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NEWSLETTER

CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS is now just over three months old and has over 200 members. This is the first of planned bi-monthly news letter to keep the membershipship informed of the progress being made by your organization. Our application for IRS tax exemption was filed in mid-February and we are awaiting their approval. We will stay in touch with the IRS in an effort to get early approval. We cannot start an effective fund raising campaign until our tax exemption is approved. If in the meantime you or someone you know wants to make a contribution it can be made to Clayton Library directly as a gift from Clayton Library Friends.

Our "Articles of Incorporation" as a non-profit organization was filed with the Secretary of the State of Texas on April 13, 1987. Randy Jones of the law firm of Sewell & Riggs contributed the required legal work making this possible. I have expressed our appreciation to Mr. Jones. We plan to make a membership roster available for each of you at the May 6th meeting.

On March 24th the Board approved a \$600.00 contribution to Clayton Library to purchase the INDEX. This is the first direct contribution made by our organization and was made possible from dues paid by members.

Clayton Library has the 1910 Census for Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Lousiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas. They have the 1900 Soundex for Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Pennewlaraia, Sarahoma and lexas. These micro film records cost \$20.00 a roll. In order to stimulate acquisition of the balance of the states, the Board has approved this acquisition by an individual (member or non-member) CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS will contribute a matching amount. Pending receipt of our IRS tax exemption, you may make contributions to Clayton Library and mark your checks "FOR CENSUS RECORDS."

Our thanks to Board member Leah Aurricchio; her company is donating one half the cost of printing stationary to be used in the conduct of CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS business.

CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS membership cards are being prepared for distribution. We may receive a donation for the cost of printing these cards. More on that later .

Two MICROFICHE READERS have been donated to Clayton Library thru CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS. One more MICROFICHE READER in good working condition is needed. Contact Ms. Alcorn at the library if you can help.

Several nice contributions have been received and will be acknowledged. I look forward to seeing you at the May 6th meeting. Bying a new member.

The NEXT MEETING of CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS will be at 10:00 A.M., May 6th, in Clayton Guest House. DON'T MISS THIS MEETING. MARK STEWART, ARCHITECT FOR THE NEW BUILDING WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER. HE WILL DISCUSS THE NEW BUILDING.

Yours truly,

John Kirthy