Title: Dr. Robert N. Bergantino Lewis and Clark Campsites

Name of Creator: Robert N. and Sharon Bergantino.


Extent: 1.0 lf.

Collection Number: AR018.

Name and Location of Repository:

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Access Restrictions:

The collection is open for use and housed at the LCTHF Head Office in Great Falls, Montana.

Language:

The contents of the collection are primarily English language documents.


Biographical/Historical Note:

Dr. Robert (Bob) Bergantino is a hydrogeologist and associate professor at Montana Tech in Butte, Montana. Robert became a member of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation in 1983 and corresponded regularly with Don Peterson of the Portage Route Chapter. Mr. Bergantino has studied the Lewis and Clark Expedition and in particular Clark’s maps of the route of the expedition since at least 1971. Bob presented regularly on Lewis and Clark to a wide variety of groups in Montana including the LCTHF.

Bob set out to map the Lewis and Clark survey points, routes and campsites through Montana. He also mapped the portage route around the Falls of the Missouri. Dr. Bergantino was engaged in preparing the geologic and geomorphic footnotes for Gary Moulton’s Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Dr. Bergantino became interested in the Expedition’s celestial observations. He eventually recalculated all their conclusions regarding latitudes, extended the data they collected for longitudes, and mapped magnetic declinations for the explorer’s entire route. In 1992, Dr. Bergantino provided the National Park Service with a database of the campsites coordinated from Wood River to Fort Clatsop and return. In 2002, he completed a GIS compatible database of the entire Lewis and Clark route through Montana for the Continuing Education Department at the University of Montana.
Scope and Contents:
The collection encompasses Dr. Bergantino’s many years of research on the cartological information of the Lewis and Clark Expedition and contains documents, hand drawn maps, copies of maps, and commercial quadrangle maps with Dr. Bergantino’s notations.

Arrangement: Papers are arranged in the order they were received.

Acquisition Date: 2023.

Acquisition Source: The Robert N. Bergantino Lewis and Clark Campsites papers were picked up from Mr. Bergantino at his home in Butte, MT and transported to the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation headquarters in Great Falls, MT by Lee Ebeling, LCTHF board member and Portage Route Chapter board member.

Processing Note:
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Related Materials: RG 003 LCTHF Records, Portage Route Chapter Records, Series IV: Box 10.
https://lewis-clark.org/contributors/robert-n-bergantino/

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Separated Materials:


Bergantino, Robert. Possible sites to include in the traveling exhibit. 2023.002.006 Map Case Drawer 10.


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Container List

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Folder 3: Meriwether Lewis Astronomy Notebook with transcript, 1995
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Folder 24: Mouth of Ohio River to Camp Fortunate-Maps.
Folder 25: Fort Mandan to Camp Fortunate-Maps.
Folder 26: Camp Fortunate to Pacific and Return.
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Folder 28: Missouri River Commission Maps-St. Louis to Yellowstone River.
Folder 29: Portage Route Chapter Correspondence, 1983-2009.