

Camp River Dubois Dispatch

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Manager's Corner: by Brad Winn

Wow, what a difference a few months make! First of all, I hope you are all doing well and are safe. If you feel that it might help prevent the infection, we can brew you up some of Rush's bilious pills! I don't believe they are FDA approved, but I understand that they make quite an impact on removal of all those bad humors from your gastrointestinal system.

I have missed seeing you all a great deal! It is not the same every day coming into work knowing that I will most likely not get to see any of you for some time still. While I know this is smart and safe, I admit that I did not fully appreciate how much you are a part of our lives until we cannot see and talk with you every week. Things were pretty lonely around the site after our rather abrupt shutdown. Apologies to Barb Miner and her stool caning class that got shooed out the door back on March 15 (which seems years ago) when we officially closed the doors in response to the Governor's orders to close the sites. Since then we have seen a slow but cautious return to some of our operations. If you are not aware, Cindy and Ben are back working on site with a limited schedule. I am working my normal schedule and still shuttling between Cahokia and sometimes Vandalia but thankfully James and Kim are able to help in both locations respectively.

I am also very pleased to announce that we have 4 seasonal workers who have started on June 1 that will be here to help. The silver lining to all of this is that with the extra help we look to be doing some serious overhaul to our interpretive gardens, shrubs, and overall site landscaping. We should look better than ever outside the next time you come back to visit.

I have been asked a great deal about when we plan to open and what that might look like. To be honest with you right now, the answer is I don't know. I want to recognize Cindy and Ben who have worked very hard during our shutdown to provide online material such as virtual tours, educational resources and a redesigned website to move us forward to the 21st Century. I have also begun the process of trying to stage some outdoor tours on site to give the visitors some more opportunities when they visit. We have not been given approval just yet to proceed. In the summer months we will continue to move forward with all these ideas, but as always, we welcome your input and ideas. I have spoken with Cindy and Ben about approaching many of you about creating your on virtual experience in your many areas of expertise.

In the meantime we have moved to seven day a week operation for all our outside exhibits, trail and the confluence point. I hope you all stay safe and well and I hope you will check in with us from time to time. We would love to hear from you!

President's Corner: by Rex Maynard

Hay & Hays

"...about Sun Set Capt: Lewis arrived accompanied
by

Mr. J. Hay & Mr. Jo Hays of Kohokia..."

- William Clark January 30, 1804

No, Clark was not seeing double from getting into the whiskey. Two men, each with the first name John and one with the last name of Hay and the other of Hays, arrived in camp with Captain Lewis. Both men were St. Clair County Officials and supportive of the Expedition. Hay was more

often mentioned (8x) by Clark whose record of Camp River Dubois is the only one we have. Hays was mentioned less often (4x). The two, who knew the country well, were helping Lewis find and see the camp for the first time. Lewis had been in St. Louis and Cahokia seeking information on the west. Hay and Hays were about the same age with similar life experience, but very different beginnings.

The father of John Hay was Lt. Jehu Hay, the Indian Agent for a Revolutionary War British General known and hated as "Hamilton the Hair Buyer." Henry Hamilton and Jehu Hay were captured by George Rogers Clark - William's brother - at the Battle of Vincennes in 1778. The mother of John Hay was a Detroit French Creole, Marie Julie Reaume. Her family was involved in the Indian Fur Trade. John Hay was born and raised at the Detroit Post and attended college in Canada where he became proficient in Latin, French, and English. (He later acquired Spanish.) He worked first as a bookkeeper and later as a trader for the Isaac Todd Trading House of Montreal. He spent approximately 2 years in the Red River Country of south central Canada trading with the First Nations that lived as far away as the Big Bend of the Missouri River where the Mandan lived.

Ten years before the Corps of Discovery arrived; John Hay opened Hay and Todd Trading Post in Cahokia in partnership with Andrew Todd, a nephew of Isaac Todd. Andrew had deep pockets and multiple trading connections. In 1796, Andrew Todd died in a yellow fever epidemic in New Orleans as he was procuring shipping rights through the Spanish port. With the partnership thus dissolved, Hay took an administration position in the St. Clair County government and married Marguerite Poupart of Cahokia, settling him into one location. His education, language fluencies, and hardworking demeanor brought him the respect of many important people. He was able to write wills, contracts, etc. for all classes of people in several languages. The "Generalissimo of the Pen," as he was nicknamed, occupied local government offices until he died in 1843. Hay represented St. Clair County at the three flags ceremony formalizing the transfer of Upper Louisiana to the United States. His knowledge of the western lands and people, his contacts in the

Illinois country and his translation abilities made his assistance to the Lewis and Clark Expedition invaluable.

