

# THE CLF NEWSLETTER

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## Smith Foundation Grant Provides Initial Funds for 1930 Census Acquisitions

On March 14, Clayton Library Friends received a \$15,000 grant from the William A. and Madeline Welder Smith Foundation to be used to purchase 1930 U.S. census microfilm. These funds give the Friends a solid start on raising the approximately \$150 thousand required to purchase the entire collection of 1930 census and soundex. Readers may recall that

the Smith Foundation was also a major contributor the past two years for the acquisition of passenger lists and city directories.

Clayton Library Friends wishes to express its sincere thanks to the Smith Foundation and its directors for their continued support of Clayton Library.

For more information on the 1930 census, see the article on page 7. ■

## Atlas Acquisitions

In the last issue of the newsletter, Emily Croom introduced our readers to the *Atlas of Historical County Boundaries*, a multi-volume set containing detailed information on state and county boundary changes and other valuable information. At the time Ms. Croom's article appeared, Clayton Library owned nine volumes of the *Atlas* covering the states of Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Thanks to the generosity of several CLF members, we have now acquired (or placed orders for) ten additional volumes covering the District of Columbia and the states of Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, and

Wisconsin. This represents all of the currently available *Atlas* volumes.

It is the publisher's intention to produce forty-one volumes in this set, and we will alert the membership as new volumes become available. The next volume, projected for December 2001, will cover South Dakota and North Dakota. The price is expected to remain \$130 per volume.

Clayton Library Friends would like to thank the following individuals who sponsored the acquisition of the *Atlas* volumes mentioned above:

Paul G. Bell  
Emily Croom  
John Dorroh  
Mary Smith Fay (memorials)  
Harold T. Ganshirt  
Mary Martin  
Robert T. Shelby  
Richard and Sherry Simpson  
David and Maureen Singleton  
Joseph P. Wolfe  
Laura Woods

## President's Message

In the last issue of the newsletter, I included a short article on the Republic of Texas Claims and appealed for funds to support our procurement of that collection. I'm pleased to say that the response was outstanding, and it appears that we will soon have the necessary funds. This is also one of those instances where we took our appeal outside the regular CLF membership to DRT and SRT chapters and other lineage- or genealogy-based groups, with some success! Second Vice President Al Davis, through his extensive contacts, brought in several large donations, and we also received a generous boost from Leonard and Bettye Green, who redirected their 2000 gift for this effort. A full list of Republic of Texas Claims contributors will appear in the August newsletter.

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## NEXT MEETING

Saturday

May 12, 10:00 a.m.

Bayland Community Center

## SPEAKER

Marje Harris

Clayton Library Manager

## TOPIC

State of the Library  
and Plans for the Future

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## Clayton Library Friends Financial Report

January 1 through March 31, 2001

**CHECKING ACCOUNT**

Starting Balance .....	\$ 37,867
Unrestricted Funds .....	16,246
Restricted Funds:	
Endowment .....	900
Other .....	9,261
CLF Operating Funds .....	11,459
2002 Prepaid Dues .....	-0-
Deposits, total .....	30,180
Unrestricted Funds .....	5,692
Restricted Funds:	
Endowment .....	-0-
Other .....	20,913
CLF Operating Funds .....	3,515
2002 Prepaid Dues .....	60
Withdrawals, total .....	18,921
Unrestricted Funds .....	460
Restricted Funds:	
Endowment .....	-0-
Other .....	17,088
CLF Operating Funds .....	1,374
Ending Balance .....	49,125
Unrestricted Funds .....	21,478
Restricted Funds:	
Endowment .....	900
Other .....	13,086
CLF Operating Funds .....	13,600
2002 Prepaid Dues .....	60

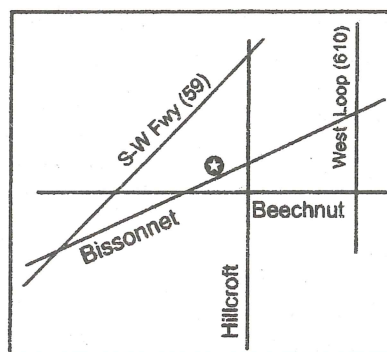
**SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

Wood Forest Bank CD .....	100,000
IBC CD (Endowment Fund) .....	105,366
Beal Bank CD .....	15,000 †
IBC Money Market (endowment yield) .....	21,794 *

Jose O. Guerra, Jr., Treasurer

† Restricted for 1930 census microfilm.

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



CLF Meeting Location:  
 Bayland Community Center  
 6400 Bissonnet, Houston



## □ WHAT'S IN THE LIBRARY

# Freedman's Savings and Trust Records

By Don Pusch



In June 1997, Clayton Library acquired the 27 rolls of National Archives microfilm publication M816, *Registers of Signatures of Depositors in Branches of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, 1865-1874*. The film is in cabinet 62, drawer 6 in the microprint area on the second floor. Although the collection contains valuable genealogical data on freed slave families, the lack of adequate finding aids has made it difficult to use. This situation improved substantially when the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the Mormons) released the compact disc *Freedman's Bank Records*, which contains an electronic index to approximately 480,000 names mentioned in publication M816. Clayton Library Manager Marje Harris and Assistant Manager Lesley Douthwaite were presented complimentary copies of the *Freedman's Bank Records* at the February 26, 2001 LDS reception marking the CD-ROM's official public release. It is now available at Clayton and can be accessed on the CD-ROM terminals on the first floor.

the National Archives and have been imaged in microfilm publication M816. Cities represented in this collection include the following:

Atlanta, Ga.	New Bern, N.C.
Augusta, Ga.	New Orleans, La.
Baltimore, Md.	New York, N.Y.
Beaufort, S.C.	Norfolk, Va.
Charleston, S.C.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Columbus, Miss.	Raleigh, N.C.
Huntsville, Ala.	Richmond, Va.
Lexington, Ky.	Savannah, Ga.
Little Rock, Ark.	Shreveport, La.
Louisville, Ky.	St. Louis, Mo.
Lynchburg, Va.	Tallahassee, Fla.
Memphis, Tenn.	Vicksburg, Miss.
Mobile, Ala.	Washington, D.C.
Nashville, Tenn.	Wilmington, N.C.
Natchez, Miss.	

## HISTORY OF THE FREEDMAN'S BANK

The Freedman's Savings and Trust Company was chartered by the U.S. Government in March 1865 for the purpose of accepting savings deposits from "persons heretofore held in slavery in the United States, or their descendants." First opened in Washington, D.C., the "Freedman's Bank" was soon merged with the military savings banks at Norfolk, Virginia, and Beaufort, South Carolina, and by 1870, thirty-seven branches were in operation in seventeen states and the District of Columbia. Funds deposited in the Freedman's Bank were invested in stocks, bonds, U.S. Treasury notes, and other securities. Although the bank flourished for a time, it ultimately failed and was forced into receivership in June 1874. Not all of the Freedman's Bank records survived—most notably, the deposit ledgers are lost. However, the signature registers from twenty-nine of the bank's branches are preserved in

## REGISTERS OF SIGNATURES OF DEPOSITORS

The Registers of Signatures of Depositors were intended to serve as depositor identification records, and the associated printed forms—filled out at the time the person applied for an account—included entries for the depositor's name, date of application, physical description, place of birth, father's or mother's name, whether or not married, children's names, place of residence, occupation, military regiment and company (if applicable), and the name of the former slave master, mistress, and plantation. A remarks section at the bottom of the form was used to record other identifying information. Not all of the printed forms were completely filled out. Also, in some cases, pen-and-ink changes were made to the forms or data intended for one place on the form was entered in another. All of the forms contain a space at the bottom for the depositor's signature; most of these are either blank or contain only the mark of the depositor.



As with any genealogical record, gaps and inaccuracies are to be expected, and that is certainly the case with the Freedman's Savings and Trust signature cards. That fact notwithstanding, a great many of the cards contain valuable information. We find, for example, the account application of Harriot Lewis, age 23, who applied for an account at the Freedman's Bank in Washington, D.C., February 6, 1866. She was "yellow" in complexion with "regular features." She was born near Washington Junction, Virginia, but resided in Washington, D.C., in the household of Gen. Howard. Her mother's name was Ann Lewis. She was married and had a child named Aldrich. Her husband "went over to the Rebels." Another depositor at the same bank was Levi Boles, who applied for an account September 12, 1865. He was six feet tall and of dark complexion. His mother was Sophia Boles. He was married and his children were Sophia S., Betty, and John A., the latter an infant. Boles was born in Goochland County, Virginia. His former master and mistress were Terry and Betsey Mitchel. He resided at the Freedman's Hospital and was employed there in the kitchen. His family lived "about one mile from Mr. T. Mitchel, which is 15 miles from Goochland Court House on the river road to & 44 miles from Richmond."

#### BACKGROUND ON THE BANK RECORDS PROJECT

Data collection for the *Freedman's Bank Records* CD-ROM began in 1989 at the instigation of Marie Taylor, an employee of the LDS Family and Church History Department. With support from the church, Taylor recruited inmates at the Utah State Prison, South Point Correctional Facility, to extract information from the depositor registration cards microfilm (M816) and to input it into an electronic database. The database was then combined on the CD-ROM with applications software, providing the capability to search the component records and to display and print various reports based on the data found in those records. The CD-ROM was officially released to the public on February 26, 2001.

