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President's Message

How long has it been since you have been on a theme park roller coaster? I remember my first one, it was at Playland Park in Houston (if you remember Playland Park then you are at least as old as me). What a ride! Our recent experience in re-establishing the hours at Clayton was just such a ride. This time I did not have to endure the experience by myself because I was joined by a very large group of wonderful people representing genealogy and historical societies all over the greater Houston area. We had a few meetings with representatives from many different organizations, we organized into a well-directed group and we orchestrated a well-respected campaign to accomplish our objective. We sent a substantial number of letters and e-mails to the appropriate city council members and officials and we were able to meet face to face with almost all of the council members or at least a member of their staff. The City Council was presented with an amendment and the Clayton hours of operation were left undisturbed. We should all be very proud of

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WORKING WITH CITY HALL

By Robert de Berardinis

This year has seen a major positive change for Clayton Library Friends and the genealogical community around Houston. In response to the proposed reduction in Clayton operating hours by Houston Public Library (HPL) administration, the genealogical community in Houston, Texas, and the United States came together and successfully negotiated a political battle before the Houston City Council to keep Clayton's hours unchanged. CLF and its allies can be very proud of this accomplishment.

When the mayor proposed cutting 3 per cent from the Houston Public Library budget, the administration of HPL initially said that they would cut back Clayton's hours to save money, although the administration could not name the savings. The executive board of CLF then met with representatives of the Bay Area Heritage Society, Baytown Genealogical Society, Chaparral Genealogical Society and Library, Cherokee Cultural Society, Harris County Genealogical Society, Hispanic Genealogical Society of Houston, Houston Genealogical Forum, and Polish Genealogical Society of Texas.

Immediately prior to the meeting, HPL Deputy Director issued a notice saying that HPL had no plans to close the Julia Ideson building. This bulletin however, did not address any of the specificity stated (and still stated today) in the HPL master strategic plan.

CLF President David Singleton chaired this conference in which all participants listed their concerns. They also included:

1. The needless destruction of the reference collection of HPL at the downtown branch,
2. Page 27 of the strategic master plan of

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Clayton Library Friends Financial Report

Balance Sheet As of 6/30/02

Acct	6/30/02 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Beal Bank CD	0 -
IBC Commercial Savings.....	49,508.19
ICB Money Market	21,794.00
Postal Service Bulk Mail Acc.	283.00
Wells Fargo Checking	37,734.89
Woodforest CD	100,000.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	209,320.08
TOTAL ASSETS	209,320.08
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	0 -
EQUITY	209,320.08
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	209,320.08

Cash Flow Report 1/1/02 Through 6/30/02

INFLOWS	
411 - Unrestricted Gifts.....	4,743.04
412 - Rest'd - non Endowment	75,598.46
421 - 2002 Dues	3,510.00
422 - 2003 Dues	85.00
440 - Interest - non Endowment	433.94
450 - Interest - Endowment	3,450.52
TOTAL INFLOWS	87,820.96
OUTFLOWS	
510 - Library Purchases	112,510.16
520 - Direct Pmts to Library.....	115.93
530 - Program Printing & Mailing.....	2,460.64
540 - Meeting & Seminar Expenses	20.80
550 - Misc Prog Expns.....	12.61
650 - M&G Printing & Mailing.....	199.31
660 - Office Supplies.....	100.27
670 - P.O. Box Rental	120.00
680 - Misc M&G Expenses	80.12
710 - Fund Raising Printg & Mail.....	230.00
720 - Misc Fund Raising Expns	235.17
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	116,085.01
OVERALL TOTAL	-28,264.05

Donald E. Pusch
Treasurer

Liz Hicks Will Squeegee Cars for Microfilm!

Don't be surprised if you see CLF Director Liz Hicks at the corner of Voss and Westheimer with her squeegee and cardboard sign seeking donations for microfilm of Texas Vowärts. This was her promise at a recent CLF executive board. The collection is truly the most important source of information concerning German immigrants into central Texas from October 26, 1883 to December 20, 1912. It consists of 28 rolls at \$21 per roll. \$588 purchases the entire set.

Liz Hicks is so adamant about Clayton having these newspapers that she said she would squeegee windshields if necessary. After checking with a few local realtors about street corners, Liz has decided that the smart money is on Voss and Westheimer. "Lots of dirty windshields there," she quipped.

