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President's Message

The world today appears to many of us to be in some kind of conflict no matter which direction we turn and that is often discouraging, yet we seem to continue to go forward through the traffic jams, political conflicts, smog, bullets & bombs, terrorists and so on and so on. What a great time for each of us to look back at the lives our ancestors lived to see how they handled the day-to-day stress. We are truly standing on the shoulders of giants. I remember how the subject of history became alive for me personally when I began my genealogy research because I wanted to know not only names and dates of my ancestors but also how they lived and what they did each and every day. Most of us have read old newspapers and enjoyed the personal articles and business advertisements that appear and jump with joy the few times that we discover a person actually connected to our research. Next time you visit Clayton make sure you see what is

available for you either in the library or from an inter-library loan.

The Clayton Library Friends are working hard despite the world conflicts that exist by meeting and ordering new materials for our library. In fact we have a lot of film that should be arriving soon from Spain that contains wonderful records of early Texas and the Gulf Coast. If you want to know more about that, you need to plan to attend our fall seminar.

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Mary Smith Fay Honored

By Robert de Berardinis

A beautiful real-size copy on canvas of the portrait of Mary Smith Fay, CG, FASG, commissioned by the White County (Illinois) Genealogical Society this year, hangs in the microprinter room of Clayton Library. This lovely gift is due to the very wonderful and kind generosity of Mrs. Rosanne Allen Frazier of Seabrook, Texas, the commissioned artist. The original portrait hangs in the Mary Smith Fay Genealogical Library in Carmi, Illinois, the birthplace of Mrs. Fay.

The three new microprinters and computers for scanning microfilm were purchased with a testamentary gift of Mrs. Fay, a patron of Clayton Library before its move to Clayton House in 1959. The portrait features Mrs. Fay, a vice-president of Clayton Library Friends at the time of her passing, holding her classic *Veterans of the War of the War of 1812 in Texas*, now in its third printing.

The artist is a member of the Bay Area Genealogical Society.



Clayton Library Friends Financial Report

Balance Sheet As of 3/31/03

Acct	Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Beal Bank CD	- 0 -
IBC Commercial Savings	50,137.83
ICB Money Market	- 0 -
Postal Service Bulk Mail Acc.	157.77
Wells Fargo Checking	31,285.89
Wells Fargo Market Rate Acc.	19,868.73
Woodforest CD	100,000.00
 TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	 <u>201,450.22</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>201,450.22</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	- 0 -
EQUITY	<u>201,450.22</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>201,450.22</u>

Cash Flow Report 1/1/03 Through 3/31/03

Category	Description	Amounts
INFLOWS		
411 - Unrestricted Gifts		4,508.00
412 - Rest'd - non Endowment		3,673.10
422 - 2003 Dues		2,920.00
423 - 2004 Prepaid Dues		35.00
450 - Interest - Endowment		<u>1,758.28</u>
TOTAL INFLOWS		12,894.38
OUTFLOWS		
510 - Library Purchases		17,320.02
530 - Program Printing & Mailing		977.21
550 - Misc Prog Expns		14.80
630 - Legal Services		25.00
640 - Bank Charges		75.75
650 - M&G Printing & Mailing		135.00
660 - Office Supplies		89.99
670 - P.O. Box Rental		126.00
680 - Misc M&G Expenses		111.31
710 - Fund Raising Printg & Mail		200.23
720 - Misc Fund Raising Expns		133.03
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		<u>19,208.34</u>
OVERALL TOTAL		<u>- 6,313.96</u>

Donald E. Pusch
Treasurer

President's Message

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(Please see the announcement on page 3 in this newsletter.)

If you would like to have your genealogy organization meeting or seminar announced in our newsletter or if you are aware of a genealogy event that is taking place that everyone needs to know about, please let us know so we can share the information with our membership. Don't forget to look for Mic Barnett's column in the *Chronicle* each week. If I understood Mic the last time I talked to him, this column is reaching a lot more people than in previous times. In closing, I want to remember my friend Les Martin. I met Les years ago when we worked together on several projects at the Houston Genealogical Forum. Les died suddenly in February and we will all miss him so very much. Please lift up his wife Carole and his family with your prayers as they enter a new path of life.

I will see you at the library.

