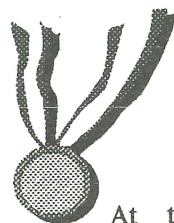


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CLF Awards

At the November 11 general membership meeting, awards were presented to two CLF members in recognition of their outstanding support to the Clayton Library Friends. David Lodge, who has been serving as membership secretary and database administrator, was given the Volunteer-of-the-Year Award for 2000. David's development of a consolidated database for tracking membership, cash donations, gifts-in-kind, and restricted-gift acquisitions has significantly improved CLF's record keeping functions. Reports generated from the database help the CLF Executive Board manage book, microfilm, and periodical purchases, gift acknowledgements, and the newsletter mailing list. Other reports

from the database will be used to support our financial audit, a major cost item in our annual budget.

Margaret Mottley, manager of the CLF office at Clayton Library, was given the President's Award for 2000 in recognition of her outstanding work in supporting CLF administrative functions. Margaret's work in handling our mail, distributing copies, filing, and keeping supplies on hand has ensured the smooth running of our office and the prompt handling of CLF business. In addition to this, Margaret has found time to continue her work on the Fogle-West Funeral Home database and on preservation of the associated files. The project has extended over several years, and the effort that Margaret has put into the effort represents a substantial contribution to the library.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to David and Margaret for their work on behalf of CLF and the Clayton Library. ■

Have you renewed for 2001?

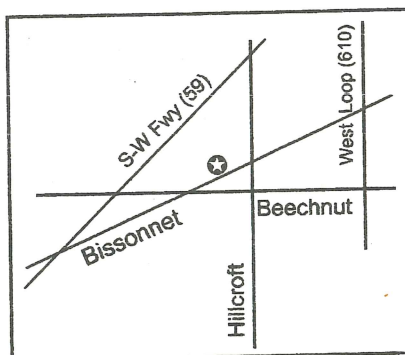
We would like to thank all of those members who responded so promptly to our dues renewal notice; however, we have not heard from all of last year's members and would like to offer this gentle reminder that 2001 renewals are now due. This will be your LAST newsletter unless you have renewed your dues for 2001.

Please check your address label

Please check the year above your name on the label of this newsletter. If the year "2000" appears there, your CLF membership expired on December 31, 2000. Dues remain \$10 per person or \$15 for two people at the same address. Please make check payable to CLF and mail to CLF Dues, P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078.

Clayton Library Friends remains the largest genealogical group in Texas (five years straight). Thanks to your support, we reached an all time high in 2000 with 1,617 members. The strength of our membership is very important when we apply for grants, and a large membership says a lot about how serious we are in our commitment to this great library. Please join us in making 2001 another great year for Clayton Library and Clayton Library Friends! ■

 * NEXT MEETING *
 * Saturday *
 * February 10, 10:00 a.m. *
 * Bayland Community Center *
 * SPEAKER *
 * Bruce Krewinghaus *
 * CLF Director *
 * TOPIC *
 * How Maps Can Help *
 * In Genealogical Research: *
 * Sources at Clayton Library *



CLF Meeting Location:
 Bayland Community Center
 6400 Bissonnet, Houston

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Clayton Library Friends Financial Report

October 1 through December 31, 2000

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Starting Balance	\$ 38,829
Unrestricted Funds	18,361
Restricted Funds:	
Binding.....	73
Endowment	900
Other	10,308
CLF Operating Funds	9,176
2001 Prepaid Dues.....	10
Deposits, total	233,174
Unrestricted Funds	14,931
Restricted Funds:	
Binding.....	199
Endowment	108,203
Other	1,321
CLF Operating Funds	85
2001 Prepaid Dues	8,435
Withdrawals, total	234,137
Unrestricted Funds	17,045
Restricted Funds:	
Binding.....	272
Endowment	208,203
Other	2,369
CLF Operating Funds	6,247
Ending Balance	37,867
Unrestricted Funds	16,247
Restricted Funds:	
Binding.....	- 0 -
Endowment	900
Other	9,261
CLF Operating Funds	3,014
2001 Prepaid Dues.....	8,445

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Wood Forest Bank CD.....	100,000
IBC CD (Endowment Fund).....	104,780
IBC Money Market (endowment yield).....	21,794*

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*The endowment yield money market account currently includes some funds donated for the endowment.

