

# THE CLF NEWSLETTER

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## HPL Master Plan Receives Approval from City Council

On October 3, the Houston City Council voted to approve the HPL Master Plan. Dubbed "Standards for Excellence," the document will guide Houston Public Library evolution for the next ten years. Among many items in the plan are several capital improvements to Clayton Library that will begin in 2004, including build-out of the second floor of the main building, further refurbishment and preservation of the Clayton home, renovation of the Clayton guest house, and a 20-space expansion of the parking lot. Build-out of the second floor of the main building will boost the gross floor space of the library from 25,400 to 34,600 square feet to accommodate projected growth of the microprint collection. Work on the Clayton home will include the addition of an elevator for handicapped access to the second floor, additional book shelving, additional staff office space, and the completion of previously deferred roof and window repairs. Work on the guest house will result in the addition of office and storage space, some of which will be made available to Clayton Library Friends.

According to the plan, Clayton-related projects will be completed by 2006 and will cost approximately \$3,848,000 (current-year dollars). Approval of the plan does not

automatically result in approval of funds for the projects described therein; however, it does represent the officially sanctioned baseline to which the city will work in laying out budget priorities and bond issues through 2010.

On October 2, CLF President Don Pusch and former presidents Ginny Toney, David Singleton, and Pat Metcalfe appeared before Houston City Council to speak in favor of approving the plan.

Members can examine the entire HPL Master Plan on the Internet at

[www.hpl.lib.tx.us/hpl/std4ex.pdf](http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/hpl/std4ex.pdf)

## CLF Nominating Committee Report

The CLF nominating committee proposes the individuals named below as candidates for executive board positions in 2002. These candidates (and any others nominated from the floor) will be voted upon at the November 10 general membership meeting.

President.....David Bryan Singleton  
1st VP.....Paula Perkins Parke  
2nd VP.....Alfred Davis IV  
Secretary.....Jose O. Guerra, Jr.  
Treasurer.....Donald E. Pusch  
1st-term Director.....Gay E. Carter  
1st-term Director.....Emily A. Croom  
1st-term Director.....Ralph Dittman

(Please see candidate bios, page 7.)

## President's Message

Well, we are now in the last quarter of the year, and after our November meeting we will have several new officers-elect for 2002. How time flies! I would like to thank all of those board members and committee chairmen who served with me the last two terms and helped so much in our efforts to promote, support, and enhance the Clayton Library. It has been a pleasure working with you all.

Although the person's name has yet to be announced, it appears that we will also have a new newsletter editor in 2002. When I took over the newsletter ten years ago from Jim Younglove, I did not anticipated keeping it under my wing quite so long. It's been an enjoyable experience, but ten years is enough,

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**NEXT MEETING**  
Saturday  
November 10, 10:00 a.m.  
Bayland Community Center

**SPEAKER**  
Lesley Douthwaite  
Assistant Manager  
Clayton Library

**TOPIC**  
Searching for your  
Scottish Ancestors

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**CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS**

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Alfred Davis IV ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> VP  
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Jose O. Guerra, Jr. .... Treasurer

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Assistant Editors:

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Suzanne Gay, Pat Metcalfe

**Annual Membership Dues**

Individual ..... \$10.00  
Two people (same address).. \$15.00

**Special Friends**

Contributor ..... \$1 to \$49  
Donor ..... \$50 to \$99  
Patron ..... \$100 to \$249  
Sponsor ..... \$250 to \$499  
Benefactor..... \$500 and above

## Clayton Library Friends Financial Report

July 1 through September 30, 2001

**CHECKING ACCOUNT**

Starting Balance .....	\$ 34,987
Unrestricted Funds .....	16,326
Restricted Funds:	
Endowment .....	900
Other .....	8,782.23
CLF Operating Funds .....	8,918
2002 Prepaid Dues.....	60
Deposits, total .....	10,096
Unrestricted Funds .....	2,409
Restricted Funds:	
Endowment .....	-0-
Other .....	7,178
CLF Operating Funds .....	510
2002 Prepaid Dues.....	-0-
Withdrawals, total .....	4,060
Unrestricted Funds .....	2,896
Restricted Funds:	
Endowment .....	-0-
Other .....	165
CLF Operating Funds .....	1,000
Ending Balance .....	41,022.88
Unrestricted Funds .....	15,839
Restricted Funds:	
Endowment .....	900
Other .....	15,795
CLF Operating Funds .....	8,428
2002 Prepaid Dues.....	60

**SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

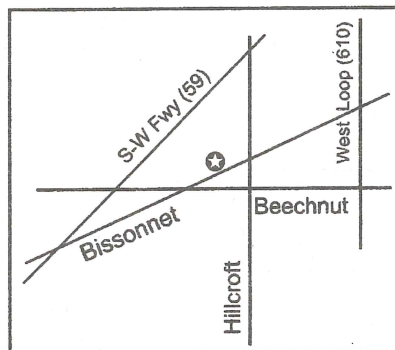
Wood Forest Bank .....	100,000
IBC CD (endowment fund).....	105,962 *
Beal Bank CD.....	15,000 †
IBC Money Market (endowment yield).....	21,794 ‡

Jose O. Guerra, Jr., Treasurer

\* The IBC CD endowment contains some endowment yield funds.