#### CD-ROM CONTENTS

At the heart of the *Freedman's Bank Records* CD-ROM is the actual database, built using data fields similar to the printed registration form entries. A sampling of the CD-ROM shows that it is quite useful as a finding aid for the microfilm. However, as with any secondary source, the CD-ROM does contain errors and, in some cases, not all of the information on each signature card was captured in the database. For these reasons, researchers should use the CD-ROM only as a means for locating the original records. It should also be noted that the primary name list (the first screen to appear after the *Freedman's Bank Record* logo)

includes not only the names of depositors but also the names of slave masters (and mistresses), employers, neighbors, relatives, or other people who may have been mentioned on the signature cards. For this reason, the association of a name with a particular signature card does NOT imply that the named individual was the person who applied for the account.

#### WORKING WITH THE CD-ROM

With respect to usability, the CD-ROM gets high marks. At Clayton Library, the staff has installed the software on the CD-ROM work stations, so researchers need only insert the *Freedman's Bank Records* CD-ROM and double click on the associated icon (a blue, miniature pedigree chart). This brings up the *Freedman's Bank Records* logo followed immediately by an alphabetically ordered list of the names in the bank records database. The researcher can then either browse the list or jump to a specific name by typing it into the **GO-TO** boxes provided at the top of the name list. When the desired name is selected, hitting the **ENTER** key or clicking on the **OK** button brings up the **FAMILY VIEW**. This displays all of the information the database holds on that person, including the names of any parents, spouses, and children. At the bottom—in the "Notes" section—are displayed (in addition to other data) the bank location and the date of the signature card from which the data was taken. This is perhaps the most useful feature of the system, since the bank location and the date of the signature card are the two principal pieces of retrieval information needed to locate the original card in microfilm publication M816.

In addition to the **FAMILY VIEW**, the CD-ROM software also includes an **ANCESTORS VIEW** and a **DESCENDANTS VIEW**. These allow the researcher to view, in various formats, the genealogical links mentioned on the signature card. Complementing the three display views are three corresponding reports—**FAMILY**, **ANCESTORS**, and **DESCENDANTS**—which can be printed in various custom formats.

One very useful feature of the CD-ROM software, launched by clicking on the **SEARCH** button at the top of all screens, is the capability for building a database query. When the **SEARCH** screen is opened, the researcher is presented with multiple query options, including the option to search for specific words in the name, title, place (for any event or for a particular event), and notes fields. This is especially useful for identifying people who have connections to a particular geographical area. For example, using the search criteria **NAME EQUALS SINGLETON AND NOTES CONTAINS NEW ORLEANS**, returns eight names that can be further investigated by examining them

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closer in **FAMILY VIEW**. The search feature is also useful for locating signature cards that contain names not captured in the primary name list. As mentioned previously, the signature cards contain a "Remarks" section. Names that appear in this area are sometimes not found on the CD-ROM's primary name list. When looking for a particular name, first search the primary name list, then perform a query search of the "Notes" area using, for example, a search criteria such as **NOTES CONTAINS SINGLETON**.

### SUMMARY

This brief explanation of the *Freedman's Bank Records* CD-ROM touches only on the highlights of this very valuable finding aid. Once the researcher uses the CD-ROM in conjunction with microfilm publication M816, other interesting features will become apparent. Also, the various "help" screens available on the CD-ROM will provide additional, detailed information on how to use the software, including how to format and print reports and how to build database queries. For further information on the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company records, see the National Archives publication *Black Studies: A Select Catalog of National Archives Microfilm Publications* (Washington, D.C.: National Archives Trust Fund Board, 1996), pp. 10-12; a copy is available at the reference desk at Clayton. When viewing microfilm publication M816, the researcher should also read the pamphlet, *Registers of*

*Signatures of Depositors in Branches of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, 1865-1874* (Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1969), which is imaged at the beginning of each roll of the M816 microfilm. ■

*Record for Levi Boles... 11.*

Date, and No. of Application, *Sep. 12. 1862*  
 Name of Master, *Ferry Mitchell*  
 Name of Mistress, *Melley*  
 Plantation,  
 Height and Complexion, *6 feet... Dark*  
 Father or Mother? *Assient? Mother Sophia Boles*  
 Name of Children, *Sophia B. Boles, John A. the only*  
 Regiment and Company,  
 Place of Birth, *Goodland Co. Va.*  
 Residence, *Freedman's Hospital*  
 Occupation, *Cooking Employee*  
 REMARKS: *Levi Boles' family is at present about one mile from Mr. J. Mitchell, which is 15 miles from Goodland court house on the river road to, & 44 miles from Richmond*  
 Signature, *Levi X Boles*  
*mark*

A sample signature card from National Archives microfilm publication M816.

### President's Message (Continued from page 1)

We are now a year away from public release of the 1930 U.S. census, and CLF is gearing up to raise the needed acquisition funds. Although the population of the U.S. grew considerably between 1920 and 1930, there is actually *less* 1930 census microfilm for us to acquire. This is because there is so little soundex for the 1930 census. In spite of that fact, this is a valuable collection and is one that we *must* acquire for Clayton Library. As noted on page 1 of the newsletter, CLF received a substantial grant from the Smith Foundation to get the ball rolling on this acquisition. Those funds have been parked in an interest bearing CD until our first film order can be placed. For more information on the 1930 census, see the article on page 7.

Although we still have eight months remaining in 2001, it is already time to begin considering the structure of next year's CLF executive board. Several board positions will come open, and we are looking for "new blood" (and perhaps some "young Turks") to keep CLF moving forward. At the May 12 CLF meeting, we will be electing a nominating committee that will put together a proposed slate of officers for 2002. Also, at its meeting on May 15, the CLF executive board will elect a representative to the committee; that person will serve as temporary chairman. The committee's recommendations will be published in the

November newsletter and voted upon at the annual meeting, November 10.

We received several calls or e-mail notes from members who had renewed their membership for 2001 but whose February newsletter labels did not reflect this. (The labels still showed "2000" above the name.) We apologize for the oversight. Several renewals that came in at the same time were temporarily misplaced in the CLF office. All of these have now been processed and the membership database corrected.

Please note the "Job Opportunity" sheet at the center-fold. Those of us who are frequent users of Clayton Library would like to see the facility fully staffed at all times; however, this is not always possible considering the stiff competition that exists in Houston's job market. If you know of someone who might be interested in an entry-level position at Clayton Library, please pass this job announcement on to them.

The next meeting of the Friends will feature Marje Harris and her "State of the Library" address. If you'd like to hear, first hand, about new acquisitions, facilities and equipment, and plans for the future, don't miss this presentation. See you all there!

Don Pusch

## ❑ PROPOSED ACQUISITIONS

# *The 1930 U.S. Census: It's Just Around the Corner!*

By Gilbert Stephenson

Less than a year from now, on April 1, 2002, the National Archives will release to the public the population schedules of the 1930 U.S. census. For privacy reasons, public access to the schedules is restricted for a period of 72 years, and their release next April is a much-awaited event for family historians and genealogists. Once again, Clayton Library Friends will muster the membership's support to acquire funds to purchase the 1930 census microfilm. The National Archives has not yet established the exact roll count, but the current estimate is 1,591 rolls of soundex and 2,668 rolls of population schedules. By contrast, the 1920 soundex amounted to 8,585 rolls; the population schedules to 2,076 rolls.

North Dakota	15	Virginia	51
Ohio	146	Washington	42
Oklahoma	47	West Virginia	34
Oregon	20	Wisconsin	61
Pennsylvania	209	Wyoming	5
Rhode Island	18		
South Carolina	31	Alaska	3
South Dakota	16	Consular Service	1
Tennessee	54	Hawaii	7
Texas	127	Panama Canal	1
Utah	12	Puerto Rico	30
Vermont	7	Samoa & Guam	1

### POPULATION SCHEDULES

Population schedules for the 1930 census will be issued as part of NARA microfilm publication T626, *Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930*. The approximate roll counts for the states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories and possessions are as follows:

Alabama	54	Louisiana	45
Arizona	9	Maine	16
Arkansas	36	Maryland	40
California	129	Massachusetts	89
Colorado	24	Michigan	106
Connecticut	33	Minnesota	59
Delaware	6	Mississippi	37
Dist. of Columbia	14	Missouri	78
Florida	30	Montana	13
Georgia	59	Nebraska	31
Idaho	10	Nevada	2
Illinois	169	New Hampshire	10
Indiana	66	New Jersey	84
Iowa	52	New Mexico	9
Kansas	39	New York	270
Kentucky	51	North Carolina	60

### SOUNDEX

Unfortunately for researchers, soundex—the principal finding aid for accessing the population schedules—was prepared for only a small part of the U.S. Of the fifty-six U.S. states, possessions, and the District of Columbia, only twelve states (or portions thereof) were soundexed: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky (Bell, Floyd, Harlan, Kenton, Muhlenberg, Perry, and Pike County), Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia (Fayette, Harrison, Kanawha, Logan, McDowell, Mercer, and Raleigh County).

