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*Among the Sleeping Giants: Occasional Pieces on Lewis and Clark.* By Donald Jackson. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1987. Illustrations, maps, note on sources, index. xiv + 136 pp. \$17.95.

The preeminent Lewis and Clark scholars of the latest generation are gone. Thus ends the era that spanned from the 1950s to the present and produced outstanding students of the expedition like Bernard DeVoto, Paul Russell Cutright, and Donald Jackson. Cutright, Lewis and Clark's naturalist-historian, died in March 1988, and Jackson, the expedition's most recent editor, passed away in December 1987. The work reviewed here is vintage Jackson, a mixture of lightness and substance, with an eye for the previously unnoticed and a flair for the appropriate word and arresting phrase.

Of the somewhat lighter reading I particularly enjoyed the chapter "At the Mouth of the Yellowstone"—a day in the life of the explorers in April 1805. The essay shows how the creative use of daily journals and supporting materials, and a broad knowledge of expedition events, can make a familiar story come alive once more. Jackson's most lasting scholarly contribution will be his edition of the *Letters of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*. The essay on how he got into historical editing and how he carried out his work in that edition will be of interest to anyone who has begun a new field of study.

Nowhere did Jackson follow his investigative bent more than in the final chapter, "Lewis and Clark Place-Names in Montana." He discovered that few expedition names have survived to the present: of the 148 names applied by the captains in present Montana, only 27 remain. In examining Jackson's modern names for Lewis and Clark's geographic features, I discovered a few that disagreed with my own findings in editing the men's journals through the state. In fact, a number of these are still doubtful and perhaps forever will be unknown. It would have been helpful if Jackson had added expedition dates to the entries. And a few minor quibbles: Private Labiche's given name was probably

François, the Neosho River becomes the Grand after it enters Oklahoma, and Camp Disappointment may also owe its name to Lewis's despair in not being able to get a fix on his position.

Jackson's most enduring legacy will be his record of expedition writing and scholarship, one that will inspire students of the Lewis and Clark story for years to come. We can be happy for one last work to add to the impressive list.

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