† 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



## □ COMING ATTRACTIONS

# Cuban Papers Being Acquired



The *Papeles Procedentes de Cuba* or "Cuban Papers" will be arriving soon at Clayton Library thanks to a testamentary bequest left to Clayton Library Friends by Mary Smith Fay, CG, FASG. These papers are vital for genealogists researching ancestors who lived in the Spanish provinces of Louisiana and Texas during the period 1765–1801. Acquisition of the Cuban Papers will place Clayton Library among only a handful of libraries, all either private or academic, that own this microfilm collection. Perhaps even more significant is the fact that the Cuban Papers, coupled with Clayton's Robert Bruce Blake Research Collection and the Texas Room's recently acquired Béxar Archives (originals and translations) and Nacogdoches Archives microfilm will give local genealogists access to the major collections of governmental papers dealing with this period.\*

Although the title, "Cuban Papers," would suggest that these documents are in Spanish, it has been estimated by Winston De Ville and others that perhaps as much as half are in French. Some are even in English! The massive extent of the collection is such that no researcher has gone through all the *legajos* or bound volumes of records. The Cuban Papers *legajos* are grouped into twenty-three series based on the subject matter dealt with and the primary places of origin of the bound documents. For an overview of the Cuban Papers, researchers should consult the two-part article by Don Pusch that appeared in the February and May 1998 issues of *The CLF Newsletter*.

After the Cuban Papers microfilm arrives at Clayton, Louisiana researcher Robert de Berardinis will give two free training sessions for CLF members on how to conduct research in this collection. Featured will be the major finding aid by Roscoe J. Hill, *Descriptive Catalogue of the Documents Relating to the History of the United States in the Papeles Procedentes de Cuba Deposited in the Archivo General de Indias at Seville* (1916 reprint; New York: Kraus Reprint Corp., 1965) as well as other more specific aids. Consult the Clayton Library Friends Bulletin Board for times and dates.

A few of the Cuban Papers series are not applicable to North America or they contain papers that were considered to be of little value for historical or genealogical research, for example, series 10, which deals with Vera Cruz. For this reason, CLF has selected for acquisition only the series listed below. The following descriptions were abstracted from Roscoe Hill's *Descriptive Catalogue* of the Cuban Papers:

**Series 1, Archivo de Guerra, Florida Occidental:** *Legajos* 1–227. Series 1 consists of correspondence of the governors of Louisiana with their subordinates, with the captains general of Cuba, the ministers of the Indies, the viceroys of New Spain, the bishops of Louisiana, and the consuls of Spain in the United States; correspondence of the commandants of Pensacola, the intendants of Louisiana, and the commandants of Mobile; *expedientes* (files) in civil, criminal, and military cases; *reales cédulas* (royal identifications) and *despachos* (dispatches); and indexes and letter books. In this series, one will also find census records of Louisiana's German Coast, Arkansas Post, Ascension Parish, the Attakapas region, Acadian settlements, Avoyelles, Baton Rouge, Cannes Brûlées, Opelousas, St. Geneviève, New Orleans, Natchitoches, and other posts and settlements in the colony.

**Series 2, Florida Occidental:** *Legajos* 228–282. Series 2 consists of correspondence of the intendants of Louisiana and West Florida; accounts of the treasury and *real almacén* (royal warehouse) of Pensacola, the office formed by Spain to conclude governmental affairs in Louisiana, the treasury of Nogales, and the hospital at Pensacola; *ajustamientos* (adjustments) and *listas de revista* (inspection lists) of troops and militia at Pensacola and Apalache; and treasury *expedientes* of New Orleans and Pensacola.

**Series 4, Luisiana:** *Legajos* 488–668. Series 4 contains accounts of the treasury, customhouse, the *contaduría*, and the *real almacén* of New Orleans; correspondence of the intendants of Louisiana and West Florida with the *Ministerio de Hacienda* (Ministry of Finance), the governors of Louisiana, the *contadores* of New Orleans and Pensacola, the intendants of Havana, the



*Tribunal de Cuentas* of Havana, the various commandants of Pensacola and Mobile, treasury officials of Pensacola, customs officials of New Orleans, and commandants and *guardas almacenes* (warehouse keepers) of the posts of Louisiana; accounts of the *guardas almacenes* of Natchez, Nogales, Placaminas, Mobile, and New Madrid; records of the hospital of New Orleans; royal orders and *cédulas*; *asientos*, *listas de revista*, and *ajutstamientos* of troops, militia, and employees; commissions and *hojas de servicio* (service records) of officials of Louisiana; and documents relating to the city of New Orleans.