Clayton Library "Holidays"

Clayton Library will observe the following holiday closings through January 2002:

Memorial Day	Monday, 28 May 2001
Independence Day	Wednesday, 4 Jul 2001
Labor Day	Monday, 3 Sep 2001
Veterans Day	Monday, 12 Nov 2001
Thanksgiving	Thursday, 22 Nov 2001
.....	Friday, 23 Nov 2001
Christmas	Monday, 24 Dec 2001
.....	Tuesday, 25 Dec 2001
New Year's Day	Tuesday, 1 Jan 2002
Martin Luther King Jr. Day ...	Monday, 21 Jan 2002

❑ WHAT'S IN THE LIBRARY

Atlases of Historical County Boundaries: More Than Mere Maps

By Emily Croom[†]

The *Library Journal* said, "Sound scholarship declares itself on every page of these volumes, making each essential for libraries . . ." ¹ The *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* pronounced these books "superior reference works" and "undoubtedly one of the most important geographic research projects to be published in [the twentieth] century." What are these gems? The state-by-state series entitled *Atlas of Historical County Boundaries*.

The planned series will be forty volumes, covering the details of all boundary changes for more than 3,000 U.S. counties in the lower forty-eight states and Hawaii from the 1630s to 1990. (Alaska does not organize by counties.) At this writing, Clayton Library has nine volumes covering thirteen states: Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Why are these books getting such rave reviews? Why are they such great tools for genealogists? Why would the rest of them be valuable additions to the Clayton collection?

What Are These Atlases?

The atlases focus on answering one central question: "At any time in history, what was the legal, effective arrangement of American county jurisdiction?" ² Thus, the series does not name ancestors or link generations. It does provide valuable tools—maps and information—to help genealogists (1) study the geographic and historical context in which ancestors lived and (2) with luck, find records that do name ancestors and link generations. This kind of resource is especially important when we tackle our "brick wall" cases. The atlases are useful not only for genealogists but also for students and scholars in history, law, geography, political science, economics, demography, and other disciplines.

Counties in the United States have existed since the early years of settlement, first mostly for tax collection and the administration of justice. Although, as units of the various states, counties have somewhat differing functions and responsibilities, in many states they have become the primary record keeper of vital registrations, probate and land records, and other transactions. As the frontier moved west, legislatures created new counties, sometimes on paper only or attached for a time to an already operating county.

As genealogists know, many counties have changed shapes and areas since their creation. In order to research thoroughly, we need to be aware of these changes. Because we must study events and people in the context of specific times and places, learning what county had jurisdiction over a given place at a given time may be critical to finding pertinent ancestral records. Even for ancestors who remained in the same area over the years, researchers may need to look at records of several counties, perhaps in more than one state or territory.

These atlases are not limited to county boundary changes. One helpful feature is that many of the maps name and locate modern communities and watercourses to assist users in understanding the changing jurisdictions. At least the Florida, Indiana, and Ohio volumes also contain an index of places: place names and the county where they are located. The Indiana and Ohio volumes include a chronology and maps of the territories and states created after 1787 from the old Northwest Territory (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, and part of Minnesota).

By design, the atlases are more comprehensive than other historical map and county creation books in scope and content. In addition, these volumes are the result of research into primary sources, not a synthesis of previously published materials. Wise genealogists identify with this primary-source effort and know how important it is to good scholarship.

What Do the Atlases Tell Me?

