

Corn Mill Quotes

Unit: Women (Middle and High School)

Quote 1

Patrick Gass, October 29, 1804

“Capt. Lewis gave an iron mill to the Mandan nation to grind their corn, with which they were highly pleased.”

Quote 2

William Clark, October 29, 1804

“A Iron or Steel Corn Mill which we gave to the Mandins, was verry thankfully received.”

Quote 3

John Ordway, October 29, 1804

“...gave also a steel corn mill to the Mandan nation which pleased them verry much.”

Quote 4

Joseph Whitehouse, October 29, 1804:

“he [Lewis] also gave to the mandan chiefs a steel corn mill, and by interpreter explained the use of it, in grinding of corn, instead of pounding it which was the only way they had of making corn meal.”

Quote 5

Thomas Jefferson to Meriwether Lewis—April 30, 1803

“I think we spoke together of your carrying some steel or cast iron corn mills to give to the Indians or to trade with them, as well as for your own use. Lest however I should be mistaken, I mention them now.”