**Series 5, Nueva Orleans:** *Legajos* 669–706. Series 5 consists of accounts of the treasury and the *real almacén* of New Orleans; accounts of the *reales almacenes* of Mobile, Plaqueminas, Baton Rouge, and Pensacola; treasury *expedientes* of New Orleans; and correspondence of the intendants and *contadores* of Louisiana.

**Series 8, Costa Firme:** *Legajos* 758–887. Series 8 consists primarily of correspondence and accounts of the treasury at Costa Firme. Within the series, only *legajos* 772 and 830 are related to the U.S. These contain accounts of the *guardas almacenes* at Plaqueminas and Natchez, respectively.

**Series 15, Archivo de Guerra, Capitanes Generales:** *Legajos* 1049–2264. Series 15 consists of correspondence of the Captain General's office at Havana with the governors of Louisiana and Florida, the intendants of Louisiana and West Florida, the bishops of Louisiana, various Spanish agents, ministers, and consuls in the United States, the commandants of Mobile and Pensacola, the commandant of the Army of Operation of 1781–1782, ministers in Spain (War, Hacienda, Indies, State, and Grace and Justice), and various officials in the U.S.

**Series 18, Luisiana:** *Legajos* 2317–2321. Series 18 consists of royal orders and accounts dealing with the treasury at New Orleans.

**Series 20, Florida Occidental:** *Legajos* 2328–2334. Series 20 consists of accounts and judicial papers of the *Real Hacienda* originating at the treasury in New Orleans, Balize, and at the royal warehouse at Natchez.

**Series 21, Varios:** *Legajos* 2335–2346. Series 21 consists of accounts and correspondence originating from the treasury, intendancy, and royal warehouse at New Orleans.

**Series 23, Florida Occidental, Miscelánea:** *Legajos* 2351–2375. Series 23 consists of materials removed by the Archivo General de Indias from *legajos* 1–227. This series contains miscellaneous correspondence and other documents of the same character as the documents in series 1.

### A Sampling Of Cuban Papers Content

Roscoe Hill's *Descriptive Catalogue*, provides excellent descriptions of many of the Cuban Papers *legajos*. And, while the sheer mass of the collection makes it difficult to relate such details here, we thought it instructive to sample a few of the topics noted by Hill in the first 20 *legajos* of series 1.

#### *Legajo* Numbers 1-10

Copy of the will of Mr. LaCledé of St. Louis, 1779; petition of the French inhabitants living east of the Mississippi; Acadian affairs; list of officers and troops for the expedition of 1780; English subjects in Louisiana; petitions for land grants; French immigrants from Illinois; immigrants from the United States and their oaths of allegiance; passports granted by Governor Miró; the project of Charles Wheelan with thirty Catholic families, 1789; Pantón and Company and the Indian trade; the rebellion at Natchez; American immigrants at Natchez; lists of militia at St. Louis and St. Genevieve.

#### *Legajo* Numbers 11-20

Muster rolls of officers and soldiers; petition of Harry Alexander, David Hodge, and ten other Englishmen regarding their status; case against William Davenport for sedition; petitions and oaths of fidelity taken by the inhabitants of Natchez; lists of Acadians and French arriving at *Passe à l'Outre*; orphans in the Ursuline convent at New Orleans; lists of persons arriving at Natchez from Kentucky; lists of militia companies at Natchez; land grants at Natchez; remittances of petitions for land grants; lists of crews and passengers on boats arriving from the United States (via the Mississippi River); the application of George Adams to Col. George Morgan for 320 acres of land at New Madrid; list of Americans taking oath of allegiance at New Madrid; list of immigrants from the United States settling in the San Luis de Illinueses (St. Louis, Illinois), 1787–1789; the census of New Madrid; petitions of creditors seeking to secure the collection of debts; notices regarding various convicts and their trials.

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\* To round out Clayton's collection of material applicable to the French and Spanish periods, CLF hopes to eventually acquire the Louisiana Colonial Records Project; the French Superior Council Records; the Cabildo Records and Proceedings; the Randolph, Perrin, Tardiveau, and St. Clair County Collections for Illinois; the "Spanish" papers for Missouri; and the British West Florida Records.





**Presidents Message** (Continued from page 1)  
and I believe it is time for some new ideas and the application of some new technology. My sincere thanks to the many people who contributed to newsletter production over the years and to those of you who have written the many articles that kept *The CLF Newsletter* rated as one of the best in the country. As to other matters...

