

**William Clark diary, August
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Summary Information

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Abstract	William Clark kept this diary on an expedition to make a treaty with the Osage Indians in the Missouri Territory. A sketch drawn under the September 16 entry is apparently a draft of Clark's Fort Osage map, while the first page of notes presents color scheme used on another draft. See Kate L. Gregg, <i>Westward with Dragoons</i> (1937: 48) for the map in printed version.

Background note

After the Lewis and Clark Expedition (1804-1806), explorer and Indian agent, William Clark became governor of the Missouri Territory and acted as superintendent of Indian affairs at St. Louis.

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Indexing Terms

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- Fort Osage (Mo.)
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Subject(s)

- Indians of North America--Treaties
- Native America
- Osage Indians--Treaties
- Trade
- Travel

Other Descriptive Information

This document is a private journal of William Clark from his time as an Indian agent in the Midwest after the completion of the Lewis and Clark expedition. The journal chronicles his expedition to treat with the Osage Indians. The journal contains a wealth of information, including a vivid account of every days' events, a sketch of a map, and a chronicle of the Indian-white relations.

Other Descriptive Information

This diary was published in its entirety in Kate L. Gregg, ed., *Westward with Dragoons*, (Fulton, Mo., 1937).

Collection Inventory

Map

Clark, William, 1770-1838	1808	1 map, 10.2 x
Fort Osage (draft)		16.5 cm

Other Finding Aids

Realms of Gold, 8 (2) and 28 (13).
