



Foundation Receives Lewis and Clark Collection

One of the country's largest individually compiled collections of material related to the Lewis and Clark Expedition is now at Monticello's Jefferson Library.

Ron Laycock of Benson, Minn., donated his collection of more than 700 Lewis and Clark-related books and other items to the

Thomas Jefferson Foundation earlier this year.

"This is one of the best collections held by an individual of Lewis and Clark material, and it will make the Jefferson Library's holdings extraordinarily rich for scholars, teachers, International Center for Jefferson Studies fellows, and Foundation staff members," Foundation Librarian Jack Robertson said. "It is a most remarkable gift."

The collection includes copies of all the standard 19th- and 20th-century publications about Lewis and Clark plus titles about other early explorers of the West, the fur trade, the Louisiana Purchase, and Native Americans.

The list of books features an 1807 edition of expedition member Patrick Gass' *A Journal of the Voyages and Travels of a Corps of Discovery*; an 1842 edition of *History of the Expedition Under the Command of Captains Lewis and Clark* edited by Paul Allen; an 1849 edition of Washington Irving's *Astoria, or Anecdotes of an Enterprise Beyond the Rocky Mountains*; and a 1904 edition of Ripley Hitchcock's *The Louisiana Purchase and the Exploration, Early History, and Building of the West*.

The collection also includes works of fiction, children's titles, play and film scripts, exhibition and event literature, periodical articles and issues, and audio-visual materials.



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