#### FUND RAISING

Fund raising this year has again been outstanding! As of October 13, Clayton Library Friends had raised \$48,600 in cash and in gifts-in-kind for the library. This figure will undoubtedly make a substantial jump as we receive end-of-year gifts that flow in with membership renewals. If you have not contributed to CLF so far in 2001, please consider sending in a donation with your renewal. Gifts received by December 31 will be credited to 2001 and will be acknowledged in the February 2002 newsletter. Look for your renewal notice to arrive in mid to late November. CLF certainly welcomes monetary gifts for any portion of the collection; however, our emphasis for the remainder of this year and into 2002 will be acquisition of 1930 census microfilm. As of October 13, funds totaling \$17,200 had been set aside for that purpose. This will allow us to procure most of the available microfilm for Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma plus portions of other states for which specific donations were received. Unfortunately, this is still only about one tenth of the total cost of the 1930 census, so we have a long way to go. In the next newsletter, we hope to have a graphic depicting our progress toward the goal of acquiring all of the 1930 census microfilm.

#### ACQUISITIONS

As you can see from other items in the newsletter, we continue to acquire quality books and microfilm

for the Clayton collection. Access to original Texas source material received a substantial boost when the Republic of Texas Claims microfilm arrived. This, coupled with the B  xar Archives collection recently acquired by the Texas Room, gives Houston-area researchers some outstanding Texas material with which to work. Funds are also being expended for some very excellent foreign material. As the newsletter goes to press, we are ordering microfiche of the indexes to birth, marriage, and death records for England and Wales, 1837-1930, made available by the British Office of National Statistics.

#### MICROPRINT COPIERS

At last!...new microprint copiers. Those of you who have been struggling with the print quality of the old microprint copiers on the second floor will be happy to see that they have been replaced. With this addition, the library can boast having a full complement of new equipment. By the way, the new copiers are yet another contribution to the library made possible through Clayton Library Friends.

#### IN CLOSING

I can hardly end this column without some remarks concerning the tragic events of September 11. It was for me, and I'm sure for all our members, a day so shocking and so emotionally wrenching that there is little with which to compare it. The price of freedom, as the quote goes, is constant vigilance, and of all the manifestations of September 11, perhaps the most significant is its reinforcement of that absolute and invariable truth. May God give us the strength, as individuals and as a nation, to continue that vigilance in the months and years to come.

Don Pusch  
President

## Sponsorship Complete for Republic of Texas Claims

In the last newsletter, we announced acquisition of the Republic of Texas Claims microfilm and the fact that there was still time to sponsor one or more rolls of this film. We are happy to announce that all of this outstanding collection has now been sponsored. Additional contributors include the James W. Brown Chapter DRT, the San Jacinto Chapter DRT, and the Boeing Matching Gift Program (employee sponsor: Cynthia R. Magnant).

The Republic of Texas Claims microfilm (259 rolls) has all been boxed and labeled and is available for patron use on the second floor of Clayton Library. ■

## Fay Bequest Provides New Microprint Copiers

On October 1, Clayton Library took delivery of three new Minolta MS 7000 digital microprint scanner systems that were purchased with funds provided from the estate of the late Mary Smith Fay, CG, FASG. These scanners feature the latest in imaging technology and are much needed replacements for the existing printers, which are near the end of their service life. The new systems are equipped with MSP 3000 laser printers and carry a full range of features including zoom lenses (50 to 200%), automatic focus and exposure, masking, and image rotation. Of special interest is the fact that these systems retain the capability to print on 11- by 17-inch paper and allow for the manual



mounting and removal of microfilm reels. This latter feature eliminates the need to re-wind microfilm when transferring it from reader to printer.

At the time of her death in July 2000, Mrs. Fay was the Clayton Library Friends second vice president and had just completed a two-year term on the board of the Houston Public Library. A Certified Genealogist since 1971, she was elected a fellow of the Texas State Genealogical Society in 1985 and the American Society of Genealogists in 1997. ■

## Douthwaite to Speak at November CLF Meeting

Focus to be on  
Scottish Research

At the CLF annual meeting on November 10, Lesley Douthwaite, assistant manager of the Clayton Library, will speak on the topic "Searching for Your Scottish Ancestors." Ms. Douthwaite is a native of England but has lived in the U.S. since 1974. Prior to her relocation to Houston, she was head of the local history and genealogical collection of the Joint Free Public Library of Morristown and Morris Township in Morristown, New Jersey. Ms. Douthwaite joined Houston Public Library in September 1999 and in July 2000 was appointed assistant manager of Clayton Library.

In January of this year, she attended a course on Scottish research at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. Combining information from that course with her personal knowledge of the many Scottish research sources at Clayton, she has put together a presentation that should be of great interest to anyone researching Scottish ancestors. ■

## Texas Room Acquires Béxar Archives Microfilm

In the November 2000 newsletter, we included an article on the Béxar Archives collection, one of the few genealogical resources for the pre-republic period in Texas. We are happy to announce that Houston Public Library's Texas and Local History Collection has acquired the Béxar Archives microfilm and it is now available for patron use. The collection is housed in the Texas Room on the second floor of the Julia Ideson Building (across the plaza from HPL Central).

