

**Dr. W. Raymond Wood presents
“The Missouri River Expedition of James Mackay and John
Thomas Evans”**

**April 19 (Thursday) at 7 p.m.
Auditorium of East Hills Public Library in St. Joseph**

The Scotsman James Mackay chose Welshman John Thomas Evans as his second-in-command to conduct an expedition up the Missouri River in 1795. This was the third excursion sent up the river by the Missouri Company, a consortium of Spanish St. Louis businessmen. Leaving St. Louis with a company nearly equal in size to that of Lewis and Clark, but almost nine years earlier, they were to build trading posts for the Indian trade, expel the Canadians from their post among the Mandans, and make their way to the Pacific coast. Although Mackay and Evans' efforts were short-lived, they left a brief but powerful legacy for others: the maps they prepared were vital in planning and executing the Lewis and Clark expedition. The voyageurs who accompanied this expedition were in likelihood all French, and they had named every major stream from St. Charles to the Mandans - names that most of them retain to this day.

Dr. Wood received a bachelors and masters degree from the University of Nebraska and a Ph.D from the University of Oregon. He has taught anthropology at the University of Missouri since 1963. For the last two decades, he has specialized in Lewis and Clark and their predecessors and the Native Americans that lived along the Missouri River. His latest books are *Prologue to Lewis and Clark* and *Karl Bodmer's Studio Art: The Newberry Library Bodmer Collection*.



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Gateway 2007 Activities

**March 20 (Tuesday) 7 p.m. East Hills Public Library
Suzette McCord-Rogers, OCTA Board Member.**

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**April 19 (Thursday) 7 p.m. East Hills Public Library
Dr. W. Raymond Wood, author of *Prologue to Lewis and
Clark*.**

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**May 19 Bus Tour to Alcove Spring & Rock Creek Station
Travel by comfortable tour bus to two historically significant sites on the trail.**

**August 7-12
OCTA National Convention in Scott's Bluff, Nebraska.
Let's plan to have a group attend from Gateway!**

September 22 (Saturday) Field Trip TBA

**October 25 (Thursday) 7 p.m. Location TBA
Joint meeting with Doniphan County Historical Society
Dr. Elizabeth Sawin of Missouri Western State University will be the speaker**

**November 15 (Thursday) 6:00 p.m. Location TBA
Annual Membership Meeting and Dinner.
Lots of fun with fellow St. Joe Road trekkers.**

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**SPECIAL
NOTE!**

Board meetings of Gateway Chapter are held on the third Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room of the St. Joseph Museums, Inc., Frederick Avenue site (3406 Frederick) at 3:30. Any Gateway member is invited to attend.