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# Field Notes



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## During this time in history: (April, 1804/05/06)

*(The source for all entries is, "The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition" edited by Gary E. Moulton, The University of Nebraska Press, 1983-2001.)*

April 7, 1804, (Camp Wood, Detachment Order) Ordway: "During the absence of the commanding officers at St. Louis, the party are to consider themselves under the immediate command of Sgt. John Ordway, who will be held accountable for the police and good order of the camp during that period. Every individual of the party will strictly attend to all the necessary duties required for the benefit of the party and to the regulations heretofore made which are now in force. Sgt. Floyd will stay in our quarters, attend to them, and the store and to the other duties required of him. He will also assist Sgt. Ordway as much as possible."

April 26, 1805, Lewis: "This morning I dispatched Joseph Field up the Yellowstone River with orders to examine it as far as he could conveniently and return the same evening; two others were directed to bring in the meat we had killed last evening, while I proceeded down the river with one man (Drouillard) in order to take a view of the confluence of this great river with the Missouri, which we found to be two miles distant on a line N.W. from our encampment..."

April 19, 1806, (at the Dalles of the Columbia River) Lewis: "...There was great joy with the natives last night in consequence of the arrival of the salmon; one of those fish was caught; this was the harbinger of good news to them. They informed us that these fish would arrive in great quantities in the course of about 5 days. This fish was dressed and being divided into small pieces was given to each child in the village. This custom is founded in a superstitious opinion that it will hasten the arrival of the salmon..."

# The Badger Connection

By: Jim Rosenberger

Once the Lewis and Clark Expedition was over, you might expect that any ties to Wisconsin history would end. But this is not the case. In the years following the expedition a few of the expedition members found their way into the territory that would become the Badger State.

A lesser known member of the Corps of Discovery, John Boley, joined the Corps at Kaskaskia from Captain Bissell's company of the First Infantry Regiment. Boley had discipline problems while at Camp Wood and was assigned to the return party from Fort Mandan under Corporal Richard Warfington. After his return, Boley joined Zebulon M. Pike's 1805 expedition to the upper Mississippi, cruising along the western border of present day Wisconsin. From September 4 to 8, 1805, this expedition, including Boley, landed and remained at Prairie du Chien exploring the area and the confluence of the Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers. Boley also accompanied Pike's expedition up the Arkansas River to the Rocky Mountains in 1806.



Site of our upcoming April 12th  
Meeting - See Page 4

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## Trivia Question of the Month

(The answer is  
somewhere in this issue.)

What member of the Expedition  
was put in charge at Camp Wood,  
when the Captains were away?

Don't miss  
"Seaman says..."  
on page 7



After the attempt to return the Mandan Chief Sheheke to his village, Nathaniel Pryor left the Army in 1810 and obtained a license from the Superintendent of Indian Affairs,

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Sheheke, Chief of the Mandans

William Clark, to trade with the Sauk and Fox Indians at a lead mine near present day Galena, Illinois. Pryor built a trading post and living quarters there and began operating a lead-smelting furnace. Lawrence Reno, in his book, "The Life and Times of Nathaniel Hale Pryor" states that descendants believe Pryor's trading house and lead smelting furnace, "were on an island in the Mississippi River a few miles down river from present day Dubuque, Iowa, near the mouth of the present Galena River..." Close enough! Pryor must have at least gotten some dirt on his boots from Badger land.

Expedition member Alexander Willard had been hired by Meriwether Lewis as a government blacksmith for the Sauk and Fox Indians in 1808. Subsequently and prior to the War of 1812, he was hired by William Clark to carry dispatches between St. Louis and Prairie du Chien. Willard moved his wife, Eleanor, and children to present day Wisconsin in 1827 and settled in the southwest area near Platteville.



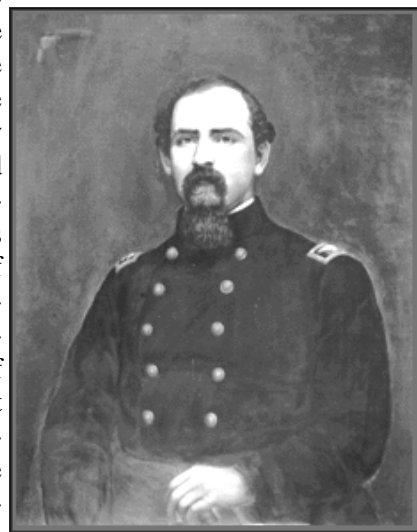
Eleanor & Alexander Willard

In 1836, tragedy struck the family when their 26 year old son George Clark Willard, named after William Clark, was shot and killed. In 1852, the seventy-four year old Willard moved his family to California where he died at the age of

eighty-seven. Alexander Willard and Patrick Gass lived long enough to be the only two members of the expedition to have their picture taken.