Each volume of the series contains at least eight sections:

1. **Introduction.** Researchers should read the entire introduction before venturing into the body of a volume. Although primarily the same in all the atlases, the introduction contains special topics or problems related to the individual state. This section may mention books on place names in the state, or information specific to the state's history or geography. For example, in the Alabama volume we learn that the state's legal term *liners* refers to those who live on or near a county line.
2. **Lists of abbreviations** used in the maps, charts, and references.
3. **Alphabetical list of county creations** within the state: the date a county by that name was authorized, the date the creation became effective, and the source of the information. This compilation includes counties created by other governments, including parent nations, territories, or states.
4. **Consolidated chronology of state and county boundaries** from the initial settlement of the state's area. This text summarizes name changes, land attachments, land gains and losses, and actions by Spanish, French, British, and other foreign governments that had jurisdiction over the area.
5. **Individual county boundary chronologies and maps.** This section forms the bulk of each volume. It lists and illustrates in map form the territorial gains and losses each time a change occurred for each county. In most cases, the historical boundary is superimposed over a modern map. These visual representations are impressive and are more useful than reading lists of parent counties or viewing only outline maps that give no perspective on the specific locations of the boundaries.
6. **List of colonial, state, and federal censuses** taken in that state and information pertinent for research. For example, the Connecticut volume reports that statistics from a 1779 state census exist in the Trumbull Papers at the Connecticut State Library in Hartford, but that census gives no personal names. On the other hand, the Connecticut Historical Society in Hartford holds the 1798 direct tax list that contains names but no statistics. The Connecticut State Library also holds a 1917 state military census giving both names and statistics.
7. **Maps of the state** showing counties as they appeared at the time of colonial and territorial censuses and those taken after statehood.
8. **Bibliography** of works for further reference on state geography, laws, maps, and state and county history.

Genealogists often benefit from reading bibliographies, and those in the atlases identify, for example, published county atlases and histories, journal articles pertinent to the state's geography and boundary history, and references about the parent state.

How Did the Series Come About?

The series is a project of the Doctor William M. Scholl Center for Family and Community History of The Newberry Library in Chicago and gets support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The idea for the series began with the *Atlas of Early American History: The Revolutionary Era, 1760-1790* (Lester J. Cappon, Barbara Bartz Petchenik, and John Hamilton Long, editors; Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1976), produced through the efforts of the Newberry Library and the Institute of Early American History and Culture. This fascinating volume is at Clayton Library (call number 911.73 A881) in the first-floor map area at the stairs.

It includes maps on colonies, cities, boundaries, Indian settlements, Spanish borderlands, population growth, British administration, the American Revolution, the Confederation (the U.S. government between the Revolution and the Constitution), counties in 1790, economic activities, and political activities. In addition, the book contains a fascinating section on cultural activities. Maps in that section show such interesting and genealogically important items as the locations of (a) specific religious congregations in Virginia, South Carolina, and Pennsylvania/New Jersey in 1775, (b) masonic lodges in 1775 and 1790, and (c) silversmiths, colleges, newspapers, Methodist Episcopal circuits, and Baptist associations. Another map shows the ratification of the Constitution by county, according to the vote of the representatives in the state conventions, 1787-1790. How did your ancestral counties vote? Have you studied your ancestors of that period enough to estimate whether they may have agreed with or opposed the votes of their county representatives to those state conventions?

Where Can I Find the Atlases at Clayton Library?

At this time, Clayton Library holds the following nine volumes of the atlas series, listed in alphabetical order by state. Because the atlases deal with multiple counties, most of them are located in the general-books area at the beginning of each state's section in the first floor stacks. Some are catalogued as atlases; some, under the name of the compiler; some, under the name of the state. They are listed here as they are catalogued. John H. Long is the general editor of the series. Currently, the Gale Group publishes the new volumes.

1. Sinko, Peggy Tuck, comp. *Atlas of Historical County Boundaries. Alabama*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1996. Clayton call number 976.1 S617 ALA.