Please spare Clayton Library Friends the embarrassment of having one of its directors "squeegeeing for microfilm" on the streets of Houston. Liz says she will start about September 14 because "that's when the heat breaks around here." As always, donors may have personalized nameplates on what can be tax-deductible contributions because CLF is a 501 c (3) tax-exempt organization. Interested individuals contact Robert de Berardinis at redeberardinis@yahoo.com or (713) 266-1692.

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.....	\$250-499
Benefactor	\$500 and more

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what was accomplished. We succeeded by working with the City Council rather than against them. A few days prior to the final vote by Council several of our supporters spoke to the City Council. Some of the Council Members actually took time to thank us for the way we interacted with them. On behalf of the Clayton Library Friends I want to thank each and every one of you for your help. This was a group effort and a group success. No one individual is responsible and that makes us strong and influential.

Have you seen the most recent NGS Quarterly? Our director, Robert deBerardinis, has not one but two articles in this journal. If you look for the book reviews you will find a wonderful description a book by our director Emily Croom.

It seems that everywhere I go these days I find a book by Emily Croom. She is to be congratulated.

Please see the article below about our new Volunteer Coordinator, Tom Lyon. Tom will help our organization keep its promise to the City Council that we would greatly enhance our volunteer hours at the library. We are well on our way. I have been told that over seventy people have recently attended volunteer training at the library. We do need your help! Drop a note to Tom Lyon and get involved. We have a lot of "bite-sized" jobs for you.

Joyce Frost joins us as our new Publicity Chairperson. We learned a lot in our recent "struggle" and we want to continue in this direction. Most of you have seen the

articles in the Houston Chronicle about the Clayton Library and the efforts to save the hours of the library and I hope you noticed how complimentary everyone was to the genealogy and historical society community. We want to continue to promote our efforts and Joyce is just the person to lead this endeavor.

I have just one last request. Would you take the time to introduce yourself to one of the staff members at Clayton the next time you are there? We have a fine, well-educated, service oriented staff. Get to know them and let them know we appreciate them. See you at the next meeting!

DB Singleton

STEPPING UP TO DO THE JOB!

New Volunteer Coordinator

Clayton Library Friends has a new Volunteer Coordinator, Tom Lyon, who will assist CLF in meeting its agreement with the Houston city council and mayor to provide volunteers to Clayton Library. This agreement made it possible to sustain current library opening hours. Lyon, a retired manager from Dow Chemical Co., is a native of Detroit, with English, German, and Ruthenian ancestry. Tom is also an engineering alumnus of Purdue and graduate schools at the University of Michigan with several U.S. and European patents to his credit.



Tom began his genealogical journeys in 1987 with the organization of "the vibrant Lyon family folklore." This included 30 letters written by an ancestor Union soldier during the War Between the States up to the time of his death in 1863 in Tennessee. No stranger to volunteer activities himself, Tom has been a volunteer librarian at the Bering Family History Library since 1994. Let's all welcome our new volunteer coordinator with a giant rush to enlist in helping Clayton.

New CLF Publicity Chairman

Clayton Library Friends welcomes its new Publicity Chairman Joyce P. Frost who began her duties in July. Due to the increasing needs to make the Friends known and increase the visibility of Clayton Library, it was felt that this position needed to be operational immediately. Joyce, a native of Liberty County and descendant of Republic of Texas ancestors, has been a long time member of the Friends.

Married to Warren B. Frost and a grandmother of four, Joyce was a certified dental assistant and dental office manager for a number of years here in Houston as well as a certified sign-language interpreter. Joyce has been very active in her church as Director of Deaf Ministry as well as involvement with the Women's Ministries and Prime Timers. Joyce is also active in politics, being a precinct chairperson and election judge.





The Collection Grows...

The Paul Carrington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and Newton G. Brand have donated the entirety of National Archives publication M 859, *Miscellaneous Numbered Records (The Manuscript File) in the War Department Collection of War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records, 1775 - 1790's* to Clayton Library through donations to CLF. This important 125 roll set of pay records is especially important for those wishing to research line and militia soldiers at Valley Forge and state militia groups attached to continental army line commands.

On May 18, the Paul Carrington Chapter presented its check for \$3,876 to CLF Treasurer Don Pusch, featured speaker at the chapter's Armed Forces Day breakfast. Men of good character who have an ancestor who served in the Revolutionary War and are interested in the history of the Revolutionary War and its preservation should consider applying for membership. They meet periodically at the Briar Club. Those interested should contact the chapter President Steve Pate at (713) 651-5132

Clayton already possesses the index to the M 859 collection, which is contained in M 847, *Special Index to Numbered Records in the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records, 1775 - 1783*. Those wishing to use the M 859 series should consult the descriptive pamphlet for M 859.