Digging into records and filling in the details of the life of Alexander Willard in Wisconsin may just be another research project for the Badger State Chapter.

He was the man behind the expedition but not a member of the Corps. He never traveled to Wisconsin but it appears some of Thomas Jefferson's offspring did. In 1999, DNA evidence established a link between Jefferson and his slave, Sally Hemings. A son, Eston, moved to Madison in 1852 and changed his name from Eston Hemings to E.H. Jefferson. Although Eston died of smallpox only four years after coming to Madison, his sons, Beverly and John became successful Downtown hoteliers, owning the American House and Capitol House Hotels. Beverly founded and owned Jefferson's Transfer Line and was listed as one of Madison's top taxpayers and a leading citizen. Both of Eston's sons fought in Wisconsin Regiments during the Civil War. Members of the family are buried in Forest Hill Cemetery in Madison.



**Lt. Col. John Wayles Jefferson  
son of Eston Hemings Jefferson**

So there you have the footsteps made in Wisconsin by the Corps of Discovery, etal. If you know of more, let me know and I will add them to the "Badger Connection".

Next time we will look at visits to Wisconsin by William Clark and his oldest son, Meriwether Lewis Clark.

*References; Fate of the Corps; What Became of the Lewis and Clark Explorers After the Expedition, Larry E. Morris, Yale University Press, 2004. My thanks to former Badger State Chapter President, Dave Bubier for articles he did on Alexander Willard and Eston Jefferson in the January 2004 and April 2004 editions of "Field Notes".*

# Corps of Discovery

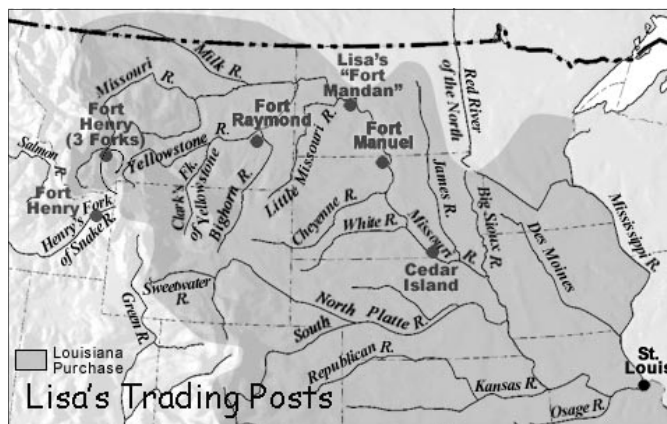
## Members in

### 1807-08

By: Jack Schroeder

Two hundred years ago, John Colter completed what has been called the greatest voluntary solo journey in the history of the exploration of the American West. His story is a stirring reminder that every day is the bicentennial of something.

In the autumn of 1807 a group of fur trappers led by St. Louis entrepreneur Manuel Lisa arrived in Crow (Absaroka) country at the confluence of the Yellowstone and Big Horn Rivers. The group included at least four members of the Lewis & Clark expedition: George Drouillard, John Potts, John Colter, and Peter Weiser. Richard Windsor and Jean Baptiste LePage may also have been with them. The party constructed the first commercial trading fort that resulted from the Louisiana Purchase. It was named Fort Raymond after Lisa's son.



Lisa sent three of his men out to find the Crow encampments and inform them that the fort was open for business. Drouillard was sent to the southeast, where his map of the journey shows that he followed the course of the Little Big Horn River, and thus passed by the site of the future battle between George Custer's 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry and the warriors of Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull. Although he probably traveled as far as Colter, Drouillard passed through a landscape that was not nearly as hostile.

Colter, carrying 30 pounds of trade goods and his rifle, walked over some of the harshest mountains in Northwest Wyoming, mostly alone, and in the dead of winter, when temperatures routinely dropped to -30 degrees. It's believed that he traveled into Pierre's Hole in Idaho, and back into Jackson's Hole before he became the first person of European descent to see the area now known as Yellowstone Park. Colter returned to the fort in March or April of 1808. His descriptions of the geysers, mudpots, and fumaroles that he had seen were given the derisive term "Colter's Hell" by the many men who didn't believe him.

Because he left no written records, his route is debated to this day, although the path described is widely accepted. Colter's route is identified very generally on the Biddle map of 1814. It is believed that both he and Drouillard met with William Clark in St. Louis in 1810, and contributed their knowledge of the terrain they had covered. Clark's hand drawn map based on Drouillard's report is in the Missouri Historical Society collection.

The third man sent out by Manuel Lisa was Edward Rose. Rose is distinguished by the fact that he traveled only as far as his first Crow camp, where he stayed for the whole winter in a comfortable Crow lodge. He traded his goods to maintain his position and privilege with the tribe. When he returned to Fort Raymond in the spring having accomplished nothing, he got into a huge row with Lisa, at which time poor Potts received a beating for attempting to interfere. Rose completed his dishonor by firing the fort's cannon at Lisa's boat as it left for the return to St. Louis. Shunned by the trappers remaining in the fort, Rose lived out the rest of his days with the Crow people.

An interesting sidelight to the story of Colter's incredible journey concerns the discovery near Tetonia, Idaho in 1931 of an artifact called "The Colter Stone". Carved in the shape of a human head in profile, the stone carries



Above: Colter's Stone



Left: Location near Tetonia, Idaho where Colter's Stone was found

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the inscription “John Colter” on one side and the date “1808” on the other. There are reasons for accepting the authenticity of the stone. The Beard family who found it had no knowledge of John Colter. At the time of its discovery, Colter was not known to have traveled through that area, although he is now believed to have done so. The patina on the stone has been judged by experts to be consistent with an age of 125 years. And Lewis and Clark and their men were known to carve their names, initials, and dates on trees and rocks, as witness Pompey’s Pillar near Billings, Montana. The stone is on exhibit at the Fur Trade Museum at the Moose Visitor Center, Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming.

This writer is indebted to Burton Harris, whose book “John Colter: His Life in the Mountains” provided much of the information for this article.

### Newsletter articles

Do you have an interesting thought about the Lewis and Clark Expedition, or know someone who shares our interest in “The Journey?” Would you like to share it with others through this newsletter? Then write to either Jim Rosenberger at punkinz@tds.net or Bill Holman at wghmch@chorus.net. If you don’t have e-mail, call Bill at (608) 249-2233. If you include a picture with your article, we will be happy to return it upon request.



## January 26<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting

Our January Chapter meeting at the De Forest Library was well attended and everyone totally enjoyed hearing Professor John Kaminski speak on Thomas Jefferson’s romance with language. **(Picture Right)**

Professor Kaminski’s intimate knowledge and passion for Jefferson history gave each of us a personal feel for how Jefferson used his writing and love of words to express himself on liberty, government, books and the people in his life. The discussion included examples from Jefferson’s many writings including his correspondence with John and Abigail Adams as well as many others, and explained how Jefferson used metaphors and similes to enhance his writing.

Nearly all the attendees continued their discussions on Lewis & Clark and Thomas Jefferson over lunch at the De Forest Family Restaurant. The after meeting fellowship certainly adds to the atmosphere of our get togethers.

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## Upcoming Quarterly Meeting

Our upcoming quarterly meeting will be April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Fond du Lac Public Library. (See picture on front page of this issue.) Meeting notices have been sent to all Chapter members.

The business meeting will start at 9:30 A.M. and in response to member requests, the primary topic of the business meeting will be a discussion on the upcoming Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation annual meeting in Great Falls, MT., August 10 – 13, 2008. Members who have been in the area will discuss the various sites including the location and make up of the tours to be held before, during and after the annual meeting. We will also cover the content of the meeting itself. If you have thoughts about attending an annual meeting and have questions, this is a Chapter meeting you will especially want to attend.

Under project Apollo, the 20<sup>th</sup> Century saw exploration depart our planet Earth and arrive on the Moon. This modern day effort is our place in the history of exploration. Come to our meeting to hear Chapter President Jim Rosenberger as he discusses the similarities and differences in planning and executing these two discovery expeditions.

Join us for an educational and entertaining time, and some good fellowship at a local restaurant after the meeting.

