



Meriwether Lewis Astronomy Notebook (C1074)

Collection Number: C1074

Collection Title: Meriwether Lewis Astronomy Notebook

Dates: 1805

Creator: Lewis, Meriwether, 1774-1809

Abstract: Set of formulae prepared by Robert Patterson of Philadelphia for Lewis to use in determining geographical locations by astronomical observation. Also includes a “sketch given us by Yallept, the principal chief of the Wollah-wollah nation,” and a drawing, probably by Lewis.

Collection Size: 1 volume, 1 roll of microfilm

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Donor Information: The astronomy notebook was purchased by the State Historical Society of Missouri from William Clark Breckenridge in 1928.

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Biographical Note:

Meriwether Lewis was born on August 18, 1774, in Virginia. After the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, Lewis and William Clark were appointed by President Thomas Jefferson to explore the new land and find water routes to the west coast. They reached the Pacific Ocean in November of 1805 and returned to the east in 1806, bringing numerous animal and plant specimens with them. Lewis became governor of the new Louisiana Territory and lived in St. Louis. Lewis died by gunshot wound on his way to Washington D.C. on October 11, 1809.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following series:

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Scope and Content Note:**Notebook**

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