



# CLF NEWSLETTER

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## Meeting Notice - (new location)

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, August 10 at the Bellaire Public Library at 5111 Jessamine. The program is "Clayton Library, a piece of the puzzle, and how the rest of the Library System completes the picture."

Please note that this is a change in location from the past few meetings. The time however remains at 10:15 am. Due to construction on Bellaire Blvd. you might consider using Beechnut or Braeswood to Rice and then north to Jessamine.

## The President's Corner - Ruby Dusek

This next meeting is a very important one. IT IS NOIMINATING COMMITTEE TIME! One member of the Nominating Committee has been selected from the CLF Board (in accordance with the bylaws) and the remaining four are to be elected at the August meeting. (Article IV, Section 6.3) If you wish to nominate someone, please ask their permission before the meeting. Malcolm McCorquodale III is the representative from the Board. ALSO, we must vote on the amendments to our bylaws which appeared in the May Newsletter and are repeated in this issue for your convenience.

The financial records of Clayton Library Friends are audited each year by Durio and Company, Certified Public Accountants. At the last Board meeting Pat Durio reported that the 1990 books had been audited and that everything was in good order.

My apologies to our NGS Committee chair, Trevia Wooster Beverly. I inadvertently neglected to record her payment of 1991 dues and caused the omission of her name from the 1991 yearbook.

I'm very excited about a "how-to" book created by Pierre Mommessin of the Foreign Acquisitions Committee to be placed in Clayton Library containing detailed informaton on how to get records from France. This book contains general information on the records available and their location. The book contains a section on writing for information -- a column with English sentences requesting genealogical in-

formation and a column with the French equivalents. French words for all sorts of relatives are included along with information on the amount of money to include as well as information on International Reply Coupons. Pierre says that it usually takes about three weeks to get a response. I mailed two letters on July 17, so if everything goes according to plan, I should have a reply by the time we meet on August 10. Anyone who would like to help put together a similar reference for Germany, Italy, Czechoslovakia, etc. please call Pierre or me.

## Bad News Budget

The proposed FY 1991/92 City Budget calls for about \$1 million reduction in funding for the Houston Public Library. This reducton will seriously affect the ability of the entire library system to continue services we have relied on in the past. With the scheduling of the NGS conference here in 1994, it is a particularly bad time for Clayton Library to suffer from financial malnutrition. Although the budget may be in final form by the time you receive this newsletter, it is never too late to inform the City Council of your opinions on this matter. A list for your convenience follows:

District A	Larry McKaskle	247-2010
District B	Ernest McGowan	247-2009
District C	Vince Ryan	247-2004
District D	Al Calloway	247-2001
District E	Frank Mancuso	247-2008
District F	John Goodner	247-2002
District G	Christin Hartung	247-2007
District H	Dale Gorczynski	247-2003
District I	Ben T. Reyes	247-2011
At-Large 1	Beverly Clark	247-2014
At-Large 2	Eleanor Tinsley	247-2013
At-Large 3	Jim Greenwood	247-2005
At-Large 4	Shelia Jackson Lee	247-2006
At-Large 5	Margarette Robinson	247-2012

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**CLF Library Service Volunteers**  
**Patrick F. Cochran, Coordinator**

In the first six months of 1991, some 557 hours of volunteer work in Clayton Library were recorded by an average of fourteen volunteers per month.

CLF volunteer workers are proving to be a vital source of support for the Clayton Library Staff and are to be congratulated for their faithful and dependable efforts. The Saturday attendants at the Film Room desk and the book shelving by Ruth Jo Czigan are greatly appreciated by the staff. More volunteers would be very helpful here. This volunteer effort provides the staff with additional time for essential duties and will be all the more necessary as the library tries to cope with diminishing budgets.

In addition to the above, volunteers are needed for the following three programs.

- a) Family History Index, phase 2. Creation of index cards is forty-five percent completed. Entering of card data to computer files is yet to be done.
- b) Fogle-West Funeral Records are being entered into computer files. Less than three per cent has been completed.
- c) Vertical Files are stamped but the old and new indexes remain to be integrated.

If you would like to assist Clayton Library in maintaining its outstanding record as one of the best genealogical research facilities in the United States, please contact Pat Cochran at 721-1898.

**What's in the Library, by Ginny Toney**

Census Enumeration District Descriptions for the 1900 and 1910 Census.

These rolls of microfilm show the plan of division in the Enumeration Districts (the E.D. number) found on the census.

If you know the town or county for your ancestor in the 1900-1910 census, this will give you the E.D. number to help save some time in your search. This is especially helpful if you cannot find the name in the Soundex or for those places where there is no Soundex. Twenty-one states were not soundexed for the 1910 census.

The 1900 "E.D." film is in Cabinet 19, Drawer 9 and the 1910 film is in Cabinet 26, Drawer 3.

1865-1868 Marriage Records for Harris County

Al Davis, Chairman of the Harris County Historical Commission announces that Harris County has donated a

microfilm copy of an important document containing records of early Harris County black marriages to Clayton Library.