For more on the Texas and Local History Collection, see the web page at [www.hpl.lib.tx.us/hpl/txr.html](http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/hpl/txr.html). ■

## Burial Index for England and Wales Acquired

Through a gift from the Friends, Clayton Library has acquired the CD-ROM index to burials in England and Wales, 1536-2000. Referred to as the "National Burial Index," this research tool provides an index to more than 5.4 million burials. Although by no means complete, the index does contain an enormous amount of data abstracted from available cemetery and church registers. The work is based on the cumulative efforts of more than 50 family history societies throughout England and Wales working from either original sources (when available) or from microfiche transcriptions or printed registers. The two CD-ROMs in this set contain abstracts of the records and include the following data on each of the recorded burials:

- County of burial
- Parish or cemetery
- Date of the burial
- Given name of the deceased
- Surname of the deceased
- Age at time of death
- Transcribing society

The data is displayed in a table format that can be sorted on any column. Also, a search engine is provided that allows the researcher to query the database for specific names, date ranges, and locations. ■

## Houston Voters Consider Prop E November 6th

Funds will Kick-Start  
HPL Master Plan

On Tuesday, November 6, Houston residents will have the opportunity to vote on bond issues that will fund numerous capital improvements for the City of Houston. Among these are Houston Public Library projects addressed as part of Proposition E, a proposed \$40 million outlay that will fund renovation, construction, or expansion of eighteen libraries in the HPL system. Although focused primarily on much needed repairs and upgrades to HPL branch libraries, over half of the Proposition-E funds will be used to jump-start work on the various projects included in the HPL Master Plan. For this reason, Clayton Library Friends members who are residents of Houston are urged to support Proposition E at the ballot box on Tuesday, November 6, and to encourage neighbors and friends to do likewise. ■



## Candidates for 2002 CLF Executive Board Offices

**David Bryan Singleton**, nominee for president, is a past CLF director (1996) and president (1997). David is director of the design center for Grace Financial Company and he assists associates in the overall financial planning process for their clients. He has been active in numerous civic and professional organizations and is a nationally recognized speaker on motivational issues, sales and marketing ideas, and genealogical topics. For several years, David served on the faculty of the University of Houston, teaching courses in the College of Business Technology.

**Paula Perkins Parke**, nominee for first vice president, is a native Texan who has been involved in genealogy for the past twenty year and as a professional consultant, lecturer, and instructor in genealogy for the past eleven years. She is currently editor of the *TSGS* (Texas State Genealogical Society) *Speakers Bureau Directory* and from 1995 to 1999 was a TSGS district representative. She created, and now maintains, the TSGS web site. Other affiliations have included the Collin County Genealogical Society where she served as second vice president (1991–1993), president (1993–1995), first vice president (1995–1996), library liaison and volunteers coordinator (1995–1997), and FGS delegate (1997–2000). She has also served as executive vice president of the Dallas Genealogical Society (1998–1999) and as president of the Peters Colony Historical Society (1994–1997). She previously serving on the Denton County Historical Commission.

**Alfred Davis IV**, nominee for CLF second vice president, is a previous CLF director and is currently serving as CLF second vice president. Al is state projects director for Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and is chairman of the Harris County Historical Commission. He served six years on the Texas Historical Commission (1989–1995) and is an ex officio member of San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board and the Greater Houston Preservation Alliance. Al is a long-term Texas resident and a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Houston. A member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, he was recently inducted into the Order of the Knights of San Jacinto.

**Jose O. Guerra Jr.**, nominee for CLF secretary, is currently serving as CLF treasurer. He is a native Texan and a graduate of Texas A&M University, from which he holds a degree in business administration. Jose is vice president of Olsen and Guerra Lumber Company in Houston and has been active in Rotary Club chapters in

both Houston and Corpus Christi. He is a member of the Hispanic Genealogical Society of Houston, where he is currently serving as president. For the past four years he has served as that organization's journal editor and for the past five years as web page curator. His avocations include genealogy and family history, computers, and tennis.

**Donald E. Pusch**, nominee for CLF treasurer, is in his second term as CLF president. For the past ten years, he has served as editor of *The CLF Newsletter*. Other CLF posts have included CLF director and volunteers chairman (1992–1993), computer learning center coordinator at the 1994 NGS Conference, and CLF web page curator (1995–2001). Don is a native Texan and a graduate of Texas A&M University. Now involved in writing and research full-time, his past professional life included twenty years in the Air Force and ten years in management positions with NASA contractors on the Space Shuttle and Space Station programs.