2. DenBoer, Gordon, comp. of the Connecticut section. John H. Long, comp. of the Maine, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island sections. *Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island: Atlas of Historical County Boundaries*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1994. This volume is catalogued according to the first state named in the title—Connecticut. Because it pertains to multiple states, it is shelved in the USA section of the first floor stacks. Clayton: 974 C752 USA.
3. Sinko, Peggy Tuck, comp. *Atlas of Historical County Boundaries. Florida*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1997. Clayton: [975.9] S617 FLA.
4. Sinko, Peggy Tuck, comp. *Atlas of Historical County Boundaries. Indiana*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1996. Clayton: [977.2] S617 IND.
5. DenBoer, Gordon, comp. *Atlas of Historical County Boundaries. Kentucky*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1995. Clayton: 976.9 D391 KY.
6. Sinko, Peggy Tuck, comp. *Atlas of Historical County Boundaries. Mississippi*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1993. Clayton: 976.2 A881 MISS.
7. DenBoer, Gordon, comp., with George E. Goodridge, Jr. *Atlas of Historical County Boundaries. New Hampshire, Vermont*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1993. Clayton: 974.2 A881 NH. Clayton Library has two copies of this volume. Both are catalogued and shelved under New Hampshire although the book pertains to two states. Vermont researchers need to look for it there.
8. Thorne, Kathryn Ford, comp. *New York: Atlas of Historical County Boundaries*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1993. This volume is catalogued and shelved according to its state name. Clayton: 974.7 N532 NY.
9. DenBoer, Gordon, comp. *Atlas of Historical County Boundaries. Pennsylvania*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1996. Clayton: [974.8] D391 PA.

Can We Get the Other Volumes?

Because of the great value and usefulness of this series, a major library such as Clayton could benefit from the acquisition of all the volumes. Of the nineteen volumes published so far, Clayton has the nine listed above. Although the Ohio volume is out of stock indefinitely, a copy has recently been located and purchased for Clayton Library. It will soon be presented for cataloguing.

Nine additional volumes are available from the Gale Group. Four of these were on the "want list" in the August 2000 issue of *The CLF Newsletter*: Illinois, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina. The other available volumes are for Delaware, Maryland, and Washington, DC; Iowa; Michigan; Minnesota; and Wisconsin. The North Dakota/South Dakota atlas is scheduled for

publication in December, 2001. Each volume is priced at \$130. At this writing, the Illinois, South Carolina, and Delaware-Maryland-Washington books have sponsors or donors. Researchers who had ancestors in any of the remaining states—Tennessee, North Carolina, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin—are invited to contribute toward the acquisition of these volumes.

Those whose ancestors lived in the states for which Clayton already has atlas volumes are urged to consult and enjoy these exceptional works.

Endnotes

1. Review comments are taken from the book jackets on the volumes themselves.

2. Each volume contains a preface from which this quotation comes.



† Emily Croom is a CLF board member, speaker to genealogical and historical societies, author of articles for several genealogical periodicals, and author of four books on genealogy. Her newest book is *The Sleuth Book for Genealogists*, focusing on research methods and genealogical problem solving.

CLF participates in German-Texan Heritage Conference

On October 27–29, the following CLF members staffed our "Dig Your German Roots at Clayton Library" table at the German-Texan Heritage Conference in the Tremont Hotel in Galveston. The CLF Executive Board wishes to thank Johnnye Killough Carlson, Betty Hendricks Dunquez, Don Keeline, Tom Mathies, Don Pusch, and Elizabeth Nitschke Hicks for volunteering. There actually were people who had not heard of Clayton Library and it was a pleasure to talk to them about the library. Several took time out of the conference to drive in and see what Clayton had to offer.

Clayton receives the society's quarterly, *The Journal*, which can be found on the periodical bookcase at Clayton. The 2001 German-Texan Heritage Society Conference will be held April 6–7, 2001 in Waco, Texas. For additional information, please contact the German-Texan Heritage Society, 507 E. 10th Street, P.O. Box 684171, Austin, TX 78768-4171, phone: (512) 482-0927, email: germantxn@dellnet-com. ■

President's Message

I'm proud to report that we had an outstanding year in 2000. Although we were well short of our goal of 2,000 members, we did achieve a record high of 1,617, putting us well ahead of any other genealogical group in Texas. Fund raising for the year came in at \$283,427, greatly exceeding our goal of \$75,000 due to the large bequests received from the estates of Margaret E. Whiteley and Mary Smith Fay. These two bequests accounted for \$208,200 of the total, of which \$108,200 (from the Whiteley estate) was restricted for the CLF Endowment. Funds from the Fay estate will be expended on materials selected by Marje Harris, and we are working with Miss Harris to get the best value we can for this money.

