire length of the area as he had indicated in the letter accompanying the map. He said that evidence is much less conclusive for pinpointing the exact area of these bluffs because of the destruction of much of the bluffs by railroad building, lack of found pictographs, and the inaccuracies and discrepancies between journals of early explorers and river boat captains through the area. He also said that he had just recently taken a field trip to the area and looked for confirming evidence to precisely locate the pictographs but couldn't find them. He did however have slides showing an area he felt "95%" certain was the "Big Rock" referred to in the journal by William Clark and the "large stone mass" of Duke Paul.

Don Lance supplied photocopies from *The Place Names of Boone County, Missouri* showing a copy of Clark's "Manito" Painting, and some pages from Elliott Cous' edition of the *History of the Expedition under the command of Lewis and Clark*.

Tony Holland said he thought that a proposal had been made to the National Register of Historic Places for both Big Manitou Bluffs and Little Manitou Bluffs. He was asked to verify this and said that he would contact the submitting agency to get copies of the proposal which he would provide to the MOBGN.

The Executive Secretary was asked to make copies of Mr. Denny's letter for all MOBGN members.

Mr. Goodrich asked that all MOBGN members work to get these name proposals researched so the Board could make a recommendation at our November meeting. It was agreed that we would try.

It was mentioned by several members that these two name proposals would be good proposals for the US BGN to vote on at the Western States Geographic Names Conference meeting in Missouri in 2000. A decision made at this meeting would be in time for the anniversary celebration of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 2004.

#### Missouri names with 'squaw'

The Executive Secretary pointed out that some of the 'squaw' names have been misapplied on Missouri county and smaller scale USGS maps. Jim Goodrich moved and Ken Winn seconded that the Executive Secretary inform the appropriate authorities of these misapplications and supply the US BGN with the information for addition to the variant names field of the appropriate names. Motion carried by 100 percent.

#### Sayers Creek vs Sawyer Creek

Deferred awaiting replies from Greene County and Greene County Historical Society.

#### **New Business:**

Mr. Lynn Morrow gave a presentation concerning antebellum Missouri State Road maps. The Missouri road map collection is very extensive, statewide, and available for our research. They would be a great resource for road names as well as creek and other limited feature names. Some of these maps are extremely detailed and may include the field notes. They are protected but would be restricted to use in the State Information Building-Conservation Lab. Currently, the maps are not on film or scanned. Plans are to accomplish this at a later date. There are still several dozen boxes of these maps to inventory, clean, and protect.

#### **Continuing Business:**

##### Western States Geographic Names Committee - 2000 report

Don Lance distributed some information and reported that the WSGNC-2000 recommended that the conference be held at the Radisson Hotel and Suites (formerly Holiday Inn) Downtown, St. Louis. This hotel would meet the government per diem rate, it has recently undergone a multimillion dollar renovation, and has excellent meeting facilities. It is close to St. Louis attractions for those coming with conference attendees but who are not interested in attending the conference. In addition, the settlement of French, Spanish, German, native American, and peoples of other ethnic backgrounds, lends the St. Louis area to a wide range of names issues and interests. The confluence of three major rivers in the area also add the attraction of river traffic influence on names.

Don mentioned the possible dates for the WSGNC-2000 and provided information about the dates of this and next year's WSGNC meetings as well as the Canadian meeting in 2000. This year's meeting will be September 8-12, 1998 in Cody, Wyoming. The 1999 meeting will be September 21-25 in Spokane, Washington. The exact dates of the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographic Names meeting have not been determined yet but the meeting will take place in the Northwest Territory. According to an e-mail from the CPCGN so far the preference is the third week of September but the second week is acceptable. Because the meeting is in the Northwest Territory, Helen Kerfoot has suggested the later we schedule our meeting in September the better.

Jim Goodrich moved and Kieth Hassler seconded that the MOBGN host the WSGNC during the

fourth week of September from the 25-29 at the Radisson Hotel and Suites, Downtown, St. Louis. The motion carried by 100 percent.

Walter Schroeder then appointed Don Lance as WSGNC Committee Chair, Claude Strauser Vice-chair, and Jane Messenger Secretary.

Don was authorized to sign a formal contract with the Radisson in the name of the Missouri Board on Geographic Names. Don also committed to looking for corporate sponsors for the conference. A suggestion of Anheuser Busch was put forward. The recorder did not capture who put forward this name.

**Bylaws:**

Gloria Miller moved and Chris Barnett seconded to amend Article IV-Meetings, Sec. 1 to indicate that the meetings of the MOBGN are held on the third Thursday of May and the second Thursday of November. Motion carried by 100 per cent.

**News Releases:**

Ken Winn suggested that our first news release should be one which would generate statewide interest. Since the Katy Trail and the Lewis and Clark Expedition Celebration are generating a lot of statewide interest he wanted to wait for the Big Manitou Bluffs and Little Manitou Bluffs names issues before issuing a news release about the MOBGN and its function. The MOBGN concurred hoping that we could make a recommendation in November.

The Board asked the Executive Secretary to confirm that a letter had been sent to the City of St. Mary informing them of the recommendation of the Board. If one has not already been sent, then send one and not wait for a news release to come from the Secretary of State's Office.

**Next Meeting:**

Walter Schroeder stated that the next meeting of the MOBGN would be on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, the second Thursday of November, Cook Conference Room, State Information Center, 600 W. Main Street, Jefferson City, MO, 10:00 AM.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:22 PM.