**Gay E. Carter**, nominee for first-term CLF director, served previously as a CLF director and programs chairman (1995–1996). Gay is the reference/documents librarian at Alfred R. Neumann Library, University of Houston Clear Lake and supervises Neumann Library's U.S. federal depository and Texas state depository collections. She is a graduate of Texas Woman's University and holds a Master of Library Science degree. Gay is active in the Government Documents Round Table of the Texas Library Association and served as chairman in 1991–1992.

**Emily A. Croom**, nominee for first-term CLF director, has been active in genealogy for over thirty years. She is an accomplished author and lecturer and has published several widely known books on genealogy, including *Unpuzzling Your Past*, *The Unpuzzling Your Past Workbook*, *The Genealogist's Companion & Sourcebook*, and *The Sleuth Book for Genealogists: Strategies for More Successful Family History Research*. She holds BA and MA degrees in history and teaches online genealogy classes for Barnes and Noble University. A member of CLF since 1995, Emily has also been active in the Houston Genealogical Forum and several other genealogical societies. She is a frequent contributor to *The CLF Newsletter*, the *Family Tree Magazine*, and other journals.

**Ralph Dittman**, nominee for first-term CLF director is...

(We regret that Mr. Dittman's biographical data did not reach us in time for publication. Editor.)



Millenium Book Project

## Yet another chance to adopt a homeless book!

On this quarter's list of books needing a good home (in the Clayton Library), we have included the remainder of the un-sponsored books in the multi-volume reference work, *Guide to New York Historical Resources in New York Repositories*. Even if you don't do New York research, you should donate to this cause, as the books will be an outstanding addition to the Clayton collection. As always, if you donate funds for one or more of these books, the library will place a book plate inside the front cover giving the donor's name. Additionally, the bookplate can serve as a memorial to a deceased loved one or ancestor or can be used to honor someone special. If you would like to sponsor a book, please send an e-mail note to Robert de Berardinis at [redeberardinis@yahoo.com](mailto:redeberardinis@yahoo.com) or call (713) 266-1692. In the past, some of our "millenium" books have attracted more than one sponsor, so please contact Robert before mailing in your check.

**Guides to New York Historical Resources in New York Repositories.** These guides are absolutely indispensable for genealogical research in New York State, especially for *Revolutionary and Colonial era research*. Most of the items in these guides are not found on Family History Library microfilm or other manuscript databases. The New York Historical Resources Center began compiling a list of collections open to the public in 1978. These printed guides are the cumulative product of that effort. Here is what Clayton Library needs (by county):

Allegany, \$10	Onondaga, vol. 3, \$22
Cayuga, \$7	Ontario, \$18
Chatauqua, \$22	Orange, \$16
Chenango, \$7	Orleans, \$4
Clinton, \$16	Putnam, \$7
Cortland, \$9	Rensselaer, \$9
Essex, \$10	Richmond, \$18
Franklin, \$7	Rockland, \$9
Fulton, \$6	Saratoga, \$7
Genesee, \$7	Schuyler, \$6
Greene, \$13	Seneca, \$7
Hamilton, \$7	Sullivan, \$6
Herkimer, \$7	Tioga, \$7
Livingston, \$6	Tompkins, \$13
Monroe, vol. 2, \$18	Warren, \$7
Monroe, vol. 3, \$22	Washington, \$7
Niagara, \$7	Wayne, \$7
Onondaga, vol. 1, \$22	Wyoming, \$7
Onondaga, vol. 2, \$11	Yates, \$7

## Baltimore Probate Records Now Available

Through a generous donation from one of our patrons, Clayton Library Friends has been able to purchase the entire set (110 rolls) of Baltimore City and County probate records, a collection that includes both the indexes and the underlying documents. These records start in 1631 and run through 1919. Before 1851, Baltimore City and Baltimore County covered exactly the same geographical area and Baltimore City kept all of the records. Beginning in 1851, each political entity kept its own, although the courts of Baltimore City handled all the proceedings.

The records include:

- Index to Wills, 1664-1910
- Wills, 1666-1911
- Administration/Estate Dockets, 1776-1919
- Index to Inventories, 1895-1916
- Index to Accounts of Sale, 1851-1908
- Index to Administration Accounts, 1631-1918
- Index to Orphans Court Records, 1851-1909
- Orphans Court Proceedings, 1851-1907

Researchers should note that, although the pre-1851 Orphans Court index and proceeding have been micro-filmed, the film is in such bad condition that we were unable to acquire duplicates of it. ■

## Seminar Set for December 9th

The Clayton Library staff will conduct a two-part library seminar on Saturday, December 9, in the Concourse Meeting Room at HPL Central. This will feature Marje Harris, manager of the Clayton Library, and Lesley Douthwaite, assistant manager.

From 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., Ms. Harris will present basic information on how to get started in genealogy and how to lay a good foundation on which to base further research. This seminar is especially geared for the beginning researcher.

