

Nicholas Biddle collection, 1803-1810
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Summary Information

Repository	American Philosophical Society
Creator	Biddle, Nicholas, 1786-1844
Title	Nicholas Biddle collection, 1803-1810
Date [inclusive]	1803-1810
Call number	Mss.917.3.L58b
Extent	2.0 Volume(s) 2 volumes, 65 p.
Extent	2 volumes, 160 p.
Location	LH-MV-E-16
Language	English
Container	1-2
Abstract	The collection consists of two volumes. The first notebook, "Notes of Queries to William Clark, with replies," (917.3.L58.b), contains Lewis' journal of the river trip from Pittsburgh to winter camp, August 30-December 12, 1803.

Background note

William Clark requested that Nicholas Biddle, scholar, statesman, and financier, write a narrative of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, which was published in 1814 as "History of the Expedition of Captains Lewis and Clark."

Administrative Information

Publication Information

American Philosophical Society

Provenance

Acquisition Information

Deposited by Edward and Charles J. Biddle, 1915; presented by Charles J. Biddle and accessioned, 1949

Indexing Terms

Corporate Name(s)

- Lewis and Clark Expedition (1804-1806).

Genre(s)

- Journals (notebooks).
- Sketches.
- Travel Narratives and Journals

Geographic Name(s)

- West (U.S.) -- Description and travel.
- West (U.S.) -- Discovery and exploration.

Occupation(s)

- Indians of North America

Personal Name(s)

- Biddle, Charles
- Biddle, Edward
- Clark, William, 1770-1838
- Lewis, Meriwether, 1774-1809

Subject(s)

- Exploration
- Exploration.
- Louisiana Purchase -- Discovery and exploration.

Other Descriptive Information

Lewis' journal is printed in M.M. Quaife, ed., "The journals of Captain Meriwether Lewis and Sergeant John Ordway, kept on the expedition of western exploration, 1803-1806," State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Collections 22(1916).

Biddle's notes are printed in Donald D. Jackson, ed., "Letters of the Lewis and Clark Expedition" (Urban, Ill., 1962), p. 497-546.

Other Descriptive Information

This collection contains two volumes, both of which have been published elsewhere. The first consists of a travel journal, likely kept by Meriwether Lewis, on his trip from Pittsburgh west to Winter Camp in 1803. The second volume contains a list of questions Nicholas Biddle had for William Clark. These queries include Clark's response.

Collection Inventory

917.3 L58p Lewis' journal of the river trip.	1810	1.0	Volume 1
		Volume(s)	
