

WHEN
1804

WHO
Joshua Johnson

WHAT
Grace Allison McCurdy (Mrs. Hugh McCurdy) and Her Daughters, Mary Jane and Letita Grace

WHERE
Originally painted in Baltimore, MD

Painting now hangs in the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

WHY
Johnson was one of the earliest known African American artists. He was the son of George Johnson of Baltimore County, MD, and a slave mother. In 1764, he was purchased by his father and apprenticed to a blacksmith. As a painter, he was known as a "self taught genius."

Grace Allison McCurdy was a Philadelphia born socialite. Their gestures link mother to children.

IMAGE



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WHO
Meriwether Lewis and William Clark

WHAT
Beginning of westward expansion of the US

WHERE
Departure from St. Louis on May 14, 1804

WHY
Lewis, private secretary to President Jefferson, was asked to take a unit of men on an expedition into the unknown western wilderness. He chose Clark, a career army officer, to be his co-leader, and 48 volunteers. They returned in September of 1806 with an accurate map of a route through the Louisiana Territory and Oregon Country.

IMAGE
Map of their route