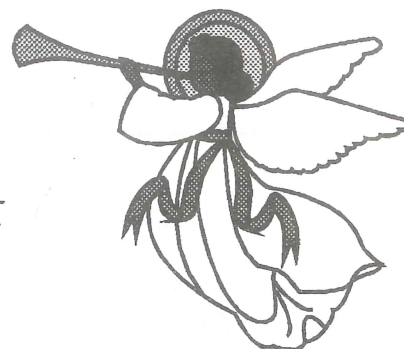
From 10:45 until noon, Ms. Douthwaite will address the topic of "What's New at Clayton." Since the library is constantly bringing new material into the collection, Ms. Douthwaite's presentation should be of interest to everyone who uses the library.

There is no registration requirement for these seminars; however, the Concourse Meeting Room is limited to about 100 people, so please come early. HPL Central is located at 500 McKinney. Enter basement-level parking via the ramp on the Lamar side of the building. ■





## Angels Report



We still have several periodical subscriptions that remain to be sponsored for 2002 (see below). It is important for us to keep subscriptions current, as back issues are sometimes not available or cost much more than if acquired with a normal subscription. Clayton has a limited periodical budget; therefore, we look to people who will become "Angels" by underwriting one or more periodical subscriptions the library needs on a continuing basis. Angels subscriptions can be made in honor or memory of someone and will be acknowledged in the newsletter. To become an Angel, please contact Liz Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030, phone: (713) 944-1118, e-mail: [erootrot@usa.net](mailto:erootrot@usa.net).

### Periodicals needing sponsors in 2002:

*Annals of Wyoming.* \$20.00.  
*California State Genealogical Alliance Newsletter.* \$20.00  
*Central Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly.* \$20.00.  
*Chicago Genealogist.* \$20.00/yr., \$250.00/life.  
*Clarke County Historical Society Quarterly.* (Ala.) \$20.00.  
*Cobblestone* (national children's publication). \$29.95.  
*The Family Tree* (UK). \$47.50.  
*Flint Genealogical Quarterly* (Mich.). \$17.00.  
*Florida Historical Quarterly.* \$40.00.  
*The Foothills Inquirer* (Col.). \$15.00.  
*Gems of Genealogy* (Wisconsin). \$10.00.  
*Georgia Genealogical Magazine.* \$35.00.  
*Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly.* \$25.00.  
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*Lifelines* (N.Y., Canada). \$25.00.  
*Lithuanian Heritage Magazine.* \$29.95.  
*Montgomery Genealogical Society Quarterly* (Ala.). \$12.00.  
*Northeast Alabama Settlers.* \$15.00.  
*The Northeast Mississippi Historical & Genealogical Society Quarterly.* \$15.00.  
*Polish Footprints.* \$20.00.  
*The Prairie Gleaner* (west central Mo.). \$12.00.  
*Revista* (Cuban Gen. Soc.) \$20.00.  
*Rodziny* (Polish Gen. Soc. of America). \$20.00.  
*Rowan County Registers* (N.C.) \$25.00.  
*Seneca Searches* (Ohio). \$10.00/year, \$100.00/life.  
*Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly* (Kans.). \$15.00.  
*Upper South Carolina Genealogy & History.* \$20.00.  
*Vermont Genealogy.* \$20.00.  
*Washington State Genealogical Society Newsletter.* \$10.00.

Special thanks to the following Angels who have underwritten subscriptions for 2002, paid for back issues, or made donations to the Angels Project:

Dr. Joe Marshall Moody and Phyllis Vaughan Moody - 2002 subscriptions to *Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine*, *The Carolina Herald and Newsletter*, *Greenville County Gen. Soc. Journal* (S.C.), *Central Alabama Genealogical Society Biannual*, *The Giles County Historical Society Bulletin* (Tenn.), *The Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History*, and *Tennessee Genealogy and History*, all in honor of the Tipton and Middleton Families.

Mrs. Genevieve Goodpasture - *Greenville Chapter Journal* (S.C.) and donation to Angels project.

Shelley D. Rardin - back issues and 2002 subscription to *Ross County Genealogical Society Newsletter* (Ohio).

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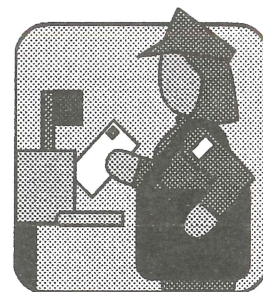


## Dues Renewal Notices Coming

Please check your mailing label on this newsletter. If the date above your name is 2001, time is approaching to renew for 2002. CLF dues notices and envelopes will be mailed this month, so please watch for them. You don't want to miss out on seminars, meetings, or the award winning *CLF Newsletter* in 2002! You can help us avoid the Christmas mail bottleneck by sending in your dues before the holidays, and you might also want to consider using this as an opportunity for "gifting" a friend or relative with a 2002 membership. Dues for 2002 will remain the same—\$10 per person or \$15 for two people at the same address. Checks should be made payable to CLF and mailed to CLF, P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078.

