

You're Invited to a Lewis and Clark Zoom Talk

## Arend Flick on Meriwether Lewis Stepfather: John Marks

**Sunday, August 15**

The free talk starts at 5 p.m. Eastern Time Zone; 4 p.m. Central; 3 p.m. Mountain; and 2 p.m. Pacific

Meriwether Lewis' father William died when Meriwether was five, and his mother Lucy remarried shortly thereafter to a man named John Marks.

According to family legend, while on his deathbed, William told Lucy to marry his friend Marks if he should come courting.

In his talk, Arend will try to separate fact from fiction to arrive at an accurate understanding of Meriwether's stepfather and his role in Meriwether's life.

**A few teasers:** Thomas Jefferson knew John Marks—and didn't like him. Marks was almost certainly a Meriwether on his mother's side and perhaps Jewish on his father's.

When he and Lucy moved from Virginia to Broad River, Georgia, to found a colony with several of their siblings and cousins, they probably traveled without young Meriwether.



Check out the LCTHF website—[lewisandclark.org](http://lewisandclark.org)—to discover what's happening in the world of Lewis and Clark.

For research or to answer any of your questions about the expedition, check out the world's most comprehensive site about the explorers and their times: [Discovering Lewis & Clark](http://DiscoveringLewis&Clark.org), also found as [Lewis-Clark.org](http://Lewis-Clark.org).

### How to Attend the Talk

The talk by Arend Flick, co-editor of *The Orderly Report*, the quarterly newsletter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, will begin at 2 p.m. Pacific Time Zone.

To attend Arend's talk, contact him at [arend.flick@gmail.com](mailto:arend.flick@gmail.com) to get the Zoom link.

The talk is hosted by the [California Chapter](#) of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.



Arend is a long-time member of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, vice president of the California Chapter and co-editor (with Philippa Newfield) of *The Orderly Report*.

A retired English and humanities professor, he is working on two projects related to Lewis and Clark, one on their fathers (William Lewis, John Marks, and John Clark) and another on Lewis' 1795 court-martial.

Arend grew up in Ohio, but went west for graduate school many years ago.

He says his wisest decision was to marry a woman from North Dakota, thus facilitating (among other things) a great deal of travel on the Lewis and Clark Trail.