While John Hay was born on the frontier of Anglo and French Creole parents, John Jacob Hays was born in New York of Sephardic Jewish parents. His ancestors had emigrated from Spain, to Holland and then in 1720 to New York. In New York his grandparents were members of Shearith Isreal synagogue, the oldest synagogue in the United States. His grandfather, Solomon was briefly expelled from the synagogue for America's first *shande far di goyim* i.e. "scandal in front of the gentiles." He had brought criminal charges against the temple's elders for ejecting him from the building. His wife kept closing the window of the women's balcony and other women had kept reopening it. Finally, an elder removed the window; Solomon lost it and had to be escorted from the building. He was later readmitted. Solomon's son and John Jacob's father, Baruch, was a loyalist during the Revolutionary War. At the end of the war, he emigrated to Canada.

As a teenager, John Jacob Hays left New York and became a clerk in a trading house first at Mackinac and later farther west. He and two travelling companions were buried in a blizzard for three days. After several years in the Canadian wilderness he moved south to Cahokia. He independently traded with the Indians making annual trips to Prairie du Chien, bought farmland, and joined the Cahokia militia. He worked for the Hay and Todd firm until it went bust. For a number of years he was the unpaid postmaster of Cahokia. He proved himself to be a tough, reliable, and fair man and was appointed Sheriff of St. Clair County in 1798(?). In 1814 President Madison appointed him collector of internal revenue for the Territory of Illinois. He was an advisor on the tribes to Governor Ninian Edwards during the War of 1812. In 1822 he went to Fort Wayne where he was the Indian Agent of the Potawatomi and Miami tribes.

In 1818, when Illinois became a state, he was the only known Jewish person to live in the state. He married a French Creole Catholic, Mary Louise Brouillet from Vincennes, but there is no sign he ever converted. John Reynolds, the fourth governor of the state, knew him well and declared him to be "a moral and honest character, and that

his morality throughout his life was exemplary.” Of course, that’s coming from a governor of Illinois.

There is some controversy over which of the men was the Postmaster of Cahokia. Records are controversial. In the fluid spelling of the day - Jefferson often spelled Clark’s name Clarke – close enough was often close enough. When there is only a single letter differentiating two names, it is easy to get confused. Clark’s spellings and penmanship is often confusing. The April 2 journal entry says that Mr. Hays arrived, but his weather diary says Mr. Hay arrived. Of the two men, John Hay was the most helpful to the Corps of Discovery. He had more to offer with his translating abilities, political connections, his knowledge of the middle Missouri River tribes, and his insight in packaging Indian presents into tribal bundles. They were both good men to have on your side.

How many similarities and differences can you see between the two men?

Ben’s Blurp: by Benjamin Pollard

Wow, I have really missed giving tours, answering questions, working with the public, and working with our great team of volunteers. As most of you know, the tours are usually my favorite part of the day. I can admit I’ve been a little frustrated having to rethink how I can engage with people over long distances and often at different times.

While I have missed the face to face contact my position usually allows for, I have not been sitting around idly moping. Instead, I have been working on what I’ve been calling my COVID Legacy Projects. These are projects and big picture planning that I have wanted to do for a while now, but the regular work days don’t always allow. Ideally, these projects will have a lasting and permanent impact on our site and our visitors in the future. So, let me walk you through some of the projects. [Be warned that none of them are finished and are in various stages of completion.]

CampDubois.com

As some of you know, our website was due for an updating. After trying to reach out to some

local firms to see what they could offer, Brad and I came to the conclusion we could do it better in-house (especially with all the time on our hands all of a sudden). Our website has taken on a new color scheme taken from the red and blue regimental uniform coats. Newly updated calendars, directions, and more offer different aspects of the site to visitors. What I am really excited to be including is some new educational videos and materials for parents and teachers. For those doing distance learning or living on the other side of the country and unable to visit, people can now see elements of our site and it’s historical legacy. Cindy and I will be continuing to develop more online tools to engage in new ways.

