
Reviewer Roger L. Nichols is professor of history at the University of Arizona. He has written about a range of issues in western and frontier history, especially military and American Indian history and the history of exploration.

Except for a possible index, this volume completes the ambitious and impressive new edition of the Lewis and Clark Expedition materials. Unlike the earlier volumes (2–11) that gave the travelers' actual notes and comments, this one presents what remains of the scientific botanical data the explorers gathered in the West. Using an oversized format to depict surviving specimens the expedition sent east, the editor presents black-and-white photographs of leaves, flowers, and whole plants as they appear today. Lewis and Clark made significant botanical contributions as they gathered species of plants often still unknown to American scientists and as they recorded carefully where each item had been found. At present, surviving specimens are held by scientific institutions in London and several American cities. The book includes an introduction, photographs of the plants, and five appendixes listing the individual items in a variety of ways.

Because there is no travel narrative, this volume has less appeal to general readers than did the previous ones. Yet it presents a part of the scientific contributions the explorers made. Most interesting for casual readers is the editor's effort to trace the movements of the plant specimens from the time Lewis and Clark got them back to Philadelphia down to the present. That shows how casual both the government and the early scientific community were in handling these items.


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This volume, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Norwegian-American Historical Association (NAHA) and the 175th anniversary of the beginning of Norwegian emigration to America, contains ten articles and a list of recent publications in the field. The articles deal with a variety of topics. Kenneth O. Bjork discusses Scandinavians in the Alaskan gold rush of the 1890s. The murder of Wil-