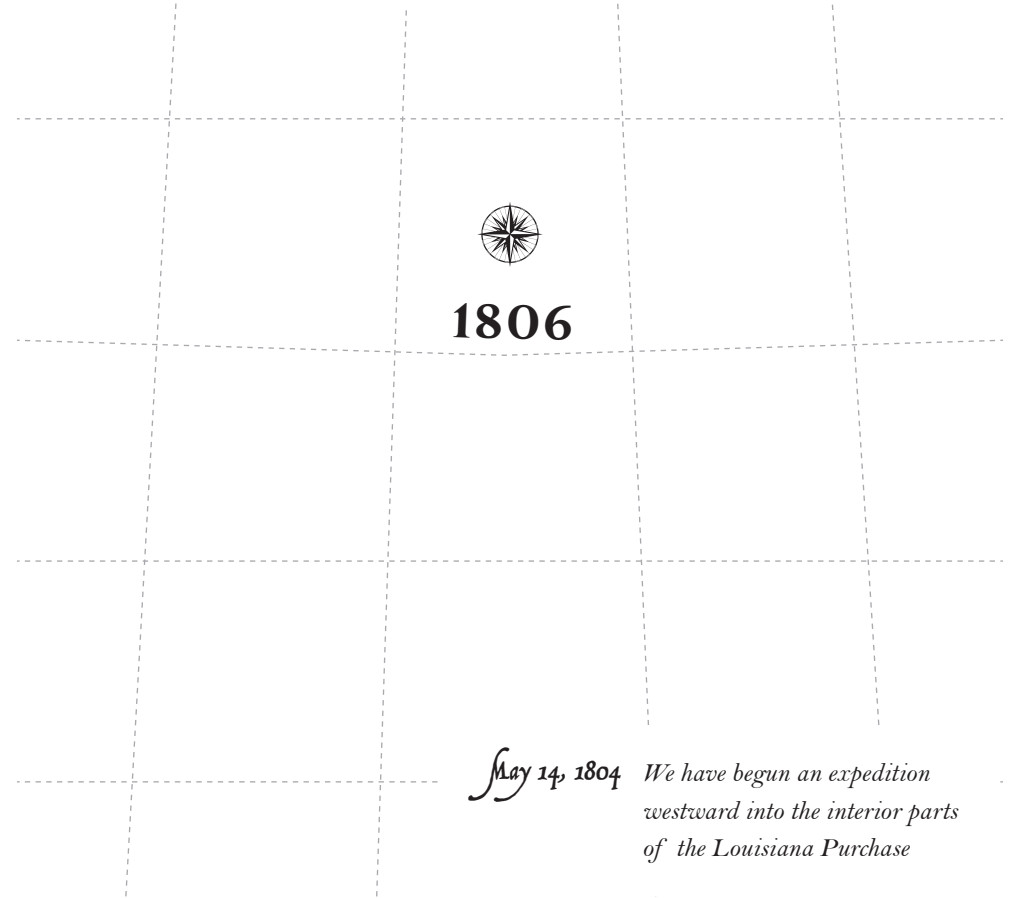


1803 United States acquires Iowa 1806 in the Louisiana Purchase.



Clark's map is tied by a yellow ribbon. I untie it and the map rolls flat on the table. I climb onto the table and fall into Iowa 1806. No need to make more of it. Welcome to Iowa 1806. Your gun is over the door. Your eggs, over easy. The dust like a good boy slaps his girl and Missouri gets buried.

President Jefferson walks off the mound. The Cardinals take the field. Ozzie Smith falls over dead. The crowd falls silent. Phil Niekro throws a ball at the sky. The ball does not return. We call it the moon. It becomes a crescent. When Jefferson holds up two fingers, the moon breaks into the dirt.