At this time, CLF has received about \$1,000 towards the \$4,692 needed to purchase M 246, *Revolutionary War Rolls, 1778-1783*. These are the unit histories and musters. After the M 246 collection is purchased, Clayton will lack only two National Archives Revolutionary War microfilm series: M 881, *Compiled Service Records of Soldiers Who Served in the American Army During the Revolutionary War, 1,096 rolls*; and M 804, *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800 - 1900, 2,670 rolls*.



David B. Singleton accepts microfilm from Steve Pate inside the Clayton home.

Cherokee Cultural Society of Houston

The Cherokee Cultural Society of Houston is a 200 plus member organization that seeks to build community, to preserve Cherokee heritage, to perpetuate the Cherokee culture, and to build the future of our people. Founded in 1992, we are a Houston-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit. We are not affiliated with any other American Indian organization. Our membership is open to all.

In order to register as a tribal citizen, one must document his/her heritage to an ancestor enrolled on the Dawes Roll, 1906. Clayton Library contains the

Dawes indexes and census cards for all five tribes removed from the southeastern US to Oklahoma: Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek and Seminole. As a result, many persons wishing to register as tribal members avail themselves of the records housed at Clayton Library. Many other American Indians use the library to trace their family lineage's through the extensive collection of Indian records at Clayton. Without this collection, one would have to travel to the Ft. Worth National Archives Branch to research the information housed at Clayton.

We are indeed fortunate to have a library of such quality in our city.

Marjorie J. Lowe, Registered
Citizen, Cherokee Nation
P.O. Box 842043, Houston, Texas
77284

Marjorie was one of the representatives in our meetings when we discussed what we would do about the library hours reduction. We welcome information about your society.....editor.

Angels Report

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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(s) and will be acknowledged in the newsletter.

To become an Angel, please contact Liz Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77031-2030, phone: (713) 944-1118, email: erootrot@usa.net.

Periodicals needing sponsors for 2003:

Annals of Wyoming \$20.00
Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine \$15.00
The Carolina Herald and Newsletter and Greenville County Gen. Soc. Journal (SC) \$20.00
Central Alabama Genealogical Society Biannual \$22.00
Central Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly \$20.00
Chicago Genealogist \$20.00
Cobblestone (genealogy for children) \$29.95
Family History Capers (Washtenaw Co., MI) \$10.00
The Family Tree (UK) \$47.50
Flint Genealogical Quarterly (Michigan) \$17.00
Florida Historical Quarterly \$40.00
The Foothills Inquirer (Colorado) \$15.00
Gems of Genealogy (Wisconsin) \$10.00
Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly \$30.00
The Giles County Historical Society Bulletin (Tenn.) \$10.00
Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly \$25.00
Argyll Colony Plus (NC Scottish Heritage Society) \$30.00
Indiana Genealogist \$20.00
Le Raconteur (Louisiana) \$15.00



Lifelines (NY, Canada) \$25.00
Lithuanian Heritage Magazine \$29.95
MASSOG (Mass.) \$25.00
The Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy and History \$20.00
Montgomery Genealogical Society Quarterly (Alabama) \$12.00
The Northeast Mississippi Historical & Gen. Society Quarterly \$15.00
Polish Footprints \$20.00
The Prairie Gleaner (West Central Missouri) \$15.00
Revista (Cuban Gen. Soc.) \$20.00
Rodziny (Polish Gen. Soc. of America) \$20.00
Ross County Genealogical Society Newsletter (Ohio) \$12.00
Seneca Searches (Ohio) \$10.00/year, \$100.00/life
Tap Roots (East Alabama) \$20.00
Tennessee Genealogy and History \$20.00
Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly (Kansas) \$20.00
Upper South Carolina Genealogy & History \$20.00
Vermont Genealogy \$20.00
Washington State Genealogical Society Newsletter \$10.00
The Genie (Ark-LA-TX Gen. Assn) \$12.50
Pipost (St. Croix, WI) \$15.00
Minnesota Genealogist \$28.00
MS River Routes \$20.00

