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Finding Aid RG 391.02

Missouri Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission

Local Task Forces

Abstract: Records of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial from local events donated by members of those event committees or by those attending those events. 2003-2022 (bulk date, 2004).

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Historical and Biographical Notes

The Missouri Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission was formed to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the 1804 expedition headed by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. The Commission was appointed by Governor Mel Carnahan in March 1998 to

“rekindle the spirit of discovery, achievement and wonder fostered by the original exploration” per Executive Order 98-06. Planning for the event became a multi-agency and multi-organizational effort including the Departments of Conservation, Natural Resources, and Transportation, the Division of Tourism, Missouri State Archives, State Historical Society of Missouri, and Missouri Historical Society. The commission included two co-chairs, an executive director, agency representatives, and governor-appointed members-at-large. The executive director would serve as the primary liaison at the national level between the 15 participating states and the National Parks Service. All members served until the commission concluded in 2006.

The Commission’s efforts included roles in planning the National Signature Events, including four that occurred in Missouri. Aiding in this goal was the fact both the National Lewis and Clark Council and its subgroups were headquartered in St. Louis from mid-2002 until 2006 (previously Portland, Oregon) and because all members of the Missouri Commission were also active members of the national group. The events for the Bicentennial began in 2003, first representing Lewis leaving Virginia (*Monticello* event) and his joining Clark along the Ohio River (*Falls of the Ohio* event). Local events in 2003 included Lewis and Clark’s trip up the Mississippi River from the mouth of the Ohio River to St. Louis. The state’s National Signature Events followed the explorers’ path along the Missouri River. At the *Three Flags Festival* in 2004 a reenactment of the land transfer occurred featuring the French and American presidents and the King of Spain. In connection with this event is the record group containing correspondence between the Commission and King Juan Carlos of Spain. Just a few weeks later the *Preparations Complete, Expedition Faces West* Signature Event took place in St. Charles. In July, the *Heart of America: A Journey Fourth* celebrated both the Expedition and Independence Day. In 2006, *The Currents of Change* Signature Event in St. Louis celebrated the end of the Lewis and Clark Expedition’s anniversary. Interspersed during this three-year period were numerous state and local events, including a statewide K-12 curriculum, special Scouting programs, the adoption of signage on roads and rivers along the routes Lewis and Clark traveled, and the *Lewis and Clark: The National Bicentennial Exhibition* created by the Missouri Historical Society that debuted in St Louis before traveling nationwide.

This collection will focus on items donated by those who served on the local event task forces and committees who arranged for events along Lewis and Clark’s route from the mouth of the Ohio up the Mississippi to St. Louis and along the Missouri River from St. Louis to Atchison County. Many communities, such as Jefferson City and Hartsburg, had members create local events which varied widely on scale and scope to celebrate the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. Many events were sponsored by the state commission.

Timeline

Year	Event
1995	Initial steering committee for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial formed in the Department of Natural Resources.
1997	Governor Mel Carnahan issues Executive Order 97-16 establishing the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission on December 5, 1997.
1998	Governor Mel Carnahan issues Executive Order 98-06 rescinding Executive Order 97-16 and reestablishing the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission with new commissioner criteria on March 12, 1998.
2003	Governor Bob Holden issues Executive Order 03-01 rescinding Executive Order 98-06 and reestablishing the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission with new commissioner criteria on February 3, 2003.
2003	National Signature Events begin with events at Monticello in Virginia and <i>The Falls of the Ohio</i> in Indiana/Kentucky. Members of the Missouri Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission attend each event.
2004	<i>Lewis and Clark: The National Bicentennial Exhibition</i> , created by the Missouri Historical Society, debuts at the Missouri History Museum on January 14 and runs through September 6, 2004. It will later be displayed in Philadelphia, Denver, Portland (Oregon), and Washington, D.C. through September, 2006.
2004	<i>Three Flags Festival</i> occurs in St. Louis on March 12-14, 2004 to recreate the land transfer from the Spanish to the French to the Americans. Dignitaries include President George W. Bush, French President Jacques Chirac, Spanish King Juan Carlos, and Osage Chief James Gray.
2004	The <i>Preparations Complete, Expedition Faces West</i> Signature Event in St. Charles reveals the U.S. Postal Service Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Stamp on May 13-14, 2004. Concurrently, the <i>Illinois Commemoration</i> occurs just across the Mississippi River.
2004	The Kansas City Signature Event, <i>Heart of America: A Journey Fourth</i> , planned jointly with Kansas's Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission, takes place on July 3-4, 2004.
2004-2005	Other National Signature Events take place, including the <i>One Trail, Many Journeys</i> in Nebraska, <i>Circle of Cultures</i> in North Dakota, and <i>Destination: The Pacific</i> in Oregon. Members of the Missouri Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission attend each event.
2006	<i>The Currents of Change</i> National Signature Event that ran September 20-24, 2006 on the St. Louis Riverfront celebrated the return of the Lewis and Clark Exhibition to Missouri.

Additional Descriptive Information

Bibliography

Official Manual of the State of Missouri. Jefferson City, MO: Missouri Secretary of State. Volume 2005-2006. <https://www.sos.mo.gov/bluebook>.

Related Material

CA5785 State Historical Society of Missouri Records.

- Includes the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial records of former SHS executive director James Goodrich.

Department of Economic Development State Documents.

- See Division of Tourism records, especially the Vacation Planners/Travel Guides for 2003-2006.

Department of Natural Resources State Documents.

- See *Missouri Resources* issues from 2002-2006.

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<https://www.in.gov/lewisandclark/>.

“Lewis and Clark in Kentucky.” Lewis and Clark Kentucky Bicentennial Commission.

Accessed June 22, 2022. <https://lewisandclarkinkentucky.org/>.

Lewis and Clark: The National Bicentennial Exhibit. Accessed June 15, 2022.

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- Legacy website for the National Exhibit, which was designed and displayed in St. Louis. Includes curriculum activities. Website is no longer supported.

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Missouri State Archives Minutes and Records, 1993-2011.

- Includes information on exhibits, mapping projects, and the Education Task Force.

RG000.103 Department of Conservation State Documents.

- See *Missouri Conservationist* for issues featuring Lewis and Clark, including the January 2004 and June 2006 issues. Also online at <https://mdc.mo.gov/magazines/missouri-conservationist/search> using search term “Lewis and Clark.”

RG 3.51 [Mel Carnahan, 1993-2000 Records](#).

- Contains several speeches for early Lewis and Clark dedications prior to the start of the bicentennial and records for early commission meetings attended by Governor and/or First Lady Carnahan.

RG 3.53 Bob Holden, 2001-2005 Record.

- First Lady Lori Hauser Holden was a commissioner and participated in several events. Her papers are included in her husband’s collection.
- The “Missouri Quarter Files, 1997-2003” series contains relevant information as the quarters were launched as part of the Missouri Lewis and Clark Bicentennial festivities at the 2003 State Fair. Includes project files, video footage, and sets of the quarters.

RG005.56 [Record Services Administrators](#).

- The papers of former State Archivist Kenneth Winn contain numerous additional records, predominately regarding Education, Exhibits, and Agency Task Forces, including minutes, and the mapping projects. Some of his sets of full commission meetings include all packet items, including those missing from this collection. Winn’s collection totals 1 cubic feet of additional or expanded records.

RG005.54 [Missouri Board of Geographic Place Names](#).

- Significant overlap of committee members. From 2000-2006, Lewis and Clark Bicentennial events were discussed at many meetings.

RG 5.55 [Missouri Historical Records Advisory Board](#).

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RG104.02 DED Division of Tourism Photograph Collection.

- See “Series 5,” box 109 for the Lewis and Clark Museum and Lewis and Clark Heritage Days in St. Charles, Missouri. The “Tourism Photo Contests” series contains photos from 2002-2006 Lewis and Clark Bicentennial activities and the Lewis and Clark Trail.

RG106 Department of Higher Education: CD containing HTML files and GIS data files for the *Lewis and Clark Across Missouri* project spearheaded by the University of Missouri Department of Geography and the Geographic Resources Center. Project supported by an NEH Grant, the Missouri Office of the Secretary of State and the Missouri Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission. Correlates to <https://lewisclark.geog.missouri.edu/index.shtml>. DVD #0004862814.

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<https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/lewisandclark/lewis-landc.html>.

William P. Sherman Library and Archives at the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Accessed June 15, 2022. <https://lewisandclark.org/library/>.

- Nonprofit focused on preserving, promoting, and teaching the diverse heritage of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Organization has its own library and archives that includes unprocessed records for the National Council for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial and Circle of Tribal Advisors for the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

Series

The records are organized into the following series:

Nicholas Carbone, 2004

Bob Holden, 2003

Michael A. Rodemeyer, 2004-2022

Nicholas Carbone, 2004-2006

Extent: 3 folders and 2 miniature boxes

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Scope and Content

Items donated from Jefferson City Task Force member Nicholas Carbone. Carbone focused on merchandizing and hiring performing acts for the Jefferson City events. Included are three video recordings produced by Carbone.

Container List

Location	Box/Drawer	Folder	Contents	Date
11-4-4-1	#0005095648		DVD: Dinner by the River Lewis and Clark Bicentennial event	2004
11-4-4-1	#0005095656		DVD: Missouri State Capitol Lewis and Clark Bicentennial event	2006
11-4-4-1	#0005095661		DVD: Missouri State Capitol Day 2 Lewis and Clark Bicentennial event	2006
11-4-4-1	#0005095670		DVD: Trading Days; Dinner by the River by John Tandy	September 24-26, 2004
36A/5/9	1	1	Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Stamp Debut items (includes one block of 6 Bicentennial stamps, one postcard depicting the stamp, a postal cover featuring the Merriweather Lewis stamp, and a postal cover depicting the William Clark stamp)	2004
36A/4/9	OB1	7	Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Stamp print featuring all three stamps mentioned above on a background that includes reproduction prints of Merriweather Lewis and William Clark and a map of their route	2004
36A/4/9	0	Box 1	Lewis and Clark Rediscovering the Journey coin from the Jefferson City Event	2004
36A/5/9	1	2	Seven Lewis and Clark in Missouri Depictions Notecards by Gary R. Lucy (set of 6 plus	2002

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11-4-4-1	#0005095670		DVD: Trading Days; Dinner by the River by John Tandy	September 24-26, 2004
			bonus limited "The Vote" print card)	
36A/5/9	1	3	Two postcards from events in Jefferson City (Lewis and Clark Quilt Show and "In the Wake of Discovery, 1804-2004" by Jim Dyke)	2004

Michael A. Rodemeyer, 2004-2022

Extent: 4 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Scope and Content

Items donated from Michael A. Rademeyer's life partner of Nancy Grant who organized the Hartsburg Lewis and Clark Festival. Included are items from the Festival and Rodemeyer's unpublished and photograph-filled manuscript detailing Nancy's efforts.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
36A/5/9	1	4	Hartsburg Lewis and Clark Festival Lapel Pin	May 1-2, 2004
36A/5/9	1	5	Hartsburg Lewis and Clark Festival Postal Cover with Louisiana Purchase Stamp	May 1-2, 2004
36A/5/9	1	6	Hartsburg Venue Passport and 2 copies of the Completion Souvenir with Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Nickels	May 1-2, 2004
36A/5/9	1	7	Undaunted: One Person's Story, 2003-2004 by Michael A. Rodemeyer	C. 2022