

Philadelphia Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation
Meeting on SURVEYING and CARTOGRAPHY in Lancaster, PA
Weekend of September 26-28, 2008.

Friday evening is a reception at the Ellicott House with Milton Denny from Tuscaloosa, AL portraying Andrew Ellicott. Ellicott was a surveyor who lived in Lancaster from 1801 to 1813. He taught Meriwether Lewis, portrayed by Bryant Boswell of Star, MS the use of surveying equipment, celestial observation and recordkeeping before Lewis went on his famous expedition with Clark. Artifacts belonging to Andrew Ellicott will be displayed including a field telescope, a box compass and a lock of Ellicott's hair plus other items such as Ellicott's portraits. Also that evening we will be celebrating the installation of a National Spatial Referencing System monument at the Ellicott house.

Saturday morning Robert J. Miller, a professor specializing in Indian Law from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, OR will tell us about the Doctrine of Discovery and Manifest Destiny. He'll include Thomas Jefferson, the boundaries of the Louisiana Purchase and Oregon Territory, and land as viewed by the Native Americans who lived in what became the United States. W. Scott Smith from the Department of Geographer to the Army will tell about Thomas Hutchins, the man who surveyed the Seven Ranges of the Old Northwest Territory. Milton Denny will talk further about Andrew Ellicott telling of his life and showing slides of the equipment Ellicott created. Our final speaker of the morning, Skip Theberge from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will talk about Ferdinand Hassler who was the first superintendent of the United States Coast Survey, which became the National Geodetic Survey, which became NOAA.

Saturday afternoon will take place mainly outdoors where people will get to see and show off equipment and maps. Anyone who has something to share in the way of surveying equipment and maps is welcome to bring it to the meeting. We will have today's technology on display next to yesterday's (200 years ago) equipment. Attendees will be given a chance to try their hand at using historic equipment and at using modern technology. Rob Nurre's talk will focus on public land grants in the Lancaster area. We'll also get to visit a replica Land Office provided by the Eastern Bureau of Land Management and meet with the Surly Surveyor.

Saturday evening will consist of a panel discussion based on audience input that probes deeper into the issues of surveying and cartography plus a few brief talks. One of the talks will be about the Beginning Point for the survey of the Old Northwest Territory and the Initial Point for the survey of the Louisiana Purchase. Another talk will tell about Joseph Ellicott and the Holland Land Company of New York. Throughout the meeting, authors will be selling books pertaining to travel and surveying. Attendees will receive a Lancaster County information bag containing all sorts of brochures, maps and guides.

Sunday morning we are hosting Andro Linklater, the author of Measuring America, as our keynote speaker at a breakfast. The weekend meeting will start Friday evening on September 26 about 5:00PM at the Ellicott house and continue at the Holiday Inn to about noon on September 28, 2008. Sunday afternoon will be the time for visitors to see some of the sites Lancaster has to offer by visiting historic places and taking a walking tour of downtown area. Attendees can reserve a room for \$89.00 per night at the Holiday Inn on Greenfield Road, which will serve as our headquarters. When making reservations, the operation code "Lewis and Clark Trail" in addition to the dates, should be referenced. Call (888) 701-3434 for more information.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!