YouTube Videos

As some of you may have seen if you follow the LCSHS Facebook page, I have been working on interpretive videos shot here at the site. So far, a tour of the Interpretive Center and a series on Building the Team have been the biggest hits. This is still new to me, so I want to thank my fiancé Ramona Puskar for helping me develop video ideas, providing editing support, and acting as my director and cinematographer. These videos have already picked up quite a few views. (You can help increase their reach by liking and sharing on Facebook and by subscribing to our YouTube channel). Amazingly, they were featured by the Great Rivers and Routes Tourism Bureau, IDNR Director’s Office, and the Governor’s All in Illinois Initiative. My hope is to provide evergreen content that visitors and educators can draw from in the future. For our presenters, storytellers, and artisans – Don’t be surprised if I contact you in the future about shooting some videos. I’m hoping to offer insight into all the many facets of early 19th Century life.

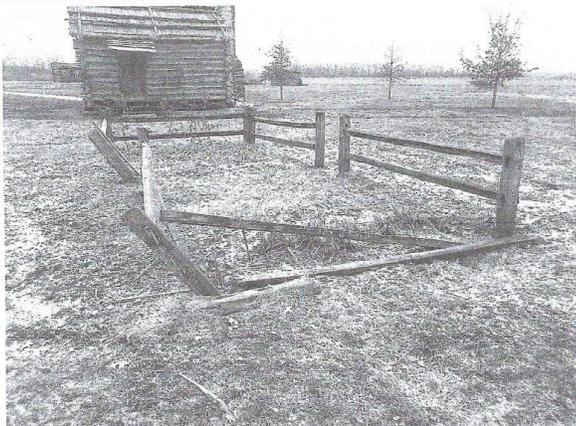
Prairie Plot

Once we were able to return to the site, Cindy, Brad, and I got the itch to do some weeding and cleaning. If you came by right now, you would see that a lot of the invasive growth in our front garden plot is gone. In its place is the start of a new prairie plot featuring local species of plants and plants from along the Lewis & Clark Trail. I'm no expert in this, so I want to thank the experts that have let me pick their brains: Scott Moss from Lewis & Clark Community College's Restoration Ecology Program, Kristin Fulkerson, Eric Wright from The Nature Institute, and Ramona Puskar. Both the Restoration Ecology Program and The Nature Institute provided us with locally sourced prairie plants to get us started. A huge thank you to both programs. My hope is that we can put together interpretive materials to tie in with the plants spanning local natural history to food plants of the Expedition.

Volunteer News: *By Cindy Upchurch*

We miss all of you at the site. Right now, we have no further information about when we will re-open the interpretive center and the settler's cabin. When we know, I will call you with the news! I have not heard of anyone ill and the staff is all healthy.

So, what is happening at the site you ask? Well, the grounds are open and we see people and count cars to make an estimate about visitation. Lots of folks are walking their dogs, biking, hiking, picnicking, and fishing. So, we are not alone.



A big thank you to the Alton Community Service League, who generously awarded the site funds to take down the old garden fence and put up new split rail cedar fencing. In addition, the site will be putting top soil on the garden as well.

We have 4 summer seasonals joining us this year; Jack Atchley, Katelyn Strobo, Justine Dorn, and Kristin Fulkerson. Not only will the summer crew be busy beautifying the site, occasionally one of the seasonals will be assisting James Dabney at the Cahokia Courthouse as well.

Everyone is helping with getting the landscaping at the front entrance of the building in shape. If the prairie plants look good enough, we might be able to do prairie plant tours outside.

James Dabney will be retiring from the Department of Natural Resources this summer. Thank you so much for your service to both IHPA and DNR. You have done a wonderful job for our site at Cahokia Courthouse, Jarrot Mansion, and Boismenu House. Everyone's best wishes for a great retirement.

Sadly, one of our volunteers, Thelma King, has passed away April, 2020. She and her husband, Jerry, volunteered for several years in the gallery. Thelma was 84. She is survived by her daughter Cheryl Hribik.



Calendar of Events 2020

October 17

3rd Annual Historic Craft Fair

September 12 – 1 p.m.