On January 18, the CLF Executive Board voted to sponsor a fall fund raising seminar and appointed Robert de Berardinis as project organizer. Look for details in the May newsletter.

On Monday, January 22, I took delivery of the 1999 audit from Durio & Company. If anyone would like to see a copy of this, please contact me at (281) 326-3278. Because we operate as a 501(c)(3) organization, Clayton Library Friends takes great care in keeping accurate financial records and in ensuring that every dollar of donated money is properly applied. Our financial records have been audited every year since 1987.

I would like to welcome newly elected members of the CLF Executive Board. We had a smooth transition starting

with the a joint meeting on December 14 and followed by the first meeting of the new board on January 18 at which the CLF schedule, tasks, budget, and goals for 2001 were approved. With all of these talented people, I look forward to another great year. Special thanks are in order to outgoing board members John Dorroh, Kim Morton, and Gayle Workman for their contributions to the management and direction of CLF during their terms of office.

Thanks are also in order to the many renewing members who responded to my plea for funds to help bridge the library's end-of-fiscal-year funding shortfall. Between 1 November 2000 and 15 January 2001, over \$19,700 in donations came in with the 2001 membership renewals. Many of these donations were accompanied by matching gift application forms, so the true value of gifts received through the middle of January will likely top \$21,000.

If you would like to see what Clayton Library has to offer in the area of maps, please attend our general membership meeting on February 10. CLF Director Bruce Krewinghaus, a collector of maps and a European map enthusiast will give a presentation on how to use maps in genealogical research. He will also provide an overview of Clayton Library's map collection and provide a very useful handout outlining the collection's content and organization. See you all there!

Don Pusch

Peggy Bailey Retires

Senior Library Service Specialist Peggy Bailey retired from Houston Public Library on January 26. Mrs. Bailey, who had been with Clayton Library since March 1988, completed 30 years and 11 months with HPL and saw service at several branches HPL libraries including Central, Oak Forest, Hillendahl, Ring, and Clayton. Interviewed at her January 24th retirement party at Clayton Library, Peggy said that she plans to travel, garden, take some classes, and spend a lot more time with her 5-year-old grandson. All of us who have benefited from Peggy's expert assistance at Clayton extend to her our best wishes for a long and happy retirement. ■

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

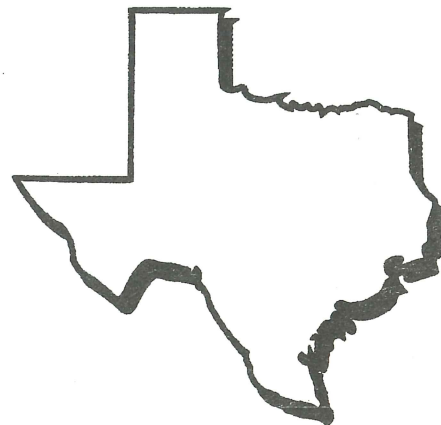


On December 18, Clayton Library Friends hosted an appreciation luncheon for the Clayton Library staff. The luncheon committee, headed by Ginny Toney, was supported by Margaret Mottley, Ellen Tannenbaum, and Robert de Berardinis. The buffet luncheon was set up in the staff lounge at Clayton and featured an assortment of homemade casseroles, dips, breads, and desserts plus soft drinks, all deftly prepared and served by the committee members. We sincerely appreciate the professionalism and hard work of the Clayton staff, and this is just one small way to express that appreciation. We hope to make this a regular holiday-season event. ■

❑ PROPOSED ACQUISITIONS

Republic of Texas Claims: We need this microfilm!!

