

# **[J. Neilson Barry manuscript maps collection tracing the exploration of Lewis and Clark in the Pacific Northwest].**

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## Collection Summary

Title: [J. Neilson Barry manuscript maps collection tracing the exploration of Lewis and Clark in the Pacific Northwest].

Span Dates: 1936-1943

Call No.: G4126.S12 coll .B3

Creator: Barry, J. Neilson (John Neilson), 1870-1961

Extent: chiefly manuscript maps and manuscripts ; 2 containers ; 16 folders

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Geography & Map Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: J. Neilson Barry was a researcher and prolific early writer of Pacific Northwest History. Barry was born in 1870, and little is known about his early life. Barry was a trained Episcopal priest, but he retired early to dedicate himself to historical research. Through the twenties and forties, he wrote more than fifty articles and research briefs for the Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming historical quarterlies. He is thought to have contributed more articles to the Oregon Historical Quarterly than any other writer. Sometime in the mid-thirties, Barry became fascinated with John Colter, a member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Colter was first known person of European descent to enter the region now known as Yellowstone National Park and to see the Teton Mountain Range. Barry dedicated much time to researching John Colter's Route on the 1814 Lewis and Clark map. Until his death in 1961, Barry studied early maps of Western states and engaged in a correspondence of hundreds of letters with researchers who shared his interest in Colter.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

Barry, J. Neilson (John Neilson), 1870-1961.

Colter, John, approximately 1775-1813.

### Organizations

Lewis and Clark Expedition (1804-1806)--Maps.

### Places

Northwestern States--Maps.

### Form/Genre

Manuscript maps.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Gift of J. Neilson Barry.

### Processing History

The [J. Neilson Barry manuscript maps collection tracing the exploration of Lewis and Clark in the Pacific Northwest] was arranged and described in 2014 by Ryan Moore.

## Copyright Status

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## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, [J. Neilson Barry manuscript maps collection tracing the exploration of Lewis and Clark in the Pacific Northwest], Geography & Map Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1870	Born, son of Major Robert Peabody Barry and Julia Kean Neilson.
1895-1913	Served as an Episcopal minister in Spokane, Wash., New York City, Washington, D.C., and Baker, Or.
1899	Married Mildred Eldridge Pegram in New York City; adopted son, Eldridge Dighton Barry; became a clergyman in Palouse, Washington.
1913-1922	Worked as a probation officer with the police court in Spokane, Washington.
1923-1940s	Wrote more than fifty articles and research briefs for Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming historical quarterlies. Believed to have contributed more articles to the Oregon Historical Quarterly than any other writer.
1957	Donated a portion of his collection of historic material to the Boise Junior College.
1961	Died.

## Scope and Content Note

Consists principally of J. Neilson Barry's map studies of the Lewis and Clark Expedition and his map studies of the route of John Colter, a member of the expedition.

## Arrangement of the Collection

The Collection is organized in two series based on Barry's arrangement and material size.

- [Series I](#) Studies of Lewis and Clark Expedition
- [Series II](#) Oversized Materials

