

JUNE, 1988

Houston Endowment, Inc., a Philanthropy Endowed by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Jones, has presented Clayton Library Friends with a check of \$760,000.00 for furnishing and making usable the new building of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research.

Our deepest appreciation for this endowment is reserved for John Kirtley, our first President of Clayton Library Friends for the initiation and culmination of this grant. John Kirtley applied for the grant January 1, 1988 with a copy of the request for furniture and reading equipment prepared by the Houston Public Library Downtown in consultation with the Clayton Library Staff. He followed through with the approval and subsequent check for furnishings for the new library. Currently the Chairman of the Gifts, Donations, and Grants Committee, John Kirtley continues his work for Clayton. Thank you, John Kirtley.

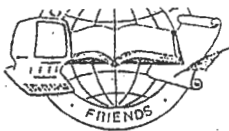
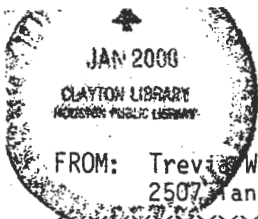
According to Miss Maxine Alcorn, Librarian at Clayton, no definite date for moving into the new building has been made. As soon as she receives the date, Miss Alcorn will post it on the bulletin board at Clayton.

Mrs. Mary Ulmer, Retired Librarian for Clayton Library and Chairman of the Dedication Committee, is busy with preparations for the dedication.

Addendum for the Yearbook - Members not listed in Yearbook

BOARD MEETING: JUNE 29, 1988
Clayton Guest House, 10:00 A.M.

GENERAL MEETING: JULY 8, 1988
Kapan's 6:00 P.M.
Speaker: Miss Maxine Alcorn - "Present
and Future of Clayton Library"



June 8, 1988

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Authorization is hereby given for the use of all or any portion of this as a News Release. If additional information is desired, please contact the above.

In early 1987 a group of interested persons met to form CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS, an independent, non-profit support organization. Part of our purpose is to increase the holdings and facilities of CLAYTON LIBRARY, CENTER FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH, and to give volunteer service to supplement staff services.

The Center has been in a building program, and in early 1987 plans for a new building were viewed publicly for the first time by the CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS. One of our first major achievements was to secure a grant large enough for new furnishings and equipment. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in October, 1987, and we're now marking off the days as move-in time draws near.

We invite the genealogical community around the world to share in our excitement, celebrate our good fortune with us, and to plan for a future visit.

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CLAYTON LIBRARY, CENTER FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH is a department of the Houston Public Library, and began its existence in 1921 as a part of the Texas and Local History Room in the Julia Ideson Library Building downtown. In those days genealogy was a very small collection along with Texana and other special areas. By 1959, however, the genealogy collection totaled 4,718 books.



The City of Houston later received as a gift the beautiful WILL CLAYTON home for use as a library facility. In 1968, with 14,000 books, genealogy came into its own with the

of microfilm, plus various periodicals and other materials - with room to grow!

CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS invite YOU to join us in our efforts ---

Having one of the top five or six genealogical collections in the country is impressive. Well known for its valuable collection, visitors from out of state and from out of the country soon become regular patrons. Because of the value of the collection, the rules may seem slightly more strict, and close surveillance is maintained to ensure that materials are not accidentally damaged, destroyed or removed; even so, there have been losses!

The collection includes records of births, deaths, marriages, wills, deeds, land grants, military rolls, county histories, cemetery inscriptions, published family genealogies and all the available census records from 1790 to 1900, and part of 1910. Expansion of the Center's microfilm readers to 70 is just one of the things anxiously awaited.

We have been most fortunate to have some excellent bibliographies on Clayton's major collection, prepared by the staff, available free to visiting researchers. Researchers are also encouraged to participate in Library's Family Exchange Program. Special cards are available for patrons who wish to enter their genealogical data.

In 1987 more than 41,000 patrons did their research at CLAYTON LIBRARY. On a January, 1988, Saturday, a record 214 researchers used the collection!

With space to breathe, researchers will find comfortable and spacious facilities, and with the CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS continuing to seek contributions, new books and microfilm should continue to arrive on a regular basis.

With only a "fall" opening date in view, it is advised that anyone planning a visit to Clayton Library after the middle of September should call (713) 524-0101 to check the hours open. Plans call for a one week closing for the move ... just across the parking lot at 5300 Caroline, Houston, Texas 77004-6896.



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This FACT SHEET is being used for more than one purpose --

We do hope that the information about CLAYTON LIBRARY, CENTER FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH will be noted in genealogical columns, newsletters and quarterlies.

We hope that this will also serve as a reminder to those CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS who have not yet renewed their 1988 membership, that we NEED and WANT you as part of our group. It will take the time, talent and membership dues of ALL of us to achieve the things we want to achieve for Clayton Library.

We do seek individual memberships, but we hope that every genealogical society, lineage organization, etc. who has members who use Clayton for their genealogical research will participate by becoming a CORPORATE MEMBER.

And, this FACT SHEET is also being used to solicit contributions from individuals, organizations and business. CLAYTON LIBRARY, CENTER FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH can become an outstanding research facility in the Houston area and the State of Texas -- and the nation!

And last, but certainly not least, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our CORPORATE MEMBERS, thanking them for their support, and to give a VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to those SPECIAL DONORS you see listed in the next column!

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and make things happen!

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