By Don Pusch



At the end of last year, fund raising efforts were put in high gear to acquire the microfilm series Republic of Texas Claims (259 rolls). With seed money from several generous donors, we believe it possible to raise all of the money for this collection by mid year 2001. The collection consists of papers submitted to the Texas Comptroller or Treasurer to support claims against the government. In general, such claims were submitted for goods or services furnished immediately prior to, during, or immediately after the period of the Republic of Texas.

PEOPLE SUBMITTING CLAIMS

A wide variety of people submitted claims, both for their service in the military and for goods and services furnished the Republic. This includes:

- Elected and appointed officials of the Republic
- Government employees
- Officers and soldiers who served during the Texas Revolution
- People providing non-military goods and services
- Witnesses called to give testimony concerning other claims
- People due benefits as a result of special relief acts
- Claimants' representatives, attorneys, heirs, and assignees

TYPES OF CLAIMS

The Republic of Texas Claims collection is divided into four segments as follows:

- **Audited Claims (1835–1846)**, 130 rolls
 - Claims submitted, audited, and approved
 - For goods or services provided to the Republic
 - Includes both civil and military claims

- **Public Debt Claims (1848–1860)**, 69 rolls
 - Claims submitted between 1835 and 1846
 - Claims not paid earlier for lack of funds
 - Paid mainly with funds received in 1850
- **Republic Pensions (1870–1900)**, 48 rolls
 - Pensions to surviving veterans
 - Pensions to indigent veterans and widows
- **Unpaid and Miscellaneous Claims**, 11 rolls
 - Claims for which no final disposition exists
 - Claims not fitting into other categories
 - Letters received by court of claims, 1856–1861

THE MICROFILM

The Republic of Texas Claims collection is imaged on 259 rolls of 35mm positive microfilm and is available from the State and Local Records Management Division, Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Cost is \$17.50 per roll (\$4,532.50 total).

Each frame of the microfilm is numbered to permit easy retrieval using the Republic of Texas Claims index.

THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS CLAIMS INDEX

An electronic index to the Republic of Texas Claims is available on the Internet at:

<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/repclaims/index.htm>

Using this online index, the researcher can type in a name and retrieve a list of all claims and pension files containing that name. The retrieved information includes the type of claim, the claim number (pension claims are retrieved by name only), the claimant's name, the reel number, and the numbers of the microfilm frames on which the claim or pension file is imaged. This makes finding an ancestor among the thousands of documents in the collec-

tion a relatively easy task. The online search engine actually produces a compiled tabulation of the appropriate claim files. This can then be printed out and used as a personalized finding aid when going to view the microfilm.

CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS' OBJECTIVE

Clayton Library Friends would like to acquire the Republic of Texas Claims microfilm for the Clayton Library sometime during 2001. The total cost is \$4,532.50. Individuals or organizations wishing to donate all or a part of the funds for this project are asked to contact CLF President Don Pusch at (281) 326-3278 or e-mail pusch@ghg.net. Checks, marked for "Republic of Texas Claims," can be mailed to the CLF post office box.

Each box of microfilm will be labeled with the donor's name. If desired, the donor can also designate the gift in memory/honor of another individual, and that information will also be noted on the label. ■

Mary Smith Fay selected for TLA Benefactor Award

Recently deceased Clayton Library Friends' Vice-President Mary Smith Fay, CG, FASG, will be honored with the twenty-sixth Benefactor Award of the Texas Library Association on March 26, 2001. Mrs. Fay is being recognized, posthumously, for her commitments to improving Houston Public Library and Clayton Library and for her testamentary gifts to both. The award will be presented at the Friends and Trustees Luncheon during the Association's eighty-eighth Annual Conference in San Antonio.

Mrs. Fay, Texas' pre-eminent genealogist at the time of her death, was a founding member of the Clayton Library Friends and a member of the Houston Public Library Board. She was nominated by Houston Public Library for this prestigious award, which in the past has been won by



such individuals as Michael Dell of Dell Computers.