## Description of Series

*Container*                      *Series*  
Maps by Hal Shelton  
  
Oversized materials

# Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
	Maps by Hal Shelton
FOLDER 1	Lolo Trail Modern map: little known data on the back ; Double plat: a. modern map b. Mandan-Indian map ; Enlarged Photograph Annotated Mandan Indian Map: data reverse side ; Same not annotated ; Printed map of the United States ; Typewritten data "Lolo Trail was the only possible route by which Lewis and Clark could have reached the Pacific Coast."
FOLDER 2	Dalles Indian Map Photographic ; Reduced photograph, annotated ; Accurate modern map ; Sheet of explanations "This was the first map of the Oregon country."
FOLDER 3	Kamiah Indian Map Modern map - look at this first for the geography in five states ; Large sheet with Clark's manuscript annotated ; Small sheet of the map ; Northern part with details "The Lewis and Clark expedition traveled mostly in forests and down in the deep chasm of Snake and Columbia rivers."
FOLDER 4	Snake River Gorge Accurate modern map of the region ; Part of the etching of 1814 annotated ; Part of the etching no annotated ; Kamiah Indian map ; Sheet of explanations "This set is of the Etching of 1814 for the southern part of the Kamiah map."
FOLDER 5	Queer Map of the locality of Portland, Oregon Photographic map partly by Clark and the rest Indian map annotated ; The same not annotated ; Accurate modern map ; Sheet of explanations "Clark drew a very accurate map of where he had traveled."
FOLDER 6	Three Early Forts in the Oregon Country Henry's Fort 1810 Idaho in David Thompson map unpublished ; Reed's Fort 1813 Idaho in David Thompson's map unpublished ; Original Fort Nez Perces old fort Walla Walla, Washington in Alexander Ross' unpublished map
FOLDER 7	Robert Frazier Maps for the Lewis and Clark Route Modern Eastern Montana: a. photographic Frazier map b. Modern map with the Frazier names ; Lolo Trail: a. modern map mounted b. triple plat c. photographic ; Lower Columbia River: a. photographic Frazer map b. double plat of coast "Robert Frazer was a private soldier, with the Lewis and Clark expedition."
FOLDER 8	French Map of 1821 Far Route of Astorian's Drainage Basins Modern states with drainage basins ; Double plat: a. modern map b. drainage basins ; Double plat: a. modern map b. French map of 1821 ; Photographic enlargements of this part of the French map

## Maps by Hal Shelton

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- FOLDER 9 "The pattern of moder states is radically different from the pattern of the lay of the land, which controls the drainage run-off."  
Triple Divide Peak in Glacier National Park  
Map of the three drainages from triple divide peak ; Twelve maps of conditions ; Triple maps with data on reverse side
- FOLDER 10 "Since drainage to Hudson Bay and to the Pacific Ocean and to the Gulf of Mexico flows from Triple Divide Peak it has caused portions of that locality to be under four national flags, and in eight territories of the United States, and in Canada, Alberta and British Columbia."  
Clark's Manuscript Map North of the Colter Part  
Superimposed modern map and Clark's map
- FOLDER 11 First Part John Colter Route Cody, Wyoming  
Photographic Drouillard map ; Triple plat - a. Drouillard map b. modern map c. Etching 1814 ; Double plat Cody locality - a. modern map b. Etching of 1814 ; Double plat: a. modern map b. Etching of 1814 ; Superimposed double plat - a.modern map b. Etching 1814 ; Photographic Etching 1814  
"These accurate reproductions at the same scales provide opportunity for comparing the geography of the Etching of 1814 with modern maps."
- FOLDER 12 Second Part John Colter Route Lake Biddle  
Double plat: a. Clark's manuscript map b. Etching of 1814 ; Four map plat: Henry River - a. modern b. French 1821 c. Etching 1814 d. Clark's map ; Lake Biddle six map plat ; Modern map printed ; Etching of 1814, photographic ; Clark's manuscript  
"These provide the various maps at the same scale for comparison."
- FOLDER 13 Yellowstone Park  
Binder  
"The acreage that is now Yellowstone National Park, in whole or in part has been under four national flags; England, France, Spain and the United States."
- FOLDER 14 Lewis and Clark Map 1814  
Binder  
"Analysis of he map of 1814 in the compilations of the journals of Lewis and Clark indicates that Samuel Lewis prepared a plat of longitudes and latitudes."
- FOLDER 15 Various maps  
Various unbound maps.
- FOLDER 16 Oversized materials  
Colter's Route 1808  
5 maps on 7 sheets  
Fascimiles of map from Nouvelles Annales, Vol. 10  
6 maps and text  
From Mississippi to the Pacific Ocean, 1804-1806  
3 copies  
Lewis and Clark 1:12,600,000, 1804-1806  
1 map, annotated in color