DB Singletor

Library Director Responds

I am writing as I have to take exception to something printed on the front page of the recent (February 2003) CLF Newsletter. In a box on the front page entitled "A word about donations" it states: "When you donate directly to the Clayton Library rather than the Clayton Library Friends, you are actually donating to Houston Public Library. Your money may or may not be used the way you desire." This statement is incorrect. If Houston Public Library is given a designated monetary gift for a particular location or to purchase a particular item we follow the donor's wishes. There are times when a gift is insufficient to purchase the item requested in which case we will combine it with other gifts. And it is possible, although I have never known it to happen, that we could be offered a donation to purchase an item which, under our policy, we would not add to our collection in which case we would refuse the gift, but we do not disregard the wishes of the donor as this statement implies. I am sorry that the author did not check with us first on our policy re gifts to the Houston Public Library. This is doubly unfortunate as the misstatement in your newsletter could lead readers to believe that the Library disregards the wishes of its donors and may result in some individuals or organizations re-thinking making a gift to the Library. I am sure you and the Clayton Friends would not want this to happen; I look forward to seeing a correction in your next newsletter issue.

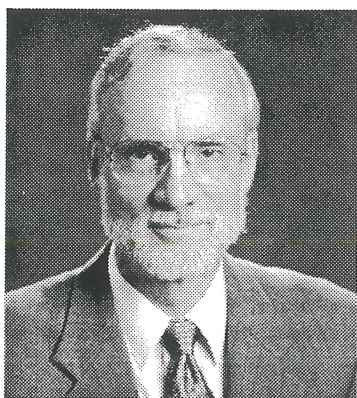
Best wishes, Barbara Gubbin

Clayton Library Friends and the William A. and Madeline Welder Smith Foundation are proud to sponsor the first C. M. McGee Memorial Seminar celebrating the gift to Clayton Library of the largest collection outside of Spain of the *Papeles Procedentes de la Isla de Cuba* or "Cuban Papers."

THE CUBAN PAPERS SEMINAR

How to use the largest single collection of source material for Gulf Coast, Mississippi Valley, Texas, and southeastern United States, 1700-1820

The "Cuban Papers" Are $\frac{1}{3}$ English, $\frac{1}{3}$ French, and $\frac{1}{3}$ Spanish
Saturday, September 27, 2003 in the auditorium of the Julia Ideson Building
of Houston Public Library, Downtown Location, 500 McKinney, Houston



9:30 – 11:30 am: Prof. Paul E. Hoffman from LSU,
Paul W. and Nancy W. Murrill Distinguished Professor in History,
Topic: Getting to Know the 'Cuban Papers'

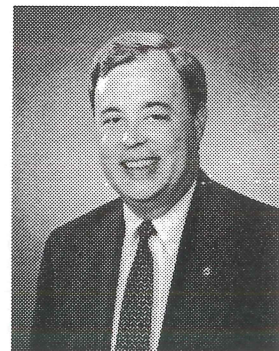
Learn from America's foremost scholar of the Cuban Papers!

Author of seven books, innumerable scholarly articles, and anthology chapters in both English and Spanish, including *A New Andalusia and a Way to the Orient: The American Southeast During the Sixteenth Century*, winner of the 1991 Francis Parkman prize from the Society of American Historians and *Florida's Frontiers*, the 2002 prize winner from the Gulf Coast Historical Association. Hoffman has also authored a Spanish-language history of Louisiana, *Luisiana*.

1:00 – 3:00 pm: Robert de Berardinis

Topics: "Understanding French Documents in the Cuban Papers," "Uses with Clayton's collection of French Archives Microfilm," and "Source Material for the Deep South (Mississippi, Alabama, and western Georgia) during the American Territorial Period."

Specializing in French language and Deep South genealogy, de Berardinis has published over 70 articles; has one book in print, *French Superior Council Records of Louisiana: 1717-1763* with three more books in publication, including a dual French-English book on St. Christophe (St. Kitts).



☞ **Free to each contributor of \$15 or more to CLF Legajo Fund by Aug. 1.** ☞

☞ **Free to each contributor of \$20 after Aug. 1. Seating limited to 120. No refunds** ☞

\$2 parking (additional) if paid with donation by Aug. 1, \$3 afterwards – Park in garage at 1100 Smith St. and get your parking token at seminar entry. For more info, a map, or list of downtown restaurants open on Saturday, contact:

Dick Warren (281) 461-1472; dick@merlins-web.com • **Don Pusch** (281) 326-3278; pusch@ghg.net

Make checks payable to "CLF—Legajo Fund" (may be tax deductible, CLF is a 501.c.3 tax-exempt corp.)