Through the combined efforts of County Clerk Anita Rodeheaver and Harris County Records Manager Paul R. Scott, the volume entitled "Marriage Records FMC Harris County, Nov. 10 1865 - Feb. 20, 1868 was identified and copied. These records cover the period immediately after the Civil War when Blacks were first entitled to legal marriage. They include over 400 individual marriages listing husband and wife, minister, date of ceremony and are indexed. This is the earliest document listing the full names of most of the men and the only document recording the maiden names of the women according to Paul Scott.

**Update for the '94 NGS Meeting**  
**Trevia Wooster Beverly, Host Society Chair**  
**Telephone: 864-6862**

A second planning meeting for Clayton Library Friends hosting the 1994 National Genealogical Society conference is planned for Saturday, September 14 at the Montrose Branch Library promptly at 10:00 a.m. Those on our participant mailing list will receive further information in the mail - but those who did not make the first meeting and are not on our current list, and want to participate on a committee, please call me so we can put you on the Conference mailing list.

The 1991 Oregon NGS meeting in June had over 2,000 in attendance - so that tells us that we have a BIG job ahead of us. The 1992 conference will be in Jacksonville, Florida where CLF will have a booth to advertise the 1994 conference and our wonderful facilities at Clayton Library. We'll need volunteers to staff the booth, so if you plan to attend the meeting, we need to know who you are!

Several committee chairmen have been selected - others now need to be put into place. We'll need plenty of members working on such committees as registration, program, program support, exhibits, vendors, etc. All CLF members are invited to become active in this very important event.

A theme for the 1994 Conference has been selected and will be unveiled at the September 14th meeting. Remember, call if you want to be involved.

**Bylaws amendments coming up for vote**

The amendments to the bylaws published in the May 1991 newsletter are now scheduled for vote at the August meeting. The changes are repeated here for your convenience. Deletions are enclosed in brackets and additions are underlined.

**ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICIERS AND DIRECTORS**

Section 7.3: (Paragraph 2) The Second Vice President shall perform any duties as assigned by the President, The Executive Board, or the membership. In the absence of the First Vice President, the Second Vice President shall act in that capacity. The Second Vice President shall be authorized to cosign checks in the absence of the First Vice President.

Section 7.5: (Paragraph 6) The outgoing Treasurer shall be responsible for seeing that the incoming Treasurer, President, [and] First Vice President and Second Vice President are authorized to sign checks on all Friends bank accounts.

T. Norman Crook, Chairman  
Constitution and Bylaws Committee

**Gifts and Donations Mary Anne Phillips**

From May through June 1991, numerous gifts and donations have been received and acknowledged. The donors are as follows:

**Contributors**

- Mrs. Mary Bartlett Allen
- Mrs. William C. Boykin
- Mrs. Adrith L. Burns
- Mrs. Ruth Czigan
- Mrs. Ruby Dusek
- Mrs. Susan Frazier
- Ms. Dorothy McBride
- Ms. Linda B. Albaugh
- Ms. Elizabeth L. Gill
- Ms. Virginia E. Hancock
- Harris County Historical Commission
- Mrs. Naomi Fivecoat
- Col. John Alston Chapter-Colonial Dames XVII Century
- Miss Mavis Eppes
- Mr. W. L. Threadgill
- Mr. Frances Bones

**Endowments**

- Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Taylor
- Miss Margaret E. Whiteley
- Mr. Lawrence A. Hamilton

**Matching Funds**

- EXXON**
- Ms. Eva Jean Cunningham
- Ms. Miriam Slemmons
- PENNZOIL**
- Mr. Wilbur Gay

**An Open Letter to Clayton Library Friends**

Dear Friends,

It was a real thrill going to Clayton Library and finding the beautiful gift of the "West Virginia 1870 Census Index" book honoring me as past president of Clayton Library Friends.

Many library patrons will enjoy using the book for years to come. Being a native West Virginian, it was an especially nice gift to me.

All good wishes to the Friends as we endeavor to make ours the best library ever.

Sincerely,

Virginia Simms Toney

**Financial Report 1/1/91 thru 7/4/91 Kerry Short**

Balance 12/31/90		\$2,374
Deposits		
Memberships	3,095	
Contributions	3,728	
Total deposits		\$6,813
Withdrawals		
Clayton Library	2,864	
Newsletters/Mail fee	527	
Yearbook	868	
Accounting software	40	
South Main Center Assoc.	100	
NGS bookmarkers	110	
Photocopier repair	172	
Total withdrawals		(\$4,681)
Balance at 7/4/91		\$4,506
Money Market Account		\$4,430
Total operating fund 7/4/91		\$8,936
Endowment fund		\$6,173
Bulk mail account		\$150

**Checklist**

- Mark August 10th on your calendar.
- Think of someone to nominate for the Nominating Committee.
- Go to Clayton Library and see how much we need to raise toward the purchase of microfilm.
- Get someone to join us in our efforts.
- Attend the August meeting.