Part of the settlement struck with the Houston city council to keep Clayton's hours the same is a commitment by Clayton Library Friends to provide volunteers to make up for staff shortages at the library during the next fiscal year (that began July 1, 2002). A great response came to the first e-mail call for volunteers, but CLF needs more. Liz Hicks is turning over the volunteer co-ordination to new CLF volunteer coordinator Tom Lyon. Tom Lyon can be reached at (281) 495-3839.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

1. Shelving books

2. Microprint desk

3. Patron Monitoring at the Clayton Home

4. Typing (superior typing skills required)

5. CD-ROMS support (computer skills required)

6. Web page design (HTML and computer skills required)

It is now time to show the city that we are not only vocal in support of Clayton Library, but are willing to do the hard work necessary to sustain it.



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Houston Public Library that called for abandonment of the Julia Ideson building,

3. The up to year-long delays in the processing and cataloguing of Clayton books and CD-ROMs,
4. The lack of cataloguing of the Clayton microfilm collection, and
5. The aggressive expansion of the administrators of HPL at the expense of more reference librarians and library service specialists.

It was agreed that Singleton would meet with Barbara Gubbin, Houston Public Library Director, to list the group's concerns and get the official responses of HPL. It was also decided that members of the various groups in attendance were urged to start e-mailing their city council persons and asking other citizens to join in. Then the attendees would again meet and decide what course of action to take. After his session with Barbara Gubbin, Singleton then attended a meeting of the City of Houston Library Board at which he met and talked with Oliver Spellman, chief of staff for Houston Mayor Lee Brown. Spellman suggested the community take a "focused and positive" approach.

The next conference, which coincided with the April CLF executive board meeting, featured Mr. Mike Espinosa, a long time member of the City of Houston Library Board. Espinosa felt that nothing could be done to change the reduction entirely. He however added, if one were to wage a successful battle, it would only be accomplished by personally meeting with members of the city council.

It was at this juncture that CLF 2nd Vice-President Al Davis rhetori-

cally asked why any reduction had to be acceptable. This was the galvanizing moment for the attendees, much like after Benjamin Franklin's admonition to the Continental Congress at the signing of the Declaration of Independence that "everyone should hang together, or surely everyone would hang separately." The attendees then decided that another meeting the next week would be needed to finalize plans.

During the time of this meeting, a senior administrator from HPL, Central Services Manager Anna Horn issued a bulletin saying that the cut back in hours at Clayton was not for cost savings, but to insure that service was not impeded by the reduction in Clayton staff caused by HPL administration itself.

Meanwhile, the first barrage of e-mails was hitting the city council members offices in significant numbers.

At the following meeting, the conference attendees decided that a set of talking points about Clayton Library would be drawn up and presented to each member of the city council. Furthermore, a contact list of city council members, the mayor's office, and HPL director Barbara Gubbin would be made and circulated via e-mail. It was further decided that where possible, letters and not e-mail would be preferred. Furthermore, it was decided that an op-ed piece would be written for the Houston Chronicle about Clayton Library. Finally decided was the tabling of the other items of the (above) list of concerns in order to focus on the hours battle.

Within days, CLF Treasurer Don Pusch finished the talking points. An op-ed piece was finished (but was never needed). An e-mail list of CLF members formalized from our membership database and a mailing list for those members without e-mail. By e-

mail or post office, the CLF executive board notified the membership within nine days from when the talking points were first started on. At this point, the membership of each of the organizations in attendance truly started making itself felt.

The week of May 27 appointments were starting to be made with city council members. Armed with a set of

CLF talking points, some CLF Newsletters, and some glossy color brochures by HPL in which three of their six achievements refer to Clayton and the Texas Room, CLF President David Singleton with others starting going to city council members to plead for Clayton's hours not being reduced. During this time, Council Member at Large Michael Berry called one of the members of the delegation to express his indignation that HPL could not provide basic library services with the budget at their disposal. In promising his support, he said he would prefer that the CLF delegation meet with his Chief of Staff Katy Dorfman, which they later did.

The first meeting with District E Council Member Addie Wiseman was very interesting. The lady who escorted the CLF delegation into the office was a Clayton patron! Chief of staff D'ann Marro pointed out to be more effective, from now on the drive needed city of Houston residents, or at most, Harris county residents, sending in the e-mails and letters as other council members would be more prone to listen to them. At the meeting she also stressed the importance of showing the case of hours to be fallacious. Showing how many people from outside the county, area, and state come to use Clayton and thereby increase the city and county coffers drew attention. The delegation pointed out that the patron studies were statistically flawed.

Council Member Michael Berry express his indignation that HPL could not provide basic library services with the budget at their disposal.

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Furthermore, Clayton usage is of a different nature than regular HPL patronage, a factor HPL administration did not know or did not say. She assured the delegation of Council member's Wiseman's assistance.

Member at Large Berry called...to indignation could not provide services with their disposal

The next meeting was with Robert Fiedlein of District H Council Member Gabriel Vasquez's staff. He said how impressed he was with depth and breadth of the e-mail being received. This time armed with the tips from the previous meeting, the CLF delegation of David Singleton and others showed him that whatever cost savings might be realized would be some utilities and some maintenance factors (based on opening hours). On the other hand, with HPL's own figures, Singleton showed how they were more than offset by the loss of copy machine money, which in FY 2001 (Fiscal Year 2001, which started on July 1, 2001) came to more than \$65,000. It was conceivable that the hours might represent a net loss of revenue. Assured of Council Member Vasquez's support, the delegation left.

With each meeting, the CLF delegation headed by David Singleton, neophytes to city politics, was on a rapid learning curve.

The next meeting, which ultimately would prove to be pivotal, was with Council Member at Large Annise Parker and her Chief of Staff Cicely Wynne. After the delegation gave its presentation, Parker and Wynne made it clear that there would have to be give and take as HPL administration was adamant in having its way. After the discussion of some novel ideas to ameliorate the situation with the stubborn HPL administrators, it was decided to talk again the following week. The next week, HPL proposed deals on how CLF could pay for staff. The CLF delegation argued that the membership would storm city hall if

they were asked to pay twice for librarians. The CLF delegation showed that the reasons for the reduction in hours as stated by HPL were specious:

1. The cost savings was not an issue because of the copier money, and
2. The degradation in service issue of Anna Horn was not an issue because Clayton had operated many times with even less staff within the past twenty-four months.

Thus, the reduction in hours, if anything, was a straw man. However, "to give and take," the delegation offered that CLF volunteers would man non-reference librarian positions to ease the intractable insistence of the HPL administration to shut Clayton. The CLF delegation's argument that volunteers have been used in key positions within HPL proved to be decisive. Clayton Manager Marje Harris prepared a chart of hours and positions for the volunteers to work. Marje Harris determined that this would allow for a great deal of excess capacity in her scheduling. It would provide the same as having a library staff of 22 positions, not seen at Clayton since 1998. Ms. Wynne said she would go to work on the volunteer proposal and try to determine what HPL was actually saving by her calculating the savings from the reduction in hours.

The next day the CLF delegation first met with Dan Pederson, Director of Constituent Affairs of Council Member at Large Shelley Sekula-Rodriguez's staff. He indicated their interest in supporting Clayton Library to remain unscathed, but was at a loss as to understanding why HPL administration was proposing this reduction.

Then the delegation met with Katy Dorfman of Council Member at Large Berry's staff and Nancy Brewer of

District A Council Member Bruce Tatro's staff in a joint meeting. Using the arguments of the following: cost savings was not an issue because of the copier money; degradation in service was not an issue because Clayton had operated many times with even less staff; the large amounts of money Clayton Library Friends had contributed; and the possibility of volunteers, Dorfman and Brewer assured the delegation of Berry's and Tatro's support. Ms. Dorfman gave some additional political "savvy" recommendations, ones that the delegation made good use of later.

At the end of the day, the delegation met with District C Council Member Mark Goldberg. This was an interesting meeting because the Council Member started with wondering how much HPL would be saving. After learning that the Clayton copier money was a set-off, he was wondering why HPL would even be doing such a thing. It was at this time that Ms. Wynne of Council Member Parker's office, adjacent to Goldberg's, came in and said the savings were at most \$15,000. Council Member Goldberg then said CLF and its allies could rest assured of his support to keep the hours untouched.

Later that week, Council Member at Large Carroll G. Robinson made a televised announcement at Clayton Library regarding his proposals for restored funding for the city budget. Afterwards, he met with the CLF delegation and Houston Genealogical Forum President Gloria Russell. He

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said he was certainly aware of the impressively large amount of e-mail and letters, which he indicated were very polite and informative. He said he would do what he could to help Clayton Library.

The next morning, Oliver Spellman, Chief of Staff to Mayor Lee Brown, called the CLF delegation.

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When told of the negotiation regarding volunteers, the \$15,000 total savings, all of which would have been lost by the reduction in hours on the copier money, he said that if it was true about the \$15,000, he would talk to HPL administration and get them to go along. Furthermore, the genealogical community could count on his support and the Mayor's.

Then on June 6 in a committee hearing, Council Member Parker produced an amendment, which passed unanimously, restoring Clayton's hours. Council Member Vasquez's amendment formalized this at a later meeting. Mayor pro tem and Council Member at Large Gordon Quan's mayor pro tem office budget funded the restored hours.

Mr. DeBerardinis is a nationally recognized genealogy speaker and author who worked tirelessly in our efforts mentioned in this article....editor.

BYLAW CHANGES

The Clayton Library Friends executive board voted an amendment to the CLF bylaws in July. The amendment would allow the same person to serve as Treasurer for more than two successive (one year) terms. The purpose of the amendment is to provide improved year-to-year continuity for CLF financial management. The growth in donations and grants in the past two years has necessitated this move. For formal enactment, the amendment requires the approval of two thirds of the members present at a CLF general meeting.

CURRENT BYLAW WORDING

Current wording of Article 6, Section 1 (third paragraph):

The term of office for officers shall be for one calendar year; except that any officer shall serve until his successor has been duly elected. No officer shall serve more than two terms in succession in any one position.

PROPOSED BYLAW WORDING

Proposed wording of Article 6, Section 1 (third paragraph):

The term of office for officers shall be for one calendar year; except that any officer shall serve until his successor has been duly elected. No officer shall serve more than two terms in succession in any one position except in the position of Treasurer.

Texas Newspapers on Microfilm

Nearly 90 rolls of microfilm of early Texas newspapers are in the process of being added to Clayton's collection. They represent a wide variety of the newspapers from the Colonial, Republic, Ante-Bellum, Reconstruction, and Gilded Age eras of the nineteenth century. A helpful overview to early Texas newspapers is in Marilyn McAdams Sibley, *Lone Stars and State Gazettes: Texas Newspapers before the Civil War* (College Station, Tex.: Texas A&M Univ. Press, 1983) shelved under 976.4 S564 Texas (All books listed herein are at Clayton).

There are several helpful indexes already at Clayton. They are: Linda Cheves Nicklas, *Abstracts of Early East Texas Newspapers, 1839-1856* (Greenville, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 1994) shelved under 976.41 N632 Texas; Helen Smothers Swenson, *Early Texas News, 1831-1848: Abstracts from Early Texas Newspapers* (St. Louis, Mo.: F.T. Ingmire, 1984) shelved under 976.4 S974 Texas; and Pearl Hendricks, [Texas] *Obituaries, 1832-1885: References in Texas Newspapers*, 2 vols. (Houston, Tex.: p.p., 1957) shelved under 976.4 H498 Texas. One set on order, the miscellaneous Brazoria-San Felipe de Austin reel, will have a separate photocopied index.

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Already at Clayton are:

- (Austin) *Texas State Gazette*, Aug. 25, 1849-Oct. 19, 1878, 4 rolls,
- (Austin) *Sentinel*, Jan. 15, 1840-Nov. 11, 1841, 1 reel,
- (Austin) *Tri-Weekly State Gazette*, and
- (Austin) *Semi-Weekly State Gazette*, Dec. 31, 1849-Jan. 13, 1873, and Jan. 16-21, 1865, 2 rolls,
- (Clarksville) *Northern Standard*, Aug. 20, 1842-Oct. 16, 1852, 3 rolls,
- (Clarksville) *Standard*, Oct. 16, 1852-Dec. 6, 1888, 6 rolls,
- Dallas Herald*, Feb. 11, 1873-Sept. 1, 1885, 18 rolls,
- Houston Daily Telegraph*, Feb., 1864-April, 1875, 2 rolls,
- (Houston) *Democratic Telegraph and Texas Register*, Mar. 18, 1846-Mar. 28, 1851, 2 rolls,
- (Houston) *Weekly Telegraph*, Feb. 6, 1856-Oct. 2, 1873, 7 rolls,
- (San Felipe) *Telegraph and Texas Register*, Oct. 10, 1835-Mar. 4, 1846, 5 rolls,
- (Washington) *Texas National Register*, Dec. 7, 1844-Jan. 10, 1846. 1 roll,

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On order at press time are:

(Tagliche) *Freie Presse für Texas*, various between 1865 and 1945,

Dritte Ausstellung, 1871, and *The Fair Reporter*, 1871, 5 rolls,
La Grange True Issue, Dec. 15, 1855 – Nov. 12, 1864, 1 roll,
Neu Braunsfels Zeitung, Nov. 12, 1852 – Nov. 18, 1853, 1 roll,
San Antonio Daily Herald, Feb. 20, 1867 – May 6, 1874, 1 roll,
Southwestern American, Dec. 21, 1849 – 1853, 1 roll,
Texas Democrat, Jan. 21, 1846 – 1849, 1 roll,

6 rolls of miscellaneous Austin newspapers, including:

Austin Daily Dispatch, 1883–9, 1932–7,
Austin Daily Evening News, 1875,
Austin Daily Globe, 1889–90,
Austin Daily Review, 1880,
Austin Evening Call, 1886,
Austin Evening Dispatch, 1931,
Austin Evening News, 1875,
Austin Facts, 1918,
Austin Forum-Advocate, 1933,
Austin Informer, 1940,
Austin Monitor, 1907,
Austin Review, 1936,
Austin Searchlight, 1907,
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Civilian and Galveston Gazette, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1843-52,
(Galveston) *Civilian and Gazette*, 1856-67,
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(Galveston) *Civilian and Gazette Tri-Weekly*, 1865,
(Galveston) *Commercial Intelligencer*, 1838,
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(Galveston) *Daily Advertiser*, 1842,
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Galveston Daily Mercury, 1875, and
Galveston Herald, 1857, 1918.
Galveston Republican, 1868,
Galveston Standard, 1872, 1873,
Galveston Weekly Journal, 1851,
Galvestonian, 1839, 1840, 1841,
(Galveston) *Independent Chronicle*, 1843,
(Galveston) *Real Estate Bulletin*, 1890,
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(Galveston) *Taborian Banner*, 1906,
(Galveston) *Texas Portfolio*, 1857,
(Galveston) *Texas Times*, 1842-3,
(Galveston) *Texas Union Workman*, 1893,
(Galveston) *Union Review*, 1936,
Weekly Civilian and Galveston Gazette, 1852,
(Galveston) *Weekly Civilian and Gazette*, 1853, 1854,
(Galveston) *Weekly Confederate*, 1856,
Weekly Galvestonian, 1841,
(Galveston) *Weekly Journal*, 1850-3,
(Galveston) *Weekly News*, 1844,
(Galveston) *Weekly Star*, 1869, and
(Galveston) *Wochenblatt der Union*, 1866-7.

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Goliad Advance, 1905, 1906, 1913-4,
Goliad Advance-Guard, 191834,
Goliad Express, 18567,
Goliad Guard, 1884-1905,
Goliad Guard, 1866,
Goliad Messenger, 1860, 1864, and
Goliad Weekly Guard, 1914.

1 roll of miscellaneous La Grange newspapers, including

Fayette County Record, 1873, 1874, 1876,
La Grange New Era, 1871,
(La Grange) *Sloan*, 1880, and
(La Grange) *Texas Monument*, 18502.

1 roll of miscellaneous Matagorda and McKinney newspapers, including

Madisonville Meteor and Commonwealth, 1928-9,
Colorado Gazette and Advertiser, 1839, 1841, 1842,
Matagorda Gazette, 1858-60, and
McKinney Messenger, 1865-74.

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1 roll of miscellaneous Nacogdoches and Naples newspapers, including

(Nacogdoches) *Campaign Chronicle*, 1859,
(Nacogdoches) *Gaceta de Texas*, 1813,
(Nacogdoches) *Mexicano*, 1813,
Nacogdoches Chronicle, 1852, 1853, 1855, 1857-8, 1892,
Nacogdoches News-Chronicle, 1899,
Nacogdoches Plaindealer, 1896, 1898,
(Nacogdoches) *Redland Herald*, 1913, 1914, 1917, 1918,
(Nacogdoches) *Star-News*, 1889,
(Nacogdoches) *Texas Chronicle*, 1838,
(Nacogdoches) *Texean & Emigrants' Guide*, 1835, 1836, and
Naples Monitor, 1908, 1925-7.

1 roll of miscellaneous Navasota newspapers, including

(Navasota) *Lone Star Ranger*, 1870, 1871,
(Navasota) *Texas Ranger*, 1867,
(Navasota) *Texas Ranger and Lone Star*, 1865.

4 rolls of miscellaneous San Antonio newspapers, including

(San Antonio) *Alamo Express*, 1860,
(San Antonio) *Alamo Express-Extra*, 1861,
(San Antonio) *Alamo Heights Herald*, 1922,
(San Antonio) *Alamo Star*, 1854-5,
(San Antonio) *Alamoner*, 1886,
(San Antonio) *Bejareño*, 1855-6,
(San Antonio) *Blazon*, 1943-4,
(San Antonio) *Campaign News*, 1888-9,
(San Antonio) *Correo*, 1858,
(San Antonio) *Daily Herald and San Antonio Public Advertiser*, 1857,
(San Antonio) *Daily Ledger*, 1858,
(San Antonio) *Daily Ledger and Texan*, 1859-61,
(San Antonio) *Lantern*, 1896,
(San Antonio) *Plumed Knight*, 1884,
(San Antonio) *Ranchero*, 1856,
(San Antonio) *Republican*, 1876,
San Antonio Daily Light, 1894,
San Antonio Daily Times, 1882-1888,
San Antonio Express, 1866, 1867,
San Antonio Herald (Weekly), 1855-6, 1861-3,
San Antonio Ledger, 1867,
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San Antonio Reporter, 1856,
San Antonio Texan, 1855, 1857,
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(San Antonio) *Semi-Weekly News-Extra*, 1861,
(San Antonio) *Sentinel*, 1855,
(San Antonio) *South Presa-Hot Wells Community News*, 1935,
(San Antonio) *South Side News Bulletin*, 1935-8,
(San Antonio) *Southwest Retailer*, 1909, 1910,
(San Antonio) *Stinson-Field Weekly Bulletin*, 1942-3,
(San Antonio) *Sunday Herald*, 1901,
(San Antonio) *Surprise*, 1879-81, 1894,
(San Antonio) *Texas Republic*, 1923,
(San Antonio) *Texas Sun*, 1877, 1879, 1880,
(San Antonio) *Union*, 1859,
(San Antonio) *Veteran News Magazine*, 1933-4,
(San Antonio) *Weekly Alamo Express*, 1861,
(San Antonio) *Weekly Ledger and Texan*, 1861,
(San Antonio) *Western Texian*, 1848-9, 1850-4, and
(San Antonio) *White Republican*, 1890.

1 roll of miscellaneous San Augustine newspapers, including

(San Augustine) *Journal and Advertiser*, 1840,
(San Augustine) *News*, 1888,
(San Augustine) *Red Land Express*, 1861,
(San Augustine) *Red-Land Herald*, 1851,
(San Augustine) *Red-Lander*, 1839, 1840, 1841-2, 1845-47,
(San Augustine) *Religious Instructor*, 1895, 1898,
San Augustine Herald, 1854,
San Augustine News, 1892,
San Augustine Tribune, 1913, 1914, 1918, 1926,
San Augustine Weekly News, 1889,
(San Augustine) *Texas Union*, 1848, and
(San Augustine) *Weekly Visitor*, 1901.

CONDOLENCES...

Mildred Clarke Tarchiani died July 12, 2002 in Austin, TX. She had moved from Houston to a retirement home just two months ago to be near her only grandchild, David Peter Tarasi. Mildred's only child, Linda Tarasi, died August 09, 2001. Mildred served on the first Clayton Library Friends board as a director.

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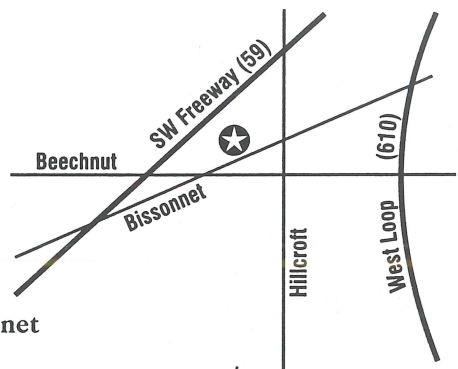
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Title: "Finding Your Recent British Ancestor: the British Vital Records Index and other Clayton Resources"

Lesley was born and educated in England, received her undergraduate degree in Modern Languages from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and graduate qualification in Librarianship from the Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic. She has worked as a Librarian in England, East Africa, and the United States where she has lived since 1976. Her husband was transferred to Houston three years ago so she came to the Clayton Library.

Saturday, August 10, 10:00 am at
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