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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: WA MSS 303-304

CREATOR: Clark, William, 1770-1838

TITLE: Lewis and Clark Expedition maps and receipt

DATES: circa 1803-1810

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.68 linear feet (2 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection consists of 83 manuscript maps and related material on 66 sheets, dating from ca. 1803 to 1810. The maps detail the route of the Lewis and Clark Expedition to the Pacific Coast and back, 1804-1806. Many of them were created or annotated during the expedition by William Clark. A sketch map of Vancouver's Island and the region of Nootka Sound has been attributed to Captain Lewis. Several of the maps include information supplied by Native Americans. The collection also includes Clark's large map of 1810 which describes the continent from the Mississippi Valley to the Pacific. Three of the maps were drawn on the back of a manuscript list of supplies for the expedition, and two copies of a printed form intended to be distributed to Indian leaders encountered by the Expedition. There is also a receipt for compensation of the members of the expedition (WA MSS 304).

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

- b. box
- f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

In 1903 the maps were the property of William Clark's heirs Julia Clark Voorhis and Eleanor Glasgow Voorhis. Julia Clark Voorhis willed the maps to her attorney, and upon his death his widow sold them to the Old Print Shop. They were acquired by Edward Eberstadt & Sons, who sold them to William Robertson Coe. Coe donated the collection to the Yale Library in 1951.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Lewis and Clark Expedition Maps and Receipt. Yale Collection of Western Americana, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Scope and Contents

The Lewis and Clark Expedition Maps consist of 83 manuscript maps and related material on 66 sheets, dating from ca. 1803 to 1810. Nine of the maps (including one of Vancouver's Island and the region of Nootka Sound that appears to be in the hand of Lewis) were copied or otherwise obtained by Lewis and Clark in preparation for their expedition (folders 1, 4-9, 11, and 52). Many of these were annotated during the expedition. Two of the maps were drawn based on information supplied by the Mandan leader Big White, also known as Sheheke, at Fort Mandan during the winter of 1804-1805 (folder 10, r and v). Seventy of the maps, several of which include information supplied by Native Americans, were drawn by Clark in the field (folders 3v, 12-51, 53-65). Finally, two of the maps (folders 2 and 66) were prepared by Clark after the expedition's return. The map in folder 2, which Reuben Gold Thwaites mistakenly described as a pre-expeditionary map, is a virtual copy of a part of the map in folder 66, Clark's master map of the West which he drafted in 1810. 51" x 29" in size, the map incorporates information not only from the Lewis and Clark expedition but also from the travels of Zebulon Pike, George Drouillard, and John Colter. The map was the source for the smaller, engraved map published with Biddle's edition of the Lewis and Clark journals in 1814. The master map was returned to Clark who later added information from such travellers as Wilson Price Hunt, Andrew Henry, and possibly Ramsay Crooks. Three of the maps were drawn on the back of paper used for other purposes. Thus the collection includes a manuscript list of supplies for the expedition and two copies of a printed form intended to be distributed to Indian leaders who assisted the expedition.

These maps were kept in the Clark family after the majority of material from the expedition had been placed at the American Philosophical Society or the Missouri Historical Society. Reuben Gold Thwaites learned of the existence of the maps while working on an edition of the Lewis and Clark journals in 1903. Thwaites obtained permission from Julia Clark Voorhis and Eleanor Glasgow Voorhis to publish most of the maps as 53 numbered plates in the atlas that accompanied his *Original Journals of the Lewis & Clark Expedition*, published in 1904-1905 (New York: Dodd, Mead & Company). Thwaites found various of the Voorhis maps pasted together, creating continuous maps of several parts of the journey. The size of the multi-sheet map caused Thwaites to reproduce them in multiple plates. Eighty years later, as Gary E.

Moulton prepared a new edition of the Lewis & Clark journals, he determined that the pasted arrangement obscured original data and that the joining of sheets was clearly a postexpeditionary event. The Library decided to separate the sheets, which were then photographed for reproduction in the Moulton atlas.

The maps are arranged in the sequence of the Thwaites atlas. The folder descriptions in this listing, however, are taken from Gary E. Moulton's atlas, except for those maps not included in Moulton: in those cases the Thwaites description is used. Each folder number represents a separate sheet. In the case of those sheets with a map on both the recto and verso, the single sheet has two separate entries distinguished by a "r" or "v" after a folder number, indicating the recto or verso of the sheet. In addition to the listing by box and folder number, there is an [appendix](#) providing a concordance for Moulton numbers and box and folder numbers.

Collection Contents

Expedition Maps (WA MSS 303)

The Expedition Maps are arranged, as they were when they arrived at the Beinecke, according to numbers given in Reuben Gold Thwaites' atlas to the *Original Journals of the Lewis & Clark Expedition*, published in 1904-05. The folder descriptions, however, are taken from Gary E. Moulton's 1983 *Atlas of the Lewis & Clark Expedition*. Each folder number represents a separate sheet. In the case of those sheets with a map on both the recto and verso, the single sheet has two separate entries distinguished by a "r" or "v" after a folder number, indicating the recto or verso of the sheet.

b. 1, f. 1	Soulard's Map of 1795 Caption title: "A Topogr[aphical] Sketch of the Missouri and Upper Mississippi, Exhibiting The various Nations and Tribes of Indians who inhabit the Country: Copied from the original Spanish MS Map." Thwaites 2, Moulton 4
b. 1, f. 2	The Upper Mississippi system, and the Missouri system as far as the Mandans. Thwaites 3, not in Moulton
b. 1, f. 3r	"A Memorandum of Articles in readiness for the Voyage," manuscript list
b. 1, f. 3v	Clark's Map of the Grand Tower, route about November 25, 1803 Thwaites 4, Moulton 3a
b. 1, f. 4	Evans's Map 1 (the Expedition's route about August 13-September 10, 1804) Thwaites 5, Moulton 7
b. 1, f. 5	Evans's Map 2 (the Expedition's route about September 10-23, 1804) Thwaites 6, Moulton 8
b. 1, f. 6	Evans's Map 3 (the Expedition's route about September 23-October 3, 1804) Thwaites 7, Moulton 9
b. 1, f. 7	Evans's Map 4 (the Expedition's route about October 3-14, 1804) Thwaites 8-9, Moulton 10
b. 1, f. 8	Evans's Map 5 (the Expedition's route about October 14-22, 1804) Thwaites 10, Moulton 11
b. 1, f. 9	Evans's Map 6 (the Expedition's route about October 22-November 1, 1804) Thwaites 11, Moulton 12
b. 1, f. 10r	Draft of Big White's Map of 1805 by Clark Not in Thwaites, Moulton 31a
b. 1, f. 10v	Big White's Map of 1805 by Clark Thwaites 12, Moulton 31b
b. 1, f. 11	Evans's Map of 1796-97 Thwaites 13, Moulton 30

b. 1, f. 12	Route about April 7-14, 1805 Thwaites 14-1, Moulton 46
b. 1, f. 13	Route about April 14-23, 1805 Thwaites 14-1, Moulton 47
b. 1, f. 14	Route about April 23-May 3, 1805 Thwaites 14-1, Moulton 48
b. 1, f. 15	Route about May 3-9, 1805 Thwaites 14-1 and 14-2, Moulton 49
b. 1, f. 16	Route about May 9-19, 1805 Thwaites 14-2, Moulton 50
b. 1, f. 17	Route about May 19-25, 1805 Thwaites 14-2, Moulton 51
b. 1, f. 18	Route about May 25-31, 1805 Thwaites 14-2 and 14-3, Moulton 52
b. 1, f. 19	Route about May 31-June 13, 1805 Thwaites 14-3, Moulton 53
b. 1, f. 20	Route about June 13-July 16, 1805 Thwaites 14-3, Moulton 54
b. 1, f. 21r	Route about April 7-14, 1805 Thwaites 15, Moulton 33
b. 1, f. 21v	Route about April 14-23, 1805, and Lewis's route about August 10-12, 1806 Thwaites 16, Moulton 34
b. 1, f. 22r	Route about April 20-30, 1805, and Lewis's route about August 7-10, 1806 Thwaites 17, Moulton 35
b. 1, f. 22v	Route about April 29-May 7, 1805, and Lewis's route about August 1-4, 1806 Thwaites 18, Moulton 36
b. 1, f. 23r	Route about May 7-13, 1805, and Lewis's route about August 4-5, 1806 Thwaites 19, Moulton 37
b. 1, f. 23v	Route about May 11-20, 1805, and Lewis's route about August 1-4, 1806 Thwaites 20, Moulton 38
b. 1, f. 24r	Route about May 19-24, 1805, and Lewis's route about July 31-August 1, 1806 Thwaites 21, Moulton 39
b. 1, f. 24v	Route about May 24-30, 1805, and Lewis's route about July 30-31, 1806 Thwaites 23, Moulton 40

b. 1, f. 25r	Area of the junction of the Musselshell and Missouri rivers, route about May 20, 1805 [and] Sketches of falls of the Missouri, route about June-July 1805 Thwaites 22A, Moulton 43 [and] Thwaites 26A, Moulton 45
b. 1, f. 25v	Area of the junction of the Medicine (Sun) and Missouri rivers and sketches of the falls of the Missouri, route about June-July 1805 Thwaites 26, Moulton 44
b. 1, f. 26r	Route about May 29-June 11, 1805, and Lewis's route about July 28-30, 1806 Thwaites 24, Moulton 41
b. 1, f. 26v	Route about June 2-July 10, 1805 Thwaites 25, Moulton 42
b. 1, f. 27	Route about July 16-21, 1805 Thwaites 27, Moulton 62
b. 1, f. 28	Route about July 21-25, 1805 Thwaites 28, Moulton 63
b. 1, f. 29	Route about July 25-27, 1805 Thwaites 29, Moulton 64
b. 1, f. 30r	Route about July 27-August 8, 1805 Thwaites 29, Moulton 65
b. 1, f. 30v	Route about August 8-24, 1805 Thwaites 29A, Moulton 66
b. 1, f. 31	Route about August 24-September 2, 1805 Thwaites 30-1, Moulton 67
b. 1, f. 32	Route about September 2-9, 1805 Thwaites 30-1 and 30-2, Moulton 68
b. 1, f. 33	Route about September 9-14, 1805 Thwaites 30-2, Moulton 69
b. 1, f. 34	Route about September 13-20, 1805 Thwaites 30-2 and 30-3, Moulton 70
b. 1, f. 35	Route about September 18-October 7, 1805 Thwaites 30-3, Moulton 71
b. 2, f. 36	Route about October 7-11, 1805, and return camps for May 5, 6, and 7, 1806 Thwaites 31-1, Moulton 72
b. 2, f. 37	Route about October 11-13, 1805, and return camps for May 3 and 4, 1806 Thwaites 31-1 and 31-2, Moulton 73
b. 2, f. 38	Route about October 13-15, 1805 Thwaites 31-2, Moulton 74

b. 2, f. 39	Route about October 15-20, 1805, and return camps April 27-30, 1806 Thwaites 31-2, Moulton 75
b. 2, f. 40	Route about October 20-21, 1805, and return camps for April 21, 22, 23, and 24, 1806 Thwaites 32-1, Moulton 76
b. 2, f. 41	Route about October 21-22, 1805, and return camp for April 25, 1806 Thwaites 32-1, Moulton 77
b. 2, f. 42	Route about October 22-30, 1805, and return camps for April 13, 14, 15-17, 19-20, and 21, 1806 Thwaites 32-1 and 32-2, Moulton 78
b. 2, f. 43	Route about October 30-November 4, 1805, and return camps for March 30, March 31-April 6, April 7-8, and 9, 1806 Thwaites 32-2, Moulton 79
b. 2, f. 44	Route about November 4-6, 1805, and return camps for March 27, 28, and 29, 1806 Thwaites 32-2, Moulton 80
b. 2, f. 45	Route about November 6-7, 1805, and return camps for March 25 and 26, 1806 Thwaites 32-2 and 32-3, Moulton 81
b. 2, f. 46	Area of the mouth of the Columbia River, northern side Thwaites 32-3, Moulton 82
b. 2, f. 47	Coastline north of the mouth of the Columbia River Thwaites 32-3, Moulton 83
b. 2, f. 48	Area of the mouth of the Columbia River, southern side Thwaites 32-3, Moulton 84
b. 2, f. 49	Coastline south of the mouth of the Columbia River Thwaites 32-3, Moulton 85
b. 2, f. 50r	Draft of the Great Falls and Dalles of Columbia River, route about October 22-29, 1805 Thwaites 33, Moulton 86
b. 2, f. 50v	Draft of the Columbia River, route about October 28-November 4, 1805, and return camps for March 30 and March 31-April 6, 1806 Thwaites 34, Moulton 88
b. 2, f. 51r	Draft of the Columbia River to the Pacific Coast, route for about November 4-14, 1805, and return camps for March 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29, 1806 Thwaites 35, Moulton 89
b. 2, f. 51v	Draft of the mouth of the Columbia River and Haleys Bay [and] Draft of the mouth of the Columbia River and Point William Thwaites 36, Moulton 91 [and] Thwaites 36, Moulton 92
b. 2, f. 52	Lewis's sketch-map of Vancouver's Island, Nootka Sound, etc. Thwaites 37, not in Moulton