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CLF Director to Speak

Clayton Library Friends director Robert de Berardinis will be the keynote speaker at the Natchitoches Genealogical and Historical Society's 30th anniversary banquet and seminars Saturday, May 24 at the Ramada Inn in Natchitoches, La. de Berardinis will also be speaking on the genealogical sources of Spanish Colonial Louisiana. David Hardin, Manager of the Genealogy Department of Shreve Memorial Library of Shreveport, La., will be speaking on French Colonial Louisiana that afternoon. For more information, contact the Natchitoches Genealogical and Historical Society at (318) 357-2235, P.O. Box 1349, Natchitoches, LA 71458-1349, or ngaha@wnonline.net.

WHAT's

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National Archives Problem Resolved

The conflict over several repeated and incorrect 1930 Census orders between the National Archives and CLF dating back to last September has been resolved. Currently, there is a 400 roll 1930 Census order by CLF at the National Archives. Unfortunately, due to the large number of mistakes made by the National Archives, they have changed their film manufacturing policy. Orders for less than a complete set have to wait until all complete set orders are finished. The CLF 400 reel 1930 Census order is not complete. CLF is terribly sorry and apologizes about this delay in CLF members not getting their film — some members having placed order as far back as June, 2002.

Nacogdoches Archives Find Announced

Clayton Library Friends acquisitions director Robert de Berardinis while pursuing finding aids for the Nacogdoches Archives, their translations, and transcriptions for Clayton Library, discovered that two boxes of original documents of the Nacogdoches Archives in the Texas State Archives had not been described in the Robert B. Blake collection, the University of Texas Calendar of the Nacogdoches Archives, nor microfilmed. CLF has had these documents filmed and with the assistance of volunteers from the Hispanic Genealogical Society is preparing a calendar with an English-language summary and index to these 540 pages of documents.

Coming: The Atascosito District Archives

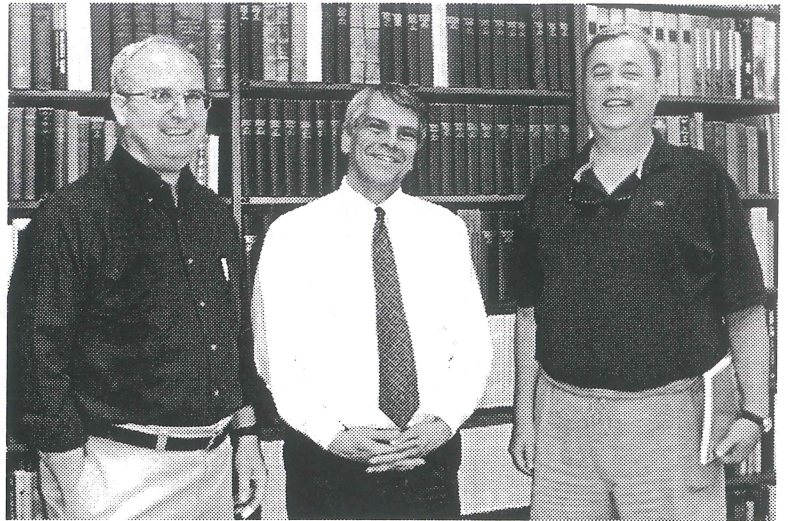
At the March 25th CLF board meeting, Clayton Manager Marje Harris asked the CLF board to expand Clayton Library's already vast Texas holdings to include material from the early Anglo immigration period, 1816-1836, and all Texas county records beginning in 1836. Miss Harris also identified a number of manuscript holdings that had not been microfilmed and asked the board to determine if these holdings could be filmed. This is the same type effort recently completed by CLF director Robert de Berardinis for the never-before-filmed portion of the Nacogdoches Archives. One of the manuscript collections of interest is the Atascosito District Archives, a collection of papers preserved at the Sam Houston Regional Library in Liberty, Texas. On April 17th, CLF board members Robert de Berardinis and Don Pusch traveled to Liberty to meet with Mr. Robert L. Schaadt, director of the Sam Houston Regional Library, to gather additional information about the collection and to examine some of the component papers.

