

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

Schedule of Events:

Friday, September 26 from 5:00-6:00PM—*Dedication of National Spatial Referencing System monument at the Sehner-Ellicott-von Hess House (aka Ellicott House) at 123 North Prince Street, Lancaster, PA*

Dignitaries include representatives from the Office of the Mayor of the City of Lancaster, the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) along with several Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation chapter presidents and foundation members. This is an outdoor event.

6:00-8:00PM—*Reception in the Ellicott house and gardens.* Andrew Ellicott, portrayed by Milton Denny, will re-enact the process of teaching Meriwether Lewis, portrayed by Bryant Boswell, techniques of surveying, celestial observation and recordkeeping. Several Andrew Ellicott artifacts will be on display inside the house. Period dress of late 1700s to early 1800s is encouraged. Small fee requested and light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, September 27 starting at 8:30AM—*Speakers Symposium in the Philadelphia Room at the Holiday Inn, 521 Greenfield Road, Lancaster, PA 17601*

8:30—Robert J. Miller, Professor of Indian Law courses at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland OR will speak on the Doctrine of Discovery: its impact on Native Americans, its use by such notables as Thomas Jefferson and Lewis & Clark, and its resultant concept of Manifest Destiny.

9:30—* Milton Denny, Professor of Surveying Courses in the College of Engineering at Auburn University, AL will speak on the Life and Accomplishments of Andrew Ellicott

10:30—* W. Scott Smith of Lynchburg, VA and member of the Department of the Geographer to the Army, a military living history brigade of the Continental Army 1777-1783 in the American Revolution, will speak on the contributions of Thomas Hutchins and surveying the Old Northwest Territory

11:30—Skip Theberge, Captain and civilian Technical Information Specialist at the NOAA Central Library in Silver Spring, MD will discuss the U. S. Coast Survey as the origins of NOAA and its first superintendent Ferdinand Hassler, engaged in 1807 by Thomas Jefferson and Albert Gallatin to Survey the Coast

12:15-1:45—Lunch on your own—see brochures in Lancaster County information bag

1:45-2:30—Rob Nurre, formerly of the Eastern Bureau of Land Management (BLM), will speak on public land grants in the Conestoga Valley using the “Metes and Bounds” surveying method.

2:30-4:30—*Outdoor Displays and Demonstrations of Surveying and Cartography on the property surrounding the Holiday Inn with select displays in the Philadelphia Room*

Visit a replica land office provided by the Eastern BLM and work with the Surly Surveyor to measure survey lines, learn how to use historical surveying equipment or take measurements and calculate areas, see historic mapmaking devices and techniques, work with modern surveying equipment as provided by the Lancaster County Geographic Information System Department.

4:30-6:30—Dinner on your own—see brochures in Lancaster County information bag

6:30-7:00—* James F. Gillen, retired surveyor from Warsaw, NY will speak on the Life and Accomplishments of Joseph Ellicott (Andrew’s younger brother) and the Holland Land Company in Buffalo and Western New York State

7:00-7:45—Lorna Hainesworth, multiple Lewis and Clark chapter member from Randallstown, MD will present “Some Significant Surveying Sites” travelogue

7:45-9:00+ —*Panel Discussion with audience input based on question cards submitted after each speaker*
Moderated by Richard Prestholdt, president of the Philadelphia Chapter Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and featuring panel members Robert J. Miller, Milton Denny, W. Scott Smith, Rob Nurre and Andro Linklater, author of Measuring America

Sunday, September 28 starting at 9:00AM—*Breakfast buffet with keynote speaker in the Philadelphia Room at the Holiday Inn, 521 Greenfield Road, Lancaster, PA*

10:00-11:30—Andro Linklater will discuss how an untamed wilderness shaped the United States and fulfilled the promise of democracy based on his aforementioned book

Sunday afternoon visit historic sites around Lancaster—see brochures in Lancaster County information bag

* Members of the Surveyors Historical Society