b. 2, f. 53r	Draft of the Columbia River, Point Adams, and south along the coast [and] Map from a "Clott Sopp Ind.," about early 1806 Thwaites 38, Moulton 93 [and] Thwaites 39, Moulton 94
b. 2, f. 53v	Draft of the mouth of the Columbia River and fragmented view of the coast Not in Thwaites, Moulton 90
b. 2, f. 54r	Map from a "Shaddot Chief a Chopunnish and a Skillute Several other Indians at the Great Narrows of Columbia on the 18th April 1806" Thwaites 40, Moulton 96
b. 2, f. 54v	Draft of the Columbia River, perhaps the area of the route about October 30-November 1, 1805 Not in Thwaites, Moulton 87
b. 2, f. 55r	Map from "Cut nose and the brother of the twisted hair" on May 8, 1806 Thwaites 41, Moulton 98
b. 2, f. 55v	Map from Hohastillpelp on May 29, 1806 (left side) Thwaites 42, Moulton 99
b. 2, f. 56r	Map from "Sundry Indians of the Chopunnish Nation together" on May 29, 30, and 31, 1806, at "our Camp on the Flat Head River" Thwaites 43, Moulton 101
b. 2, f. 56v	Map from Hohastillpelp on May 29, 1806 (right side) Thwaites 44, Moulton 100
b. 2, f. 57r	Printed form used by Captains during the Expedition: "Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States of America. From the powers vested in us and [blank] by the above authority: To all who shall see these presents, Greeting: Know ye, that from the special confience reposed by us in the sincere and unalterable attachment of chief of the [blank] NATION to the UNITED STATES...."
b. 2, f. 57v	Route about July 3-8, 1806 Thwaites 45, Moulton 103
b. 2, f. 58	Route about July 5-9, 1806 Thwaites 46, Moulton 104
b. 2, f. 59r	Printed form used by Captains during the Expedition: "Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States of America. From the powers vested in us and [blank] by the above authority: To all who shall see these presents, Greeting: Know ye, that from the special confience reposed by us in the sincere and unalterable attachment of chief of the [blank] NATION to the UNITED STATES...."
b. 2, f. 59v	Route about July 12-15, 1806 Thwaites 47, Moulton 105
b. 2, f. 60	Route about July 12-15, 1806 Thwaites 48, Moulton 106
b. 2, f. 61	Route about July 15-18, 1806 Thwaites 49, Moulton 107
b. 2, f. 62	Route about July 18-24, 1806 Thwaites 50, Moulton 108

b. 2, f. 63 Route about July 25-27, 1806
Thwaites 51, Moulton 110

b. 2, f. 64 Route about July 27, 1806
Thwaites 52, Moulton 111

b. 2, f. 65 Route about August 1-2, 1806
Thwaites 53, Moulton 112

Clark's Map of 1810
Stored in: Artstore
Not in Thwaites, Moulton 125

Expedition Receipt (WA MSS 304)

b. 2, f. 66

Receipt for compensation of members of the Expedition

Other Papers

b. 2, f. 67

Old labels for Expedition maps

Appendix I. Moulton Concordance

Moulton Folder number number

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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Indian cartography -- North America
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Geographic Names

West (U.S.) -- Maps

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Maps -- United States

Occupations

Cartographers -- United States

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