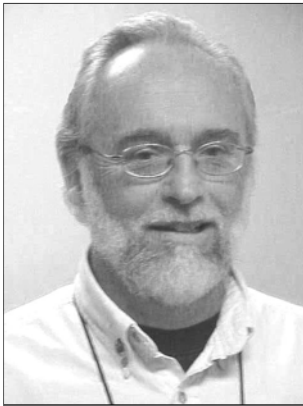


Badger Chapter Meeting 1/26 in De Forest

## Remember this Date!

Mark June 28, 2008 on your calendar. This is the date of this year’s Badger State Chapter Picnic Social. We have reserved a spot at the Riveredge Nature Center just outside Newberg, WI near West Bend. We plan to use the same format as last year; potluck lunch and an exchange of stories about our Lewis and Clark experiences plus tour the grounds. Check out the location at [www.riveredgenaturecenter.org](http://www.riveredgenaturecenter.org) and plan to attend. Details will be sent out in May.

## President's Message – April '08



**Jim Rosenberger**

Included in this issue of "Field Notes" is a sample copy of our revised membership brochure/application. For the last few board of directors meetings, we have discussed and reviewed revisions to the old brochure, which has been in use since our Chapter formed in 1998. With all the "word smithing" completed, we were ready to move forward.

My deepest thanks to member Tom Strauss and his daughter Sarah, who is a graphic artist, for taking what the board started and converting it into a professional looking document.

The brochure on the next page of "Field Notes" is a sample. The originals are tri-fold on a 8.5 x 11 sheet of a fine quality parchment style paper, and are sharper in imaging. I encourage you to contact board members or officers for copies of the brochure and help us in distributing them.

With this updated brochure all members have the opportunity to spread the word about Lewis and Clark, our Chapter and the Foundation. Talk to an interested individual about us and give them a brochure. Leave a few brochures at any historical sites or libraries in your areas. Talk to history teachers at local schools or members of local historical organizations. Contact your college alma mater's history department, tell them about us and invite them to join us by leaving a few brochures. Be creative in coming up with places and ideas for distributing the brochure.

If you just can't wait to get a supply of our new Chapter membership brochures, come to our April 12<sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting in Fond du Lac. We will have an ample supply in addition to a great meeting.

### **=We're On The Web=**

**"Field Notes" is also available on the Internet.**

Some people only receive "Field Notes" as a black and white copy. It is far better to get it on line, where some pages are in color. To get on the list to receive the link, drop an e-mail to Bill Holman at: [wghmch@chorus.net](mailto:wghmch@chorus.net)...we'll send you a link where you can find it and share it with your friends.

## A Note From Tom Strauss

At the last Badger chapter meeting, Jim Rosenberger mentioned a desire to update the brochure and I thought this was a way to help the Chapter. So I asked a favor of our daughter Sarah, a graphic designer at Generac, a WI corporation that builds generators.

After her reply to gladly assist, I retyped the text from the old brochure and with input from Jim R. and Bill and Marcia Holman it was updated. I searched for some appropriate graphics and forwarded the project to Sarah. It didn't take too long and she had a draft ready for us. She said it took only a few hours for her to design the first draft. She emailed it to me in an editable form and with Jim, Bill and Marcia's help, the text was polished and the final design was approved.

Mary and I are proud of Sarah's design with its crisp, clean, easy to read style. It will be easily updated year after year transmitting a positive impression of our Badger State Chapter.

I asked Sarah for her thoughts as she created the brochure and here is what she said: "Since there is so much text in the brochure, it had to be a simple, easy design. There wouldn't be room for a lot of design or photos, so I made the text act as a graphic element. For example, on the front of the brochure I created a 'logo' of the text 'Badger State Chapter' and repeated it again on the last page - so it's the first and last thing one sees. Also by mixing sans serif with serif fonts it gives it more of a modern look."

**Tom Strauss**

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**Badger member Tom Strauss & daughter Sarah**

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### Badger State Chapter of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc.

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State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Annual (October 1st to September 30th)  
Individual Membership Dues: \$10.00  
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## THE "BADGER" CHAPTER

Lewis and Clark's first zoological specimen was a badger, heretofore unknown to western science.

"On Monday, July 30, 1804, Joseph Fields brought in an animal the French call a "Brarow" or Badger. This animal burrows in the ground and feeds on prairie dogs... his shape and size is like that of a beaver, his head and mouth etc. is like a dogs with short ears, his tail and hair like that of a ground hog...his internals like the internals of a hog, his skin, thick and loose, his belly is white and the hair short, a white streak from his nose to his shoulders. The toe nails of his forefeet are 1-3/4 inches long..."

...And, of course, Wisconsin is  
"The Badger State."

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**T**he Badger State Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc. is comprised of a diverse group of people from throughout Wisconsin who are Lewis and Clark Expedition enthusiasts.