The available 1930 soundex will be issued as NARA microfilm publications M2049 through M2060. The approximate roll counts are as follows:

Alabama (M2049)	195
Arkansas (M2050)	100
Florida (M2051)	98
Georgia (M2052)	260
Kentucky (M2053)	24
Louisiana (M2054)	146
Mississippi (M2055)	158
North Carolina (M2056)	169



South Carolina (M2057)	109
Tennessee (M2058)	169
Virginia (M2059)	124
West Virginia (M2060)	39

### DATA PROVIDED IN THE 1930 CENSUS

Although the census was taken over a period of several weeks, the official census day was April 1, 1930, and all of the data collected was "as of" this date unless otherwise specified. Census takers were instructed to collect (or to observe) and record the following pieces of information:

#### Place of Abode:

1. Street, avenue, road, etc.
2. House number (in cities or towns)
3. Number of dwelling house in order of visitation
4. Number of family in order of visitation

#### Name:

5. Name of each person whose place of abode on April 1, 1930, was in this family

#### Relation:

6. Relationship of this person to the head of the family

#### Home Data:

7. Home owned or rented
8. Value of home, if owned, or monthly rental, if rented
9. Radio set
10. Does this family live on a farm?

#### Personal Description:

11. Sex
12. Color or race [White (W), Negro (Neg), Mexican (Mex), Indian (In), Chinese (Ch), Japanese (Jp), Filipino (Fil), Hindu (Hin), Korean (Kor), other races spelled out in full.]
13. Age at last birthday
14. Marital condition [Single (S), married (M), widowed (Wd), divorced (D)]
15. Age at first marriage

#### Education:

16. Attended school or college any time since Sept. 1, 1929
17. Whether able to read and write

#### Place of Birth:

18. Place of birth
19. Father's place of birth
20. Mother's place of birth

#### Mother Tongue (or Native Language) of Foreign Born:

21. Language spoken in home before coming to the United States

#### Citizenship, etc.:

22. Year of immigration to the United States

#### 23. Naturalization

#### 24. Whether able to speak English

#### Occupation & Industry:

25. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, such as spinner, salesman, teacher, etc.
26. Industry or business, such as cotton mill, dry-goods store, shipyard, public school, etc.
27. Class of worker

#### Employment:

28. Whether actually at work yesterday (or the last regular working day)—Yes or No
29. If not, line number on Unemployment Schedule [Unemployment Schedules no longer exist.]

#### Veterans:

30. Whether a veteran of U.S. military or naval force—Yes or No
31. What war or expedition? [World War (WW), Spanish-American War (Sp), Civil War (Civ), Philippine Insurrection (Phil), Boxer Rebellion (Box), Mexican Expedition (Mex)]

#### Farm Schedule:

32. Number of farm schedule [Farm schedules no longer exist.]

### THE IMPORTANCE OF CITY DIRECTORIES

Because of the lack of soundex for the 1930 census, other research techniques are needed to locate families in those states or counties for which there is no soundex. Probably the best alternative resource is the city directory. For this reason, directories are high on Clayton Library's priority list for new acquisitions. With the city directory, a researcher can often find the address of an ancestor and then use this in conjunction with the enumeration district descriptions to narrow the search in the population schedules. Note that the street name and house number are two of the data items collected in the 1930 census.

City directories on microfilm are not available from the National Archives; however, Clayton Library and the Friends have managed to acquire a good collection of these from commercial sources. As we get closer to our projected acquisition of the 1930 census, we will be providing further details concerning the library's need for city directories from the period 1925-1935.

### WHERE DO WE BEGIN?

Clayton Library's first priority for 1930 census and soundex microfilm is Texas. After this, the focus will be on those areas adjacent to the state, especially Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. However, if a patron would like

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### What's New at Clayton

## Clayton Library Acquires Microfilm of Church Records of St. Martin de Tours

*Collection includes baptismal, marriage, and funeral records dating from 1756*

Thanks to an anonymous donation in memory of Isabelle Lafonta Ewing, Clayton Library now owns six reels of records from the St. Martin de Tours Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana. These reels span the period 1756–1926 and include some records from St. Bernard Church, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. Of special significance is that these records deal with the Attakapas area as the Acadians arrived in 1766–1767, the expansion of the area during the ante-bellum period, and the trans-Louisiana Texas migration from the 1820s onwards.

The microfilm records of St. Martin de Tours comprise the following

- Marriages, 1756–1904
- Funerals (and perforce, deaths), 1787–1926
- Baptisms, 1756–1908
- Confirmations, 1850–1861

The microfilm also contains confirmation records from St. Bernard Church, Breaux Bridge, 1853–1856.

As often repeated, it is a *required* genealogical practice to verify secondary sources. These microfilmed records provide an excellent means for verifying the translations that appear in volumes 1-A, 1-B, 2-A, 2-B, and 2-C of Rev.