A Visit with Dolley Madison – Barbara Kay

December 12 – 13

Arrival Event

All events at this point are subject to change. We have been given no definitive answer regarding any events planned after June 2020. At this point, we are not accepting any new group scheduled through July and have cancelled all camps, group tours and special events through the end of July 2020.

Lewis and Clark Society of America 3rd Annual Craft Fair

The date is set for the 2020 Craft Fair. It will be held October 17 at the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site. Attached to this newsletter is all the information. We are always looking for new crafters and new products to offer to the public. We look forward to seeing you there.

Additional Information

SET UP TIMES: Saturday, October 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

SHOW HOURS: Saturday, October 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Your product must be handcrafted, no wholesale items, imports or kit items will be allowed. Include 2 or 3 photos of your craft. The photos should be clear and close-up.

Two chairs will be available for each space. Arrangements for tables (if rented) must be made in advance. A limited number of 5 and 6-foot tables is available.

THE FAIR COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ASSIGN YOU A DESIGNATED SPACE. NO SPECIAL REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED. NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PICTURES.

You will need to do your own set up and tear down. We don't have the staff to help with this.

We will have Subway 6" ham or turkey sandwiches and chips available for purchase for lunch. Bottles of water will also be available. There is a soda and snack machine located outside the gift shop.



**LEWIS AND CLARK SOCIETY
ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR
Saturday, October 17, 2020
Lewis & Clark State Historic Site**

You are cordially invited to our annual Arts and Crafts Fair to be held at the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site, One Lewis and Clark Trail, Hartford, Illinois. (GPS address is 3500 New Poag Road, Hartford, Illinois.)

Name _____ Business Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____ Email _____

Describe your craft (be specific) _____

Booth Size is 10 x 6', Single Booth \$25 _____ Double Booth \$50 _____

Lewis and Clark Society Members/Volunteers: Single Booth \$15 _____ Double Booth \$30 _____

WE MUST RECEIVE CONTRACT AND PAYMENT BY OCTOBER 1, 2020!

If you would like to order lunch, we will have Subway ham or turkey sandwiches, chips and bottled water available to purchase at \$6.00 for each lunch. Please include payment with this contract.

of 5 or 6' tables @ \$5.00 each _____ # of lunches @ \$6.00 each: Ham _____ Turkey _____

Total payment included with this contract _____

Need Electricity? Yes _____ No _____ You must supply your own extension cord.

Your booth number and location will be determined by the space we have available at the time your contract and payment are received. Returning vendors may keep their booth space if fee is paid by cut-off date. (Check here if you want to keep your space. _____) New crafters will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you need more information, please call 618-251-6244 or email lcsacraftfair@gmail.com. (Photos can also be sent to this email address.)

Please read the attached rules, sign the bottom of this contract, enclose appropriate fees (make checks payable to: Lewis & Clark Society and 2 or 3 current photos of your craft to: Store of Discovery, One Lewis and Clark Trail, Hartford, IL 62048.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Lewis & Clark State Historic Site Volunteer Application

NAME (Print, Last, First, MI) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

BEST WAY TO CONTACT YOU: HOME _____ WORK _____

CELL/MOBILE _____ EMAIL _____ @ _____

NAME OF EMPLOYER (If employed): _____

EMPLOYMENT TITLE: _____

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE: _____

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

Interpretive/Visitor's Center Store of Discovery Camp River Dubois Special events

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 _____

Other information you feel pertinent to your application: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

EMERGENCY CONTACT'S NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS: HOME _____ WORK _____

CELL/MOBILE _____ EMAIL _____ @ _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Please submit application to: Lewis & Clark State Historic Site, Attention Volunteer Program, #1 Lewis & Clark Trail, Hartford, IL 62048. Thank you for your interest in the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site. Have a great day!

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Student	\$10	_____	Make checks payable to Lewis and Clark Society of America and mail to #1 Lewis & Clark Trail, Hartford, IL 62048. Members receive a 10% discount on items purchased in the Store of Discovery, located at the Lewis & Clark State
Individual	\$20	_____	
Family	\$30	_____	
Business	\$45	_____	
Non-Profit Organization	\$35	_____	
Life-Time Membership	\$300	_____	

Please complete form and return to Lewis and Clark Society of America:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

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