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From there, December 4, William Clark, with the boat party, headed for the mouth of the Wood River, opposite the mouth of the Missouri. The site would serve his needs well. Plenty of game and plenty of timber for making needed changes to the keelboat. A settlement of pioneers was nearby.

Meanwhile Meriwether Lewis paralleled by horseback on the Illinoi side. December 7 saw him at Cahokia just across from St. Louis. His meeting with the Spanish Lt. Governor of Upper Louisiana, Col. Carlos Dehault DeLesseus, did not go well. Until the official transfer of Louisiana to the U.S. had taken place, Delesseus would not allow the party to continue up the Mississippi. By that time the plan to start up the Missouri before winter has been abandoned and winter camp, 1803-04, was made. (Cont.P.3)
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(Cont. Fr. P. 1) It was a busy time for both Lewis and Clark. Three times the original number of men had to be hired. Lewis purchased the extra supplies which would be needed and Clark trained the men and worked on modifying the keelboat.

Besides dealing with the merchants of St. Louis, Lewis also researched the Purchasing Maples, population, imports/exports via St. Louis and acquisition of available, very sketchy, maps of the Missouri and Upper Louisiana. December 18, of the eight soldiers brought by George Drouillard from Tennessee, only four passed muster.

Correspondence with Jefferson said the transfer of Louisiana would take place December 20, 1803. A month later this was confirmed to Lewis.

For $10, donation your signature, or that of another of your choice will be embroidered on the SIGNATURE QUILT. A collection of signatures of early residents is available. This is an appropriate, simple way to support the Society. The quilt will remain in the Society's Archives.

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