Mrs. Fay's long-standing commitment to keeping Clayton Library the finest genealogical public library in the country is well-known in genealogical and hereditary societies in the Houston area, including the Ann Poage Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Captain John Asbury Taitt Chapter, National Society United States Daughters of 1812. ■

Census Microfilm Labeling Project needs volunteers

The professional staff at Clayton Library has a new project under way, one for which volunteers are needed. For those of you might like to contribute some time to the effort, here is a brief description of the project and the role to be played by volunteers.

At a recent meeting of genealogy library professionals, a presentation was made by staff members from the St. Louis County Library. Their presentation highlighted the problems that have resulted from incorrect labeling of census microfilm. It seems that personnel at the National Archives made a decision to place the enumeration districts (EDs) on the labels in strict numerical order rather than in the actual order in which they appear on the microfilm. This has caused confusion for users. St. Louis County has taken steps to correct their labels and freely offered their advice and recommendation.

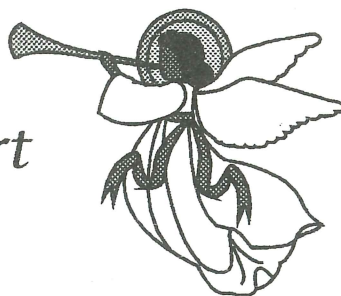
The staff at Clayton Library followed up after the meeting by sampling some of the census microfilm in our own collection. What they found was that mislabeling was a much more common problem than had been thought.

Consequently, they are now setting up a long-range project to examine each roll of film and to make appropriate corrections to the film box labels. Volunteers from CLF can play an important role in this effort. To summarize the project: Starting with the 1910 census, efforts will be focused on those Harris County census rolls that have been soundexed. When Harris County is completed, the project will move on to other Texas counties. In support of the project, several microprint readers will be reserved for use Mondays through Fridays. Manual readers were considered best for this project because of the fine control necessary to carefully examine each page of the census and to note the exact ED, city, township, etc. A standardized form will be used for recording data, and volunteers will be given a short training session.

Volunteers will be asked to commit to review at least one entire roll of film (not necessarily in one sitting). Good eyesight is essential, plus dedication, patience, and a tolerance for motion sickness! If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Irene Walters for more details. She can be reached by telephone at (713) 284-1999 or by e-mail at iwalters@hpl.lib.tx.us. Also, if you want to find out more about what St. Louis did, take a look at their web site at www.slcl.lib.mo.us/slcl/sc/index.html. ■



Angels Report



The Clayton Library Friends wishes to thank the following individuals and organizations who have made donations in support of the CLF Angels program:

Patricia Echols: Subscription renewal for *Northeast Mississippi Historical and Genealogical Society Quarterly*, in memory of Elsie Breland.

Peggy Harper Gregory: Subscription renewal for *Rowan County* (North Carolina) *Register*, in memory of Mr. Robert Martin.

Myron F. Steves: Subscription renewal for *Lifelines*, a publication of the Northern New York American-Canadian Genealogical Society, in memory of Mr. Wilbert Lee Steves.

Maria Luisa Benteen Steves: New subscription for *Revista*, a publication of the Cuban Genealogical Society, in memory of Ana Maria del Canal y Pujadas de Casanova.

Maxine Alcorn: Back issues of *The Chisholm Trail*, a publication of the Williamson County (Texas) Genealogical Society, in memory of Callie Louis Alcorn Purser.

Karen Stein Daniel, CG: Back issues of *New Mexico Genealogist*, vols. 1-10 (1963-1971), in memory of Milton John Stein.

Dorothy Greer Beaudoin: Subscription renewal for *Central Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly*, in memory of Joseph "Joe" Beaudoin.

Diane S. Thompson: Subscription renewal for *Le Raconteur* (Louisiana).

Gene Church Schulz: Subscription renewal for *Blue Grass Roots* (Kentucky), in memory of Georgie Wood Church. Also, a subscription renewal for *English Researcher*, in memory of Edward R. Easton.

Paula R. Kuehl White: Subscription renewal for *Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy and History*, in honor of Mr. Patrick F. Cochran.

Samuel S. Lusk: Donation applied to the subscription renewal for *The Vermont Genealogical Society Quarterly*.

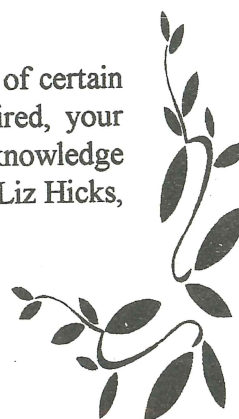
Patsy A. Fox Andrews and Mike Andrews: Subscription renewal for *Flint* (Michigan) *Genealogical Society Quarterly*, in honor of Janet Tyler Fox; subscription renewal for *Central Alabama Genealogical Society Biannual*, in honor of Thomas Gilbert Andrews; subscription renewal for *Florida Historical Quarterly*, in honor of Dorothy Doyle Andrews; and subscription renewal for *Family History Capers* (Washtenau County, Michigan), in honor of Janet Tyler Fox.

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De Ville, Winston, FASG, and Donald E. Pusch, eds., *Mississippi Valley Mélange: A Collection of Notes and Documents for the Genealogy and History of the Province of Louisiana and the Territory of Orleans*, vol. 4. Ville Platte, La.: Provincial Press, 2000. \$25. This, the fourth in a series of volumes dealing with Mississippi Valley material, features several articles by Houston researcher Robert de Berardinis. Component articles deal with many topics of interest to French researchers, including the hierarchy of the French nobility and army, the Order of St. Louis, a province-wide report on the French military in 1758, ships officers of the Company of the Indies in 1769, and a succinct tutorial on obtaining French military service records. Also included is Dowell La Fleur's translation of the 1732 Salmon report

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Martin, James C. and Robert Sidney Martin, *Maps of Texas and the Southwest, 1513-1900*. 1984 reprint, Austin: Texas Historical Association, 1998. \$40. This, with Jackson's books and the Lowery Collection guide (a description of the Library of Congress holdings at HPL's Texas Room), will give genealogists of Texas, Louisiana, the Mississippi Valley, Florida, and the Southwest the finest references and sources for cartographic research.

Nolan, Charles, and Dorenda Dupont, eds. *Archdiocese of New Orleans Sacramental Records*, vol. 14, 1820-1821; vol. 15, 1822-1823; and vol. 16, 1824-1825. New Orleans: Archdiocese of New Orleans, 1999, 2000, and 2001, respectively. \$32 per volume. These are the abstracts to the Catholic records of New Orleans, primarily those of St. Louis Cathedral but also those of other parish churches in New Orleans. Volumes 14 and 15 are available now; volume 16 will be available later this year.

Pusch, Donald E., ed. *Selected Papers by Winston De Ville: A Collection of Articles for Colonial Genealogy and History*. Ville Platte, La.: Provincial Press, 2000. \$35. This is a collection of 35 classic articles by famed genealogist and historian Winston De Ville, FASG. Pusch and De Ville collaborated in reediting and, in many cases, rewriting and expanding the component articles using original source materials. This work contains the first complete translation of the 1724 census of settlements between New Orleans and the German Coast plus a wide variety of other material translated directly from French archival sources.

Robichaux, Albert Jr., *Civil Registration of Orleans Parish, 1790-1833*. Rayne, La.: Hébert Publications, 2001, \$58. In this volume, Louisiana genealogist Al Robichaux has abstracted the returns of the civil registrations of birth,

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Wroth, Lawrence C., and Gertrude Annan. *Acts of French Royal Administration Concerning Canada, Guiana, the West Indies and Louisiana, Prior to 1791*. 1930 reprint, Ville Platte, La: Provincial Press, 1999. \$28. The introduction of the reprint gives an explanation of French archival document retrieval.

Victoria County Genealogical Society. *History and Heritage of Victoria County*. 2 vols. Austin: Nortex Press, 2000. \$130 for the two-volume set.



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