

Camp River Dubois Dispatch

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Manager's Corner: by Brad Winn

So 2017 is about over and what a year it has been! I can tell you that I am not a big fan of change, at least not at this level. We have said or are about to say goodbye to two institutions at Lewis and Clark State Historic Site both of which will have effects that have not yet fully been felt.

The first of which is the dissolution of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and subsequent merger with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. I have already addressed this union in a previous newsletter so I will not repeat my comments much on this subject other than to say that we still just are not sure what the future holds for us in this relationship just yet. I am confident that our operations will not change in a noticeable way to the public or for you.

Our second big change comes with the retirement of Pam Imes. It has been a true pleasure working with Pam over the last 15 years, honestly words do not do it justice. She has been a tremendous talent to the site as a whole and her impact and the quality of her work can be seen through every part of the site. Though she has agreed to again plan and implement the "May Event" I know that will not be forever. I look forward to when that time comes that she hangs up the air-horn for the last time, that for whomever takes over the event we give them the full support you have shown Pam. I hope that all of you in the course of the next month or so take the time to reach out to Pam and wish her the best in her retirement. Much like Mark Twain in his life marking the time of Haley's Comet, Pam came in when the IHPA was formed and she is going out at the end of the IHPA legacy. We shall leave it up to you all whether the IHPA or Pam has had a greater impact on Lewis and Clark State Historic Site.

Finally as always, I would like to thank you most sincerely for another great year! You all never cease to amaze me by all that you do, for all that you give in time and resources. We are truly blessed that you chose to be a part of our little historic site. I look forward to the momentum that was generated this year to the get the Camp reconstructed growing even greater. I look forward to another active year of school groups, critter infestations, book discussions, laughs, smiles and much more knowing that you will be along with us for the ride. Happy Holidays Everyone.

President's Corner: by Rex Maynard

Point of Beginning - PLSS

We remember the difficulties Captains Lewis and Clark had with their attempts to take latitude and longitude on their journey to the western ocean. The cloudy skies prevented making solar, lunar and constellation observations. The view of the horizon was often obscured by tall trees the men had to cut down. One of their instruments, the chronometer, malfunctioned with sand in the gears, bear oil lubricant setting up in cold weather, and their own failure to keep it wound. Add those problems to the sparse training at Lewis received from Andrew Ellicott, the hours of longhand calculations, and the other difficult conditions under which they operated, and it makes you wonder, "Why bother?"

One possible answer to that question involves raising revenue for the now cash-strapped United States Government. At about 3 cents an acre, \$18.29 per square mile and 1 million dollars per future state: this was the land deal of all land deals. It was also way over budget. Napoleon made Jefferson an offer he couldn't refuse and couldn't afford: 15 million dollars for all the land in the

Missouri River watershed. The price was set, the acreage was not. At that time they did not know the total area and one purpose of the Expedition was to accurately estimate the extent of the river's reach. That it was a vast tract of land that would nearly double the size of the United States was not in question. Neither was it a question that it would put them in direct contention for western lands with the Spanish and British. They needed to establish claim and boundaries.

To paraphrase a quote often attributed to the late Illinois Senator Dirksen, "a million here, a million there, pretty soon, you're talking real money." A 15 million dollar debt for a fledgling nation was sure to create financial hardship and political instability. Plans for raising money had to be considered. Part of the scheme to raise money was the sale of these new lands to pioneers. Fortunately, a process had been put in place even before the Constitution had been ratified in 1788.

A Virginia delegate to the Articles of Confederation Congress, Thomas Jefferson, introduced the *Ordinance of 1784*, which called for the lands north of the Ohio River to be separated into states on an equal basis with the original 13. That weak Congress with no power to tax, planned to sell the land to individuals and land speculators to raise funds to pay the government's Revolutionary War debts. The means of doing that was introduced by Jefferson in the *Land Ordinance of 1785* instituting a specific plan to survey the real estate so they could sell it. They had just the man for the job.

Thomas Hutchins was appointed the first and only Geographer General of the United States in 1785. A career British Officer, Captain Hutchins had performed military engineering and surveying work much of his career, most often in wilderness areas. His innovations in topography and geography led to him being elected to the American Philosophical Society in 1772. In 1779 he was imprisoned and charged with treason for aiding the American cause. He escaped and brought his skills to the Independence movement. He was probably the only regular British Army Officer to switch to the Revolutionary side. He was now in charge of a team of surveyors appointed by Congress from ten states.

Hutchins immediately began the work of surveying the Northwestern Territory. For his starting point, he located the intersection of the Ellicott Line and the Ohio River. (The Ellicott Line was the western Pennsylvania border which was surveyed by Andrew Ellicott, the man who would eventually instruct Captain Lewis.) From that point he established a *base line* running directly west for 42 miles. The surveying team divided that base line into the northern border of seven townships. Each township was a square, six miles by six miles. South of those townships, another set was surveyed, and so on, until the Ohio River was reached. This tract of land is known as the Seven Ranges. These land parcels were sold to the public in New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

The initial survey only marked the edges of each township; after all, this was still hostile territory. It did set in motion the plan to complete surveys that divided each township into 36 one mile square areas called *sections*. Each section is divided into quarters of 160 acres. Each quarter was further quartered into 40 acres. Many of us are familiar with phrases: "forty acres and a mule," "the back forty," and "the lower forty."

This plan for dividing up the land of the United States is called the Public Land Survey System (PLSS). It has been used extensively in the Lower 48 states except in the original 13 colonies and places where French and Spanish land grants predate the American expansion. Baselines are created whenever necessary. For example, Illinois has east-west baselines running through Centralia and Beardstown.

The baseline for most of South Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and Nebraska is the 40 degree North parallel of latitude, which also serves as the border of Kansas and Nebraska. When one flies over the lands that comprised the Louisiana Purchase, the square patterns are very evident. Lewis and Clark's attempts to establish latitude and longitude points came to naught, but the system that may have inspired the attempt was finally accomplished.

A stone marker now stands near the present day city of East Liverpool, Ohio. The inscription states "1,112 feet south of this spot was the point of beginning for surveying the Public Lands of the United States." For yes, just as the Missouri and

Mississippi have changed their course and obliterated historical traces of Lewis and Clark, the Ohio has diverted to cover the actual "Point of Beginning" for the Public Land Surveying System.

STORE OF DISCOVERY NEWS:

by Karen McDanel

Sales for the Store of Discovery were up for several months. We're looking forward to the Christmas season for even better sales.

Several of our volunteers have been donating hand-made items for sale at the store with no cost to the store. We have Christmas decorations and ornaments, as well as crocheted hats and scarves and gift bags and stockings. We appreciate the help and dedication of our volunteers and staff.

T-shirts are finally in and we have zippered hoodies as well. Navy hoodies are already here and red hoodies should be in shortly. We have also brought back the 9-square Lewis and Clark puzzle. It's quite a challenge if you haven't tried it.

Please consider the Store of Discovery for your Christmas shopping.

Upcoming Special Events:

**** Celebrate the Tradition of St Nicholas***

Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, 11p.m. – 1p.m.

Come celebrate the Festival of St. Nicholas and his arrival in Cahokia! St. Nicholas will be visiting the Jarrot Mansion sharing holiday treats and sweets with visiting children. The tradition of St. Nicholas dates back to the 4th century telling the story of this generous and benevolent Christian Saint who became the inspiration for Santa Claus. St. Nicholas will be portrayed by retired Cahokia Courthouse staff member Jeff Winter. The mansion will be decorated for the holiday season in traditional frontier French trimmings where St. Nicholas will be greeting guests and wishing them a Happy Holidays. Families are encouraged to come visit with St. Nicholas and take photos with him. Tours of the Jarrot Mansion will also be held in conjunction with this event.

Visitors are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to those families in need with the community of Cahokia.

****Arrival at Camp River Dubois:***

Dec. 9 & 10, 2017. 10a.m.-4p.m.

This special event celebrates the 214th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's arrival at Camp River Dubois. Since Camp River Dubois has been shut down for safety reasons there will be no re-enactors outside for this event. Exhibitors like Bob Mitchell will be inside displaying rocks and minerals, Mark West exhibiting 18th & 19th century antique tools, and Michael Stout will be presenting animal furs the men of the Lewis & Clark expedition hunted while wintering in Camp River Dubois. The War of 1812 artillery unit will display and interpret their cannon. Ed Dulaney of the First Royal Regiment of Foot will be presenting Colonial Wars and Western Expansion. Also, in case of emergency, Dr. Imes will be ready. Now, Dr. Imes' knowledge only covers 19th century medicine, but I hear he is very fast at removing small frost bitten fingers and toes.

Volunteer News: *by Cindy Upchurch*

Thank you to everyone who came to the volunteer dinner at Julia's Banquet Center. I received an apology from management about putting us in the smaller Gypsy Room. It was cozy.

Congratulations to Nadine Verderber for winning Volunteer of the Year, 2017 due to her volunteer hours.

In addition, volunteers with 100 + hours were recognized for their dedication. They were Bernie Caldwell, Justine Dorn, Irma Holmes, George McDanel, Barbara Mihalich, and Mary Papp. Whether you donate many hours or a few, the assistance is always appreciated. Thank you many times over.

A reminder to all that The Lewis and Clark Confluence Tower next door is closed till April. If we received a call from an inquiring tower group, Bernie Caldwell would appreciate it if we give the group his phone number (it's at the desk). He'll try and accommodate them.

From everyone, volunteers and staff, thank you to Bob Mitchell and James Torti for another season assisting at the site. Bob's rock table is always a nice display. See you next April.

As winter approaches, during bad weather, do not risk your car and injury trying to get to the site. No one wants the volunteers to be put in peril. Be safe.

L&C Society of America News:

The slate of candidates was accepted by the Board and will be presented to the general membership for approval on the December 10th meeting at the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site. Additional nominations from the floor will be open to the members attending the December 10th meeting. The meeting will start at 1:00pm after the L&C Society of America's lunch at 12:00pm. The lunch is being catered by Jerry's Kitchen in Granite City and the menu includes: sliced ham, twice-baked-potatoes, rolls, corn, and desert. Please call the store (618-251-6244) by December 1, to RSVP for your lunch reservations at \$5 per person.

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Retirement News:

Pam Imes will be retiring December 31, 2017. Pam has worked for state of Illinois for 33 years. She started out as an historic site interpreter for the Vandalia State House then moved to

Cahokia Mounds, and has worked for the Lewis & Clark site these past 15 years.

When she started with the state and she worked for the newly established Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA). Today there is no IHPA and Pam will be retiring from DNR.

Pam's 'See You All Later' Letter

By now I am sure everyone has heard that I my last day of work will be December 29, 2017. I have so many memories since I started here at Lewis and Clark November 16, 2002, that I could write a book on them. But now it is time to say aloha, adiós, arrivederci, bon voyage, sayonara, auf Wiedersehen, adieu, shalom and goodbye to everyone. I am not good with good-byes, so for me it's just, see you all later. I won't be totally gone, since I will be doing Education Day and Point of Departure for 2018.

I have been with the state 32 ½ years, and 15 of those years have been at Lewis and Clark. Brad made it so easy for me to transfer in and make me feel so very welcome here. He allowed me opportunities that I was never able to do in Vandalia. Of all my past employers, Brad has been the best manager and person to work with and has made my time here at Lewis and Clark unforgettable. Hopefully, I have accomplished most of what he expected from me, but I also hope I have left my footprint at the site in helping to make Lewis and Clark State Historic Site a site to remember. L & C is a site I have been very proud to represent. I know Brad will miss all my little notes to remind him of things, but most importantly, to remind him of things I need or need done. I always have a list on the back cabinet door ready for him, just in case he says "I'm going shopping does anyone need anything?" Yes Brad I do!!!

There will be things I will never forget, like my first cooking experience in December of 2003. When I was baking biscuits out in the snow, it didn't take me long to start thinking about a cabin. Finally in 2007, the cabin was born. One of my biggest projects for it was writing and getting a grant to help buy reproduction artifacts we needed for the Settler's cabin. Sally Munie helped me so much with this project, that this transition from an awning setting to the cabin, was so easy. Since we opened the cabin in 2008, I developed the interpretive program and a manual that is being used for the cabin's interpretation, which has been going very strong. I hope it will be continued throughout the years to come. Another project was to start making soap, candles and I added a few hand-made items for the gift shop to sell. Many volunteers have also donated items for them to sell. But, one of my happiest fulfillments has been developing the historic garden. It all got started when Rex and Mary Maynard gave us the rails they didn't want at the home they had just purchased. So, once Dennis Nichols seen that the fence rails were up, my garden history began. Within two weeks I had full grown soybeans and corn. I wonder who planted those, Eddie Brown!!! We have planted cotton, tobacco, broom corn, peanuts, flax, Egyptian Walking onions, gourdseed corn, turnips, carrots, radishes, potatoes, and edible luffa gourds (which everyone has been so amazed over). With the help of Ronnie Stellhorn, the garden at the Settler's cabin has been a rewarding adventure. So many visitors leave here with a better knowledge on how these settler's lived and survived. Brad and Bob Mitchell have also enjoyed the garden so much, that Bob has informed me that when he returns next summer, he wants me to help him plant a few things in the

garden. I said I would, but the difference will be, I will not have to run from the snakes (which a family lives under the cabin, but they do keep the mice away), weed, hoe or pick off those ugly bugs and squishy worms. Bob will take care of all of that, which he will do a fantastic job. I will leave him my hoe, shovel, rake, gloves, a straw hat and a basket to put his crops in. I still ask myself why do I like gardening with my allergies, bad back and arthritis, and all I can say is, I just love getting into the dirt, planting the seeds and watch the little sprouts emerge out of the ground and then into its beautiful creation. Whether it's the vegetables, fiber plants or flowers, it is just so amazing to watch Mother Nature at work.

If I could take anything with me it would be the Settler's Cabin. So much of me is in that cabin, but with the fireplace attached so well, I can't move it! Maybe Paul will build me my own cabin. I really have enjoyed interpreting from it, cleaning it, keeping the wood bees and wasps down, cooking and fixing meals from it. Hopefully, for you that have worked on the days I did cook, you enjoyed the meals also. Who knows, maybe I will show up one day and surprise everyone with a noon meal cooked in the cabin. Maybe I will ask Santa for a Dutch oven, so I can cook in my back yard. The neighbors will love it. Once they see my pies or stews hopefully they will change their minds about all the smoke I will produce. Update: Santa came early. I was given a Dutch oven as a gift from the Society. Thanks so much everyone! I will treasure it always. Thanks for the picture and Steve Stunkel for the book he gave me. I will now have some good recipes to try in my new oven. Also, thanks Irma Holmes for the cupcakes and ice cream. Everyone enjoyed this treat.

I have met so many interesting people that have become my friends here at Lewis and Clark. You have all helped me make my job so much easier. It has been my greatest pleasure in meeting and working with all the volunteers and staff. You have all taught me so much. You will all have a very special place in my heart and I will never forget any of you. The saddest thing in those 15 years, has been when the time came for some of those special people to depart from us. This by far has been the hardest part of my job.

Soon I will begin those golden years, but haven't figure out why they call them the golden years, except for Paul who says "there's only one thing you can be sure that will be golden, that is your ???????????"

As with any job, there will be things I will miss. Like seeing everyone each day and listening to all your stories, the sewing machine, talking with the visitors and cooking in the cabin. I won't miss driving to work in bad weather, shoveling snow, mice, snakes, spider webs, cleaning rest rooms, having to make car and Dr. appointments only on certain days and certain times or shopping after work with a million other people. Now, I can go shopping earlier in the day and be back home before the heavy traffic starts with the workers going home. I just realized, I will be able to watch the 2018 Olympics all day long. Yeah!!!

I will miss talking and working with Cindy. Cindy and I had the #1 cleaning team called "Tiger Team" for the site and I could always count on her if I needed anything. She likes to bake, so I have appreciated all her baked goods she has brought in over the years. She also does candy deliveries for Paul, which he has

really appreciated. Now I will be leaving Cindy with the boys!

I'm sure Mike will be finally glad to get me out of the conference room with my baskets, brooms, clothes hanging around, radio playing and all my sewing stuff. Actually, as I look around the room, he has a whole lot more stuff in here than I do. Now he can have the whole room to himself, except I have asked him to leave my little working area alone until after Education Day. Then he can do whatever he wants.

For my retirement plans, first and most important, I hope Paul and I both stay healthy. We plan to take little trips, anytime we want, which has been hard to do with my work schedule. Now with 11 grandchildren, there is always babysitting and with all their sport events they are in, we will be gone a lot watching them. I plan to enjoy every moment to its fullest in my retirement.

For everyone that have helped me with the Settler's Cabin, Education Day, Point of Departure candlemaking, basketmaking, and the gardens, an enormous thank you to everyone. I never could have done it without you all. I have been so blessed to have worked with all of you.

It has been my greatest pleasure in working with and alongside each one of you. To all of you, I wish only the best for you and your families with happiness and good health to you all.

Happy Holiday to everyone!

Sincerely,

Pam Imas

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STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

BEST WAY TO CONTACT YOU: HOME _____ WORK _____

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NAME OF EMPLOYER (If employed): _____

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Do you prefer to work in the (Circle the best answer.)?

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Please circle the days and times of the week you can volunteer. (Monday and Tuesday are seasonal.)

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

All Day or AM (9am – 1pm) or PM (1pm-5pm)

Number of hours you estimate you can volunteer: Weekly _____ Monthly _____

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EMERGENCY CONTACT'S NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

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