

**Meriwether Lewis journal, August
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Summary Information

Repository	American Philosophical Society
Creator	Lewis, Meriwether, 1774-1809
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Abstract	<p>This item is Lewis' narrative journal of the river trip from Pittsburgh to the winter camp of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, together with meteorological observations. There are also entries by William Clark. Of the 126 leaves in this journal, 31 contain questions by Nicholas Biddle, with William Clark's replies, dated 1810. Includes parts II and III of Nicholas Biddle, "Notes on Indians...", and list of measurements of bones and other natural history specimens, in Lewis' hand. Also contains some sketches and two small maps.</p>

Background note

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark were explorers. Nicholas Biddle was requested by William Clark to 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 Biddle and Charles J. Biddle, 1915; presented by Charles J. Biddle and accessioned, 1949.

Processing Information

Only maps are noted.

Indexing Terms

Genre(s)

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

Geographic Name(s)

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

Personal Name(s)

- Biddle, Nicholas, 1786-1844
- Clark, William, 1770-1838

Subject(s)

- Exploration.
- Indians of North America
- Louisiana Purchase -- Discovery and exploration.
- Native America
- Travel

Other Descriptive Information

This item is also catalogued under Nicholas Biddle, Journal; notes, 1803, 1810 (PAAV86-A91).

Other Descriptive Information

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

Other Descriptive Information

Lewis' journal is printed in M. M. Quaife, ed., *The Journals of Captain Meriwether Lewis and Sargeant John Ordway, Kept on the Expedition of Western Exploration, 1803-1806*, State Historical Society of Wisconsin *Collections* 22 (1916).

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

Maps

Lewis, Meriwether, 1774-1809

20 November 1803

1 map, 20.3 x

Form of an island

12 cm

Other Finding Aids

Realms of Gold, 27 (1).

Lewis, Meriwether, 1774-1809

21 November 1803

1 map, 20.3 x

Form of river islands

12 cm

Other Finding Aids

Realms of Gold, 27 (2).