Donald J. Hébert's *Southwest Louisiana Records* and the abstracts that appear in volume 3 and subsequent volumes. Researchers should be aware that *it is impossible* to amass and abstract records such as these without introducing errors. This writer, having had the occasion to compare many of the original records at St. Landry in Opelousas with those translated or abstracted in *Southwest Louisiana Records*, can attest to the fact many such errors exist in this series. The Hébert entries should always be compared to the microfilm or to the original records, where possible.

In addition to the St. Martin de Tours microfilm, Clayton Library also owns microfilm of the first five registers of sacramental records from St. Francis Church (now Immaculate Conception Cathedral), Natchitoches (all that is available) and the two registers from St. Landry Church, Opelousas (all that is available).

Clayton does not currently own the seven-reel collection of records from St. John the Evangelist Cathedral, Lafayette; however, Clayton Library Friends would like to acquire them for Clayton. Friends wishing to make tax-deductible donations toward the acquisition of these records (at \$35 per reel) may do so by sending a check to the CLF mailing address. If desired, such gifts may be made in honor (or memory) of someone, and the donor's name and memorial will *always* be printed on the microfilm box label. Be sure to mark your check "St. John the Evangelist records." The seven-reel collection encompasses the following St. John sacramental records as well as separate, more accurate indexes for them:

- Baptisms, 1822–1882
- Marriages, 1824–1906
- Funerals, 1824–1900

Robert de Berardinis

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to donate funds to acquire microfilm from other areas of the country, Clayton Library Friends will ensure that the donated funds are applied according to the donor's wishes. Although prices may change, the current cost of a single roll of microfilm is \$34. The National Archives is not yet accepting orders for the microfilm, so any donations received prior to April 1, 2002 will be held in the Friends' restricted account until that time.

If you would like to support our efforts to acquire the 1930 census and soundex microfilm, please do so by sending a check to Clayton Library Friends, P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078. If you would like to

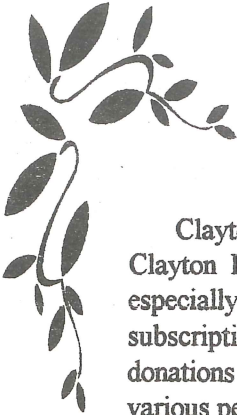
sponsor microfilm for a particular state and county, please note that information on the check or in a separate note. If the Friends receives excess donations for a particular county (or state in the case of soundex), we will contact the donor and recommend an alternate choice. ■



Much of the information for the above article was taken from the NARA 1930 U.S. census web page at:

[<http://www.nara.gov/genealogy/1930cen.html>](http://www.nara.gov/genealogy/1930cen.html)





## Angels Report



Clayton Library Friends is currently providing forty-three "Angels" subscriptions for Clayton Library. We wish to thank all those who have underwritten subscriptions, and especially those who continue to support the Angels Program by sponsoring the same subscription year after year. Thanks also go to those who have made unrestricted monetary donations to the Angels program, as these gifts have been used to purchase back issues of various periodicals.

### *Our newest Angels*

Suzanne Sandlin Gay: New subscriptions for *Lithuanian Heritage Magazine* and the Lithuanian-American Genealogy Society's *Genealogija*, in honor of her aunt, Emily Magdeleine Ragauskis Rankin Brown.

Ruth Chambers Lewis: Renewal for the Knott County (Kentucky) Historical Society's *Journal*, in honor of Pat Thrash.

John Dorroh: New subscriptions for *Washington State Genealogical Society Newsletter* and *Minnesota Genealogist* and a monetary donation.

Beverly Steele Draper: Back issues of *The Indiana Genealogist*, in honor of Lavonne Kendall.

Nancy Parrigin: Renewal for *The Family Tree* (Great Britain), in memory of her husband, Lyman J. Parrigin; new subscription for *The Indiana Genealogist*, in memory of her mother, Nellie W. Chamberlin; new subscription for *MASSOG: A General Magazine for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, in memory of her father, Burr Clark Chamberlin.

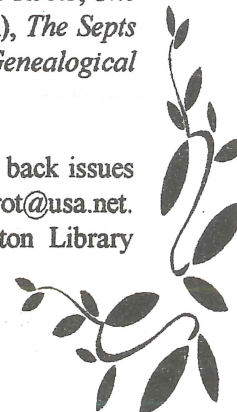
Harold T. Ganshirt: New subscription for *Gems of Genealogy* (Wisconsin).

Mrs. Darla Schantz: Monetary donation, part of which was used for back issues of *Cobblestone*, a publication for acquainting young people with genealogy, in honor of Elizabeth Nitschke Hicks.

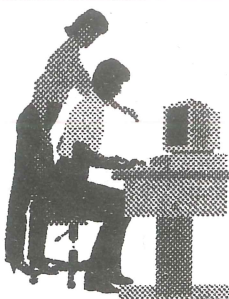
Elizabeth Nitschke Hicks: New subscription for *Cobblestone* in honor of grandson, Ian Gustav Relecker.

Gerard Slagle: Back issues of the following: *Familial*, *Der Blumenbaum*, *Irish Roots*, *The Midland Ancestor* (England), *Review* (Swiss-American Society publication), *The Septs* (Irish Genealogical Society publication), and *Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Quarterly*.

If you are interested in making a donation to the Angels Program, or have back issues you wish to donate, please contact Liz Hicks at (713) 944-1118 or e-mail: [erootrot@usa.net](mailto:erootrot@usa.net). Funds are needed for various back issues that are missing from the Clayton Library collection. ■



## HPL Computer Class Schedule



In the last issue of the newsletter, Robert de Berardinis provided information on free computer classes offered by Houston Public Library. Below is the May and June schedule of classes offered at the Central Branch in the Computer Training Center on the Concourse level. There is no advance sign-up, and seating is on a "first-come, first-served" basis, so come early.

<i>Class</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
Internet Basics	May 2	Noon
Introducción al Internet en español	May 5	10 AM
Windows 95 Basics	May 8	5:30 PM
Computadora Basica en español	May 9	Noon
Introduction to netLibrary (e-books)	May 15	Noon
Database Searching – HPL's WebPAC	May 16	Noon
Introduction to Excel 97	May 19	10 AM
Computer Basics	May 22	5:30 PM
Database Searching – Directories and Indexes	May 23	Noon
Introduction to Word 97	May 30	Noon
Windows 95 Básica en español	June 2	10 AM
Internet Search Tools	June 6	Noon
Computadora Basica en español	June 12	5:30 PM
Introduction to Power Point 97	June 13	Noon
Windows 95 Basics	June 16	10 AM
Introduction to netLibrary (e-books)	June 19	Noon
Database Searching – FirstSearch via the Internet	June 20	Noon
Internet Basics	June 26	5:30 PM
Computer Basics	June 27	Noon

Further schedule information can be obtained by calling the HPL (Central Branch) at (713) 236-1313 during regular library hours. The schedule is also available on the HPL's web site at:

[<http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/hpl/press/hplevenew.html>](http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/hpl/press/hplevenew.html)

## CLF Receives Cameron Foundation Grant

On March 12, Clayton Library Friends received a grant from the Harry S. and Isabel C. Cameron Foundation for partial funding of National Archives Microfilm Publication T520, *Index (Soundex) to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, MD, 1897-1952* (part of Record Group 85, Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1891-1957). CLF extends its sincere thanks to the Cameron Foundation for its support of this acquisition. ■

### Thanks!

Earlier this year, membership chair Liz Hicks headed up an effort to provide telephone reminders to members who had not renewed in 2001. Special thanks go out to Mrs. Renee Cooke, Mrs. Virginia Simms Toney, Mrs. Jane Bellow, and Mrs. Patricia Shores Zadrowski for volunteering their time to support this effort. ■

## Newsletter receives "Honorable Mention"

Just prior to publication deadline, we were notified that *The CLF Newsletter* was awarded "Honorable Mention" in the Major Genealogical and/or Historical Societies Category of the National Genealogical Society 2001 Newsletter Competition. Assessed in the areas of content (60%) and design (40%), *The CLF Newsletter* received 274 points out of a possible 300. The First place award went to *Nuestra Herencia*; the runner-up award, to *Archival Anecdotes*.

The NGS Newsletter Competition is held annually and is open to any NGS organizational member that publishes a newsletter. This is the second time Clayton Library Friends has participated in the competition. Our first entry, in 1998, won first place in the same category. ■



CLF Millenium Book Project

## Another Chance to Sponsor a Book!

We would once again like to offer the CLF membership the opportunity to sponsor books from Clayton Library's "want list" as part of the CLF Millenium Book Project. This issue's list contains some very interesting—and much needed—items related to Louisiana genealogy. If you see something on the list that catches your eye, please consider sponsoring it as an acquisition for the library. Gift checks should be marked "Millenium Book Project" and mailed to the CLF post office box.

Comments on this issue's list of books were provided by Robert de Berardinis.

- Hughes, Robert. *Records and Notes of Old Sharon Church*. Baton Rouge, La.: La Comité, 1983. \$12.50.

This title concerns one of the oldest Protestant churches in the Florida parishes, which, luckily, has a wide assortment of extant records. This church, located in Tangipahoa Parish, contains records of many mid nineteenth century British Isles immigrants into New Orleans, as they moved across Lakes Ponchartrain and Maurepas into Tangipahoa, St. Helena, and St. Tammany Parishes.

- Schilling, Edwin C. *Echoes from the Past*. Montpelier, La.: St. Helena Historical Association, 1998. \$34.00.
- *Early Settlers of St. Helena Parish including 1820 Census and American State Papers Listing*. Montpelier, La.: St. Helena Historical Association, 1999. \$6.00.
- *1840 Census and 1835 Tax List of St. Helena Parish*. Montpelier, La.: St. Helena Historical Association, 1999. \$6.00.

The last three titles deal with Louisiana's St. Helena Parish, one of the least represented in the Clayton Library collection. Although they are important references for the study of St. Helena Parish and the founding of Montpelier, they also provide vital genealogical information on mid nineteenth century "Foreign" French and British Isles immigrants. All three books have received excellent reviews.

- La Cour, Jeraldine Dufour. *Brides' Book of Avoyelles Parish, vol. 2*. Alexandria, La.: p.p., 1997. \$20.00.
- La Cour, Jeraldine Dufour. *Brides' Book of Avoyelles Parish, vol. 3*. Alexandria, La.: p.p., 1999. \$20.00.

These last two titles are continuations of the index to civil parish marriage records of Avoyelles Parish. Both are excellent finding aids and are definitely needed.

- *St. Joseph Catholic Church Cemetery*. Thibodaux, La.: Terrebonne Genealogical Society, 1998. \$30.00.

Occasionally, researchers who use Catholic church records are hampered because of gaps in the sacramental register entries, and cemetery records such as the ones in this volume can often be used to bridge those gaps. They are also useful as alternatives or supplements to conveyance records (deeds) and vital records. Although excellent by itself, this book's value is considerably enhanced when used in conjunction with Rev. Héberts' *South Louisiana Records: Church and Civil Records of Lafourche-Terrebonne Parishes*, 10 vols. Cecilia, La.: Hébert Publications, 1978-88), already at Clayton.

- *Claiborne Parish School Records*. (on microfilm)
- *History of Louisiana Baptists*. 1881. (on microfilm)

The last two items are on a single roll of microfilm, priced at \$28.00. The first item deals with an area of family history that many North Louisiana researchers neglect: parish school records, especially for the antebellum period and Reconstruction. Claiborne Parish was the gateway to (eastern) Bossier, Jackson, Lincoln, Union, and Bienville Parishes during the antebellum period. The second item contains background material on a topic that no researcher of North Louisiana can do without: Baptists and their records. This is a microfilm of the 1881 edition. It contains a number of biographical items as well as explanations of camps, meetings, and associations.

- *First Presbyterian Church (of Shreveport) Records and Minutes, 1845-1943*. \$36.00 (microfilm).

This title contains important material on the oldest, continuously operating, church in Shreveport, Louisiana. With the First Presbyterian Church being, for a number of years, the only "established" church in Caddo Parish, it is inconceivable that any substantive, antebellum research could be done in that area without access to that church's records.

- Glass, Gaines. *Grand Go the Years: A History of the First Baptist Church (of Baton Rouge)*. Baton Rouge, La.: Le Comité, 1995. \$17.50.

This fine history of the second oldest Protestant church in Baton Rouge was published by the

"Friends" group of the Louisiana State Archives. Although the wealth and fecundity of Catholic records in South Louisiana is well known, researching Protestants in that area presents some unique problems not found in researching North Louisiana Protestants. As always, background history as well as details concerning records of an ancestor's church can make research much easier.

- Deiler, J. Hanno. *History of the German Churches in Louisiana, 1823-1893*. 1983, reprint; Baltimore: Clearfield, 1992. \$17.50.

This translation of Professor Deiler's classic work on Germans (and, incidentally, German speaking Alsations) is available again. For those researching Germans in South Louisiana (not on the German Coast), this book is filled in background material that can save the researcher a lot of time.

- Costello, Brian J. *History of Pointe Coupée Parish, Louisiana*. New Roads, La.: p.p., 1999. \$19.50.

This is the first real work done on Pointe Coupée local history since Bill Barron (author of *The Vaudreuil Papers*) published his works on early French colonial Pointe Coupée, *Census of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, 1745* (New Orleans: Polyanthos, 1978). Reviewed very favorably, this item is a must for Clayton's shelves.

- Mier, Betty. *Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Cemetery and Funeral Records*. Lafayette, La.: St. John the Evangelist Cemetery Fund, 1999. \$32.00.

This fine book, which contains both cemetery records and finding aids for the cemetery plots, is a necessity for those researching early Acadiana. Also, Mier's book does not use the same records as those cited in Hébert, and, incidentally, it helped this writer determine his ancestor's death date and burial site, neither of which were recorded in Hébert.



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