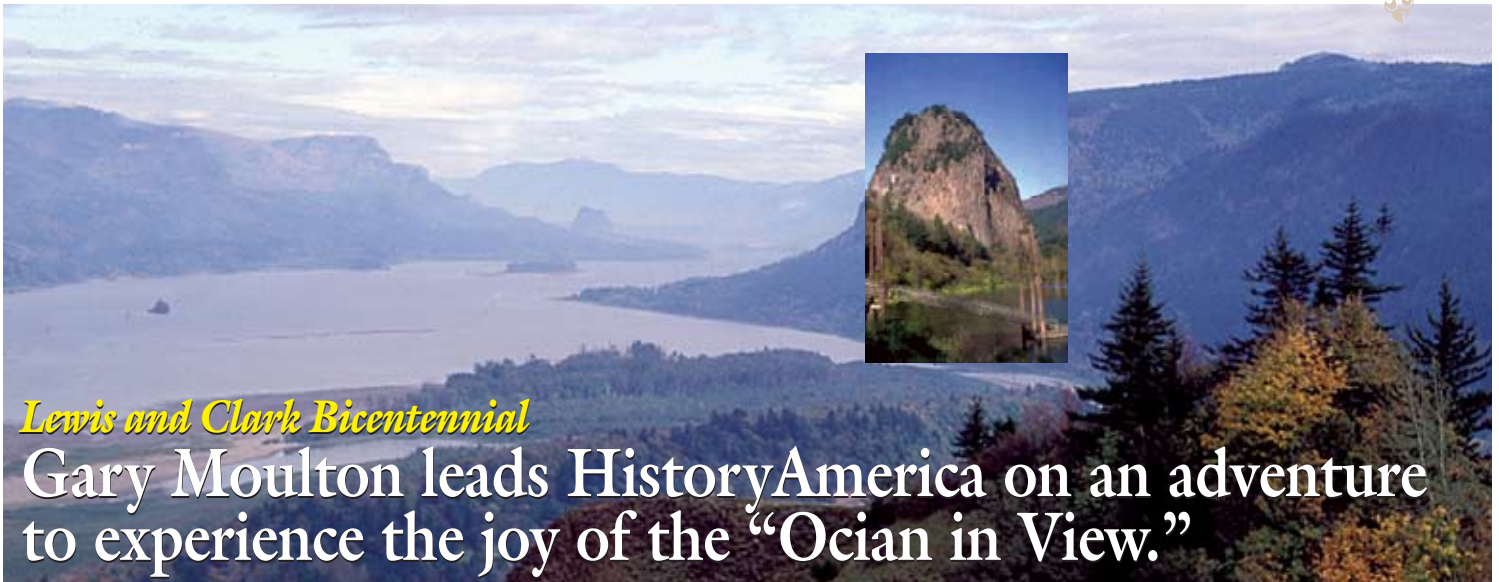


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## Lewis and Clark Bicentennial

### Gary Moulton leads HistoryAmerica on an adventure to experience the joy of the “Ocean in View.”

Two hundred years ago the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery wintered on the coast of what is now the state of Oregon. It is fitting that History America, in continuing to follow in the footsteps and wake of the expedition, will go to the coast as well in 2006. To that end, Gary Moulton and Pete Brown made an extensive recon trip in the summer of 2005 preparing for the June 19-26 event. To know more about Historian Guide Gary Moulton, see page 2 of this newsletter, but suffice it to say, he is the most qualified person in the world to conduct this tour.

It was decided to spend the first five nights in downtown Portland at the



Charles Fritz's painting shows three Chinook canoes approaching the Corps of Discovery on November 5, 1805

Embassy Suites. Participants love to stay in the same hotel as much as possible, so this plan fits. Our last two nights will



be on the coast in Astoria, a small town at the mouth of the Columbia River and close to Fort Clatsop, our final stop of the tour.

The first three days will take us to a series of sites up the Columbia, east of Portland, as far as The Dalles, home of the impressive Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, our initial stop. Other highlights in the Columbia River Gorge will be Ceilo Falls, the Rock Fort Camp, the Bonneville Dam Interpretive Center, Beacon Rock, and a number of the enchanting waterfalls in the gorge overlooked by majestic Mt. Hood.

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## The Nez Perce Failed Flight to Freedom

2006 will mark HistoryAmerica's fifth and last offering of the acclaimed Nez Perce tour led by Ed Bearss. Described as the finest combination of history and scenery he has ever been involved with, "The Failed Flight for Freedom" is Ed's self-proclaimed favorite tour.

HistoryAmerica has run this tour every other year since 1998, and it is one of our most popular offerings.

The story begins in Lewiston, Idaho. For the next nine days we will wind through a seventeen-hundred mile journey taking in some of the most beautiful scenery in America. Battles and skirmishes are encountered beginning with the first major engagement at White Bird Canyon, followed



Chief Joseph

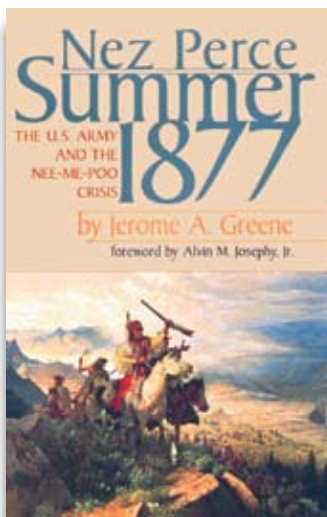
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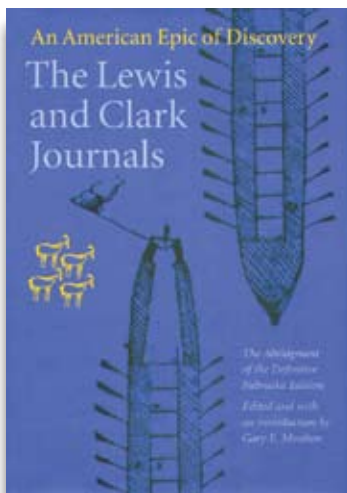
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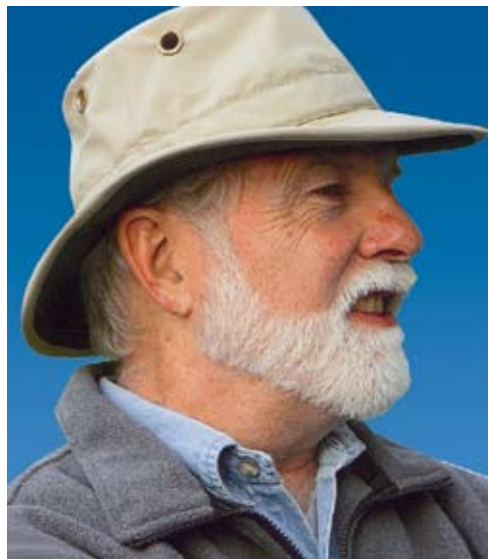
This study by Jerome Greene takes the reader on our Nez Perce tour from beginning to end. It is a three-and-a-half month, seventeen-hundred mile journey across the wilds of Idaho, Wyoming and Montana. It is easily the most exhaustive and best study of the great fighting retreat of the Nez Perce published.



Bring this single volume of journal selections edited by Gary Moulton with you on the Lewis and Clark tour in 2006 and have it personally inscribed. The essentials of the thirteen-volume edition of the journals kept by Lewis, Clark, and four other members of the expedition are included and are perfectly suited to have with you as we follow the Corps of Discovery to the Pacific.

## HISTORIAN GUIDE

# Gary Moulton



A cold-call by Pete Brown to Gary Moulton in 1999 proved to be lasting good fortune for HistoryAmerica. At that time Gary was the Thomas C. Sorenson Professor of American History at the University of Nebraska. He was ending his second decade of work as editor of a thirteen-volume edition of the Journals of Lewis and Clark, under the sponsorship of the Center for Great Plains Studies and the American Philosophical Society, with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Gary agreed to lead tours for History America and lead he has. We quickly learned of the enormous respect he generates among Lewis and Clark scholars and buffs alike. The HistoryAmerica clientele universally took to Gary for his down-to-earth approach, his friendly manner, and his deep knowledge of and passion for the subject.

Now retired, Gary says he didn't really know much about Lewis and Clark when he first came to Nebraska to edit the journals. He had experience editing the papers of Chief John Ross of the Cherokees but was in need of further employment. His labors have brought all the previous editions from over 200 years together into a comprehensive whole and he has topped it off with a one-volume compendium, pictured at left, leaving an indelible legacy in the field.

Just a few spaces remain for the 2006 tour, "Lewis and Clark: Ocean in View." We cannot recommend it more highly.

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Our day in Portland will feature the archives at Lewis and Clark College and a tour of a full-size replica of a typical Chinookan-style cedar plankhouse like those occupied by Indians along the lower Columbia for thousands of years.

On the way to the coast, we will see many of the sites that excited Lewis and Clark as they neared the ocean, such as Pillar Rock, and a couple that left them less enchanted, such as Dismal Nitch. Once on the coast, we will see the site of the beached whale at Haystack Rock, enjoy a replica of the saltworks, and tour the newly constructed replica of Fort Clatsop, our final destination.

Limited openings exist for this unparalleled Gary Moulton-led adventure. It promises to be memorable in every way.

For full details and reservations, call HistoryAmerica at (800) 628-8542 or go to our website: [www.historyamerica.com/tours/NezPerce.html](http://www.historyamerica.com/tours/NezPerce.html)

## Nez Perce, continued from page 1

by the folly of the army's attack on Looking Glass's camp, the hollow army victory at Clearwater, the dramatic escape over the Lolo Trail, the tragic engagement at Big Hole, the skirmish at Camas Meadows, the circuitous route through Yellowstone National Park, the fight at Canyon Creek, and the climactic six-day battle of the Bear's Paw Mountain.

This tour will fill up soon, so if you like Indian Wars action as interpreted by Ed Bearss, this one is for you.

## NEW ON THE WEB

The latest addition to our website at [www.historyamerica.com](http://www.historyamerica.com) can be found under Photo Albums. Go to "The Log" to see the entire list of 272 tours and cruises presented by HistoryAmerica in the last 15 years. It will give you an idea of our experience in taking history buffs to authentic history sites in 47 states and 18 countries. Many of the places we have toured have seldom, if ever, been explored by commercial groups. Case in point: 150 years after the moment in 1847, we climbed El Telegrapho Mountain at the site of the battle of Cerro Gordo, a turning point in the U.S.-Mexican War. Our guide, Jack Waugh, led the way, and it was a moment to be treasured. There are more exciting sites to come in 2006.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



We first met Bruce in 1993 on the Crazy Horse and Custer tour. A high school teacher and football coach, his passionate interest in history made an immediate impression. So did his commanding voice and his grasp

of what it took to run a tour. Within a couple of years, Bruce became a most capable tour director and has gained numerous friends among HistoryAmerica participants.

He had an interest in the Indian Wars growing up, but spent most of his time on the athletic fields. He is a member of the Football Hall of Fame at North Dakota State and was a nationally ranked sprinter as well. Once his playing days were over, his interest in history blossomed. He is an avid reader and builder of model ships, enjoying his retirement in Detroit Lakes, MN, with his wife, Prov. He has 42 tours under his belt with History America and is looking forward to a full schedule in 2006.

## TESTIMONIALS

“We can think of nothing that didn’t go well. The stories and sites were beautifully matched. We appreciate Gary Moulton’s generosity with his time and knowledge. His moving from van to van was an excellent touch. This was our first tour but it won’t be the last!”

**Kathryn and Ken Govaerts**

Lincoln, NE

Lewis and Clark Shadows, 2005

“Marvelous tour from beginning to end. This was my first trip with History America and it won’t be my last. Well organized, well presented and of course Gary Moulton. He was Lewis and Clark. I look forward to being part of the 2006 Corps of Discovery led by Gary.”

**Jim Eadens**

Sarasota, FL

Lewis and Clark Shadows, 2005

## OUR 2006 SCHEDULE

### TOURS

**Apache Wars:** On the Warpath with Geronimo and Cochise – *March 19-26*  
Historian Guide: Neil Mangum

**The Best of Bearss:** The Struggle for Middle Tennessee – *June 1-8*  
Historian Guide: Ed Bearss

**Lewis and Clark:** Ocean in View – *June 19-26*  
Historian Guide: Gary Moulton

**The Nez Perce:** The Failed Flight for Freedom – *July 8-18*  
Historian Guide: Ed Bearss

**Barons, Bars & Brothels:** How the West was Fun – *August 5-10*  
Historian Guide: Mike Koury

**Westward Ho!:** From the Oregon Trail to the Black Hills – *August 8-17*  
Historian Guide: Ed Bearss

**Nova Scotia:** Fulcrum of the Seven Years War – *August 31-September 9*  
Historian Guide: Brian Cuthbertson

**Lincoln and Black Hawk:** A Rising and a Falling Star – *September 13-21*  
Historian Guide: Ed Bearss

**The Revolutionary War in the West:** The Campaign of George Rogers Clark – *October 2-8*  
Historian Guide: Jim Holmberg

**Marching Through Georgia:** Sherman Wages Total War – *October 17-25*  
Historian Guide: Ed Bearss

**Civil War on the Carolina Coast:** First Shot to Final Battles – *November 5-12*  
Historian Guide: Jim McPherson

### CRUISES

**Invasion of Italy:** World War II From Sicily to Rome – *May 17-26*  
Historian Guide: Ed Bearss

**Love and War:** Great Love Stories of the Civil War – *September 3-10*  
Historian Guides: Virginia Morton and Sara Bartlett

**Getting to Know the General:** On the River with U.S. Grant – *November 1-10*  
Historian Guide: Geoffrey Perret

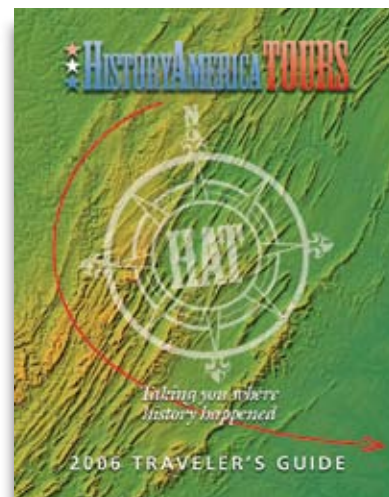
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It is far from over. A full slate of offerings exists for 2006. The Apache Wars and Italy WWII events are sold out and others are filling up, but there is still time to get on board.

Call soon to Pete, Julia, Shiela or Charlene for information and reservations and know that HistoryAmerica will provide the same detail-oriented service we always have, right through the final tour. Make it a point to join HistoryAmerica in 2006 and do it soon!

*Pete & Julia*



Misplaced your 2006 History America brochure? Want to send one to a like-minded friend? Simply e-mail us at [tours@historyamerica.com](mailto:tours@historyamerica.com) or call (800) 628-8542 and speak to a real person!

# Big Hole Battlefield



## FEATURED SITE

Few places in the West are as evocative of the tragic story of the Indian Wars as Big Hole National Battlefield. This site memorializes the bravery of the Nez Perce and U.S. soldiers and volunteers who fought here during the epic flight of the Nez Perce in 1877 and preserves the scene of one of the most famous battles of the Indian Wars.

Located in the lush Big Hole Valley in southwestern Montana, the beauty and tranquility of the setting add immeasurably to the solemnity of the battlefield.

Here, the picturesque natural setting has changed relatively little since the day of the predawn attack on the Nez Perce encampment, August 9, 1877.

Even more than the long retreat of the Nez Perce over the Bitterroot Mountains into Montana, the hard-fought battle turned the Nez Perce struggle into an epic, sensational event. That these Indians had been ambushed in their tepees and had still managed to escape seemed to confirm the military genius of the Nez Perce chiefs. Even as the war continued, newspaper writers spawned the legend of Chief Joseph's superb military leadership. The Nez Perce were camped in this area in 1877 when



they were attacked by Col. John Gibbon's troops.

Today, this National Park System unit of 655 acres encompasses most of the principal features of the battlefield. Bisecting the area, the North Fork of the Big Hole River meanders in a northeasterly course through swampy bottomland.

Battle Mountain rises on the northwest side of this river valley.

The lower slope of Battle Mountain is marked by a treeless, grassy, open area now known as the Horse Pasture. Here, the Nez Perce grazed their horses while they were encamped along the other side of the river, and from this point came the predawn attack by the U.S. soldiers and volunteers. To the west of the Horse Pasture is Battle

Gulch. The forest extends down to the valley floor over a low promontory known as the Point of Timber. This site was the defensive position picked by Lt. Colonel John Gibbon when he called retreat. Forced back across the river and taking the high ground within these trees, Gibbon's command dug rifle pits and threw up breastworks in a roughly circular position now known as the Siege Area.

## NEWS BITS FROM HISTORYAMERICA



### 1991-2006

Pete and Julia Brown decided from the outset to provide authentic history experiences in the company of skilled historians. The quest has taken HistoryAmerica to 47 states and 18 countries. Thousands of history enthusiasts have enjoyed almost 300 seven to fourteen-day adventures, tramping over hill and dale and cruising rivers and seas from the South Pacific to the Rhine.

All good things come to an end, however. The decision has been made for 2006 to be the final year of operations. This means the Charleston based tour led by Jim McPherson will be our last scheduled event.

Looking back, the best part has been the people we have met. So many have come back over and over and have become great friends. And the highly acclaimed historians that have led HistoryAmerica events over the years far exceed anything Pete and Julia could have possibly dreamed of in the beginning. They, too, have become close friends. The sites have been great, but the people are the lasting memory.

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