As of October 13, our membership total was 1,487. This is down by 130 Friends from our all-time high of 1,617 at the close of 2000. In spite of this, CLF remains the largest genealogical group in Texas.

For address changes or for information about dues renewals or membership, please contact CLF's 2001 membership chair, Liz Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77034-2030, phone: (713) 944-1118. You can e-mail Liz at [erootrot@usa.net](mailto:erootrot@usa.net). ■





## Classes to be Offered on Natchez Trace Collection

Louisiana researcher Robert de Berardinis will give two free classes to Clayton Library Friends members on how to use Clayton Library's newly acquired Natchez Trace Collection of colonial and territorial documents from Louisiana and Mississippi. Classes will be held December 1, 2001 and January 7, 2002 at Clayton Library beginning at 11 a.m. Seating is limited to twelve people per session. Each session will take about 30 minutes. Call Pat Metcalfe at (713) 721-7062 for reservations. ■



## HPL Computer Class Schedule

Following is the schedule of HPL-sponsored FREE computer classes for November and December. All classes are taught in the Computer Training Center on the Concourse level at HPL Central, 500 W. McKinney at Bagby. Prospective participants should sign in 30 minutes before starting time, as classes are on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

Class	Date	Time
Introducción al Internet en español.....	Nov. 3	10 AM
Window 95 Basics.....	Nov. 7	Noon
Introduction to Word 97.....	Nov. 13	5:30 PM
Database Searching – FirstSearch.....	Nov. 14	Noon
Computer Basics.....	Nov. 17	10 AM
Internet Spotlight –		
Biography Resource Center.....	Nov. 20	Noon
Computadora Básica en español.....	Nov. 27	5:30 PM
Job Searching on the Internet.....	Nov. 28	Noon
Windows 95 Básica en español.....	Dec. 1	10 AM
Introducción al Internet en español.....	Dec. 5	Noon
Introduction to Excel 97.....	Dec. 11	5:30 PM
Database Searching –		
HPL's WebPAC.....	Dec. 12	Noon
Introduction to Power Point 97.....	Dec. 15	10 AM
Internet Spotlight –		
Biography Resource Center.....	Dec. 18	Noon
Web Browser Basics.....	Dec. 19	Noon

Further schedule information can be obtained by calling the Houston Public Library at (713) 236-1313 during regular library hours. ■

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We would like to thank the following individuals who supported the Millenium Book Project since our previous acknowledgment:

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## Revolutionary War Records

Thanks to generous donations from the Paul Carrington Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, and from Mr. Tom Green, Clayton Library Friends was able to purchase for the library National Archives microfilm publication M853, *Numbered Record Books Concerning Military Operations and Service, Pay, and Settlement of Accounts, and Supplies in the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records*.

This set contains various pay, orderly, and commissary records of both Continental Line and militia groups and is an important resource for Revolutionary War genealogical research.

Researchers should consult the M853 Descriptive Pamphlet before attempting to find the relevant microfilm roll and individual record. Also, a very short synopsis of the same information concerning M853 can be found in the National Archives publication, *Military Service Records: A Select Catalog of National Archives Microfilm Publications* (Washington, D.C.: NARA, 1985), pp. 308–10, on the shelf at Clayton, call number 016.973 N277 USA.

Of the "Miscellaneous Records" related to the Revolutionary War, only five microfilm publications remain to be acquired, and three of these are on single rolls! *Are there CLF members out there who would like to sponsor these at only \$34 per roll?*

The microfilm publications of "Miscellaneous Records" (Revolutionary War) that Clayton needs are as follows:

- M913, 1 roll, *Personnel Returns of the 6th Massachusetts Battalion, 1779-1780, and Returns and Accounts of Military Stores for the 8th and 9th Massachusetts Regiments, 1779-1782.*
- M1015, 7 rolls, *Central Treasury Records of the Continental and Confederation Governments Relating to Military Affairs, 1775-1789.*
- M859, 125 rolls, *Miscellaneous Numbered Records (The Manuscript File) in the War Department Collection of War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records, 1775-1790's.* (This film represents the original records indexed in M 847,

*Special Index to Numbered Accounts in the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records, 1775-1783, already in the microfilm collection at Clayton)*

- M927, 1 roll, *Letters, Orders for Pay, Accounts, Receipts, and Other Supply Records Concerning Weapons and Military Stores, 1775-1801.*
- M1062, 1 roll, *Correspondence of the War Department Relating to Indian Affairs, Military Pensions, and Fortifications, 1791-1797.*

As always, film boxes will be labeled with the donor's name and, if desired, can be inscribed with the name of someone the donor would like to memorialize or honor. To sponsor a roll, please write to Robert de Berardinis, Clayton Library Friends, P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078, or contact him via e-mail at [redeberardinis@yahoo.com](mailto:redeberardinis@yahoo.com).

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