The Chapter is affiliated with the National Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc. and our activities complement those of the Foundation in being the "Keepers of the Story, Stewards of the Trail."

While not on the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail, Wisconsin has considerable connections to the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The original copy of the Sgt. Charles Floyd Journal is the property of the Wisconsin State Historical Society along with family papers of William and George Rogers Clark. Reuben Gold Thwaites, once Director of the Wisconsin State Historical Society, edited the Journals of Lewis & Clark in 1904, the 100th anniversary of the expedition. While serving as Chief Indian Agent after the Expedition, William Clark visited Prairie du Chien on three separate occasions.

The Mission of the Badger State Chapter is to encourage, support and undertake projects that stimulate and advance public knowledge and awareness of the historical, social and cultural significance of the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

## THE BADGER STATE CHAPTER:

- Encourages membership in the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc. Membership provides access to research materials and includes the award winning quarterly publication, "We Proceeded On" along with the quarterly newsletter, "The Orderly Report." Visit the Foundation website at [www.lewisandclark.org](http://www.lewisandclark.org)
- Works with the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation to further our motto of "Keepers of the Story, Stewards of the Trail," by preserving Expedition related materials, artifacts, and sites along the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail.
- Stimulates interest in the Lewis & Clark Expedition, its legacy, and in the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail.
- Provides resource people and materials to encourage understanding and appreciation of the Lewis and Clark story.
- Provides social and educational opportunities for Lewis & Clark enthusiasts.



**Please join us for  
fun, adventure and education!**

## MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS

We typically have a meeting in January, April and October. The annual meeting of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, usually held in August of each year, also provides time for a Chapter meeting. Additionally we have a social picnic in June.

Business meetings are kept to a minimum, followed by an educational program. The educational program may include lectures, slide presentations, videos with discussion, "round tables" discussions, book reviews, original research, historic trail information, Wisconsin-related aspects of the Lewis and Clark story, and other aspects of western exploration.

Our annual field trip is always interesting and is conducted during August or September. Typically, the field trip is to an area or site along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

All members receive the Chapter's quarterly newsletter, "Field Notes" and have access to the Chapter's Internet message board.

The new Badger Chapter Brochure that Jim Rosenberger describes on page 5, is shown here in approximately half size. They will be distributed at the April 12th meeting. If you are unable to attend, e-mail Jim at [punkinz@tds.net](mailto:punkinz@tds.net) or phone him at 608-845-6365, and we will be glad to send you some copies so that you can help promote our Chapter.



## Seaman Says... (Thoughts from Camp Wood)

**We return to the early part of Seaman's Journal for his continuing insight into America's most important journey of exploration:**

March 3, 1804: Captains Lewis and Clark and I return to Camp Wood from St. Louis with spring in the air and the camp in disarray. The men are restless and have been disobedient to the orders of the sergeants and written instructions left by the captains.

The captains take the necessary action to return discipline to the Camp and I find I can be assistance in influencing the men's conduct. My physical being is large enough so I am able to place myself between any of the men and their temptation, such as leaving camp, entering a tavern, fighting another man or etc. My size makes it simple enough to nudge a man away from temptation and down the correct path and if need be, a growl and a small "nip" ends any resistance to my guidance.

These are all good men and I feel confident that under the leadership of our captains, reinforced by my guidance, the men will perform exceedingly well on this expedition of discovery.



## Reprinted from Kira Gale's Blog



Two more important records have been found regarding the fate of Sacagawea's little girl, Lisette. In last month's newsletter I wrote about the lost Orphan's Court record book that was recently found, documenting that William Clark became the guardian of Sacagawea's two children on August 11, 1813. (Or more precisely, that John Luttig did, and Clark's name was later substituted.)

Two Contradictory Burial Records

### Two Contradictory Burial Records

Bob Moore, the historian at the Arch, discovered two burial records at the St. Louis Old Cathedral (shown above). One was for a "one year old Shoshone girl, the daughter of Toussaint Charbonneau," who was buried on August 30, 1813. The other was for a 21 year old Lisette, identified as a Shoshone ("savage of the nation of snakes"), who was buried on June 16, 1832. Certainly two contradictory records, right?

It seems likely that the first little girl was Lisette's half sister, and that her mother, Otter Woman, was Charbonneau's other Shoshone wife. Otter Woman must have accompanied Lisette to St. Louis and served as her wet nurse and step mother, while sadly losing her own daughter.

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The Badger Chapter has \$2,963.37 in the Chapter Treasury as of April 1, 2008, and 72 active members.

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