During the Spanish and Mexican eras, the modern Texas counties of Liberty, Chambers, Jefferson, Orange, Jasper, Newton, Tyler, Polk, Hardin, and San Jacinto were part of the Atascosito district. From 1816 until 1831, the administrative seat was at the Atascosito post, located about three miles northeast of the present site of Liberty, Texas, on the old Atascosito-Nacogdoches Road. Many of the documents associated with the Atascosito District made

their way into the Hardin Family Papers, and these were later donated to the Sam Houston Regional Library by Hardin descendants and a friend of the family. Dated prior to 1837, the papers have been designated as the Atascosito District Archives. As a finding aid for the collection, the Sam Houston Regional Library has a document-by-document calendar but no index. There are about 400-500 pages of material.

In addition to the Atascosito District Archives, there are a number of other pre-Republic manuscript collections owned by the Sam Houston Regional Library. Examples include the records of the Galveston Bay Land Company, whose records begin during the Spanish period and extend to almost the beginning of the War between the States. The totality of papers represented by this additional material is estimated to be about 400-500 pages. Mr. Schaadt indicated that a calendar of this supplementary material would also be available.

In coordination with Mr. Chris La Plante, Texas State Archivist, CLF plans to sponsor microfilming of the Atascosito District Archives and other pre-Republic collections owned by the Sam Houston Regional Library, both to ensure preservation of the collections and to make them available to Clayton



Library patrons. This will include microfilming the identifying folder of the manuscript, the manuscript, typed transcription (if one is in the folder), and typed translations (many Spanish documents have two translations). Where the original document is now illegible, earlier photocopies will be included on the microfilm as well. Estimated cost of the microfilming effort is \$600. Based on discussions with Mr. Schaadt and a review of portions of the collection, it appears that both the Atascosito District Archives and the supplementary pre-1837 material will be ready for filming sometime by the end of May. The actual filming would be accomplished in Austin by the Texas State Archives.

For further information about the Atascosito District, researchers should consult Miriam Partlow's *Liberty, Liberty County, and the Atascosito District* (Austin: Pemberton Press, 1974), shelved in the Liberty County, Texas, section at Clayton.

CLF would be pleased to accept donations for this very worthy project. Please mark the memo field of your check, "Atascosito District Archives." For further information contact Don Pusch at (281) 326-3278 or e-mail pusch@ghg.net.

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You too can help!

CLF members who work for or are retired from corporations that give grants in exchange for volunteer hours can help us. There are a variety of volunteer activities CLF performs for Clayton Library that can earn money for the Library. For most companies, the exchange rate for hours volunteered is \$25 per volunteer hour. Of course the sponsoring volunteer can select what materials are to be purchased, just like regular donations. And like regular donations, they can also carry a beautiful bookplate in memory or in honor of someone of the volunteer's choosing. To help out, please contact CLF Volunteer Coordinator Tom Lyon at (281) 495-3839 or claytonvol@ev1.net.

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Individual\$10.00
Two People (same Address)\$15.00

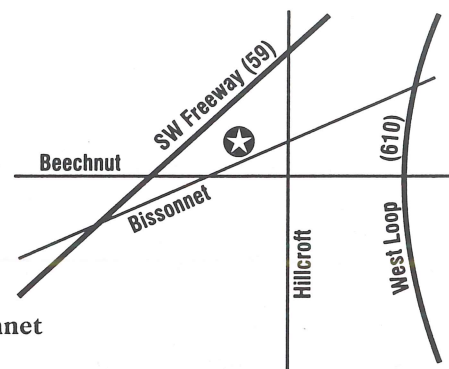
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NEXT MEETING

May 10, 2003: Mr. Charles A.

Gardes will speak on the topic, "Virtual
Research: Beyond Databases and
Gedcom Files (What's Really Out There?)"

Mr. Gardes is an active member, officer,
and committee chairman of the Houston
Genealogical Forum and is a volunteer at
the Bering Family History Center in
Houston. His presentation will focus on
an ancestral case study that made
extensive use of internet resources.

At this meeting, the CLF membership
will be electing four individuals to serve
on the nominating committee for
executive board positions coming open
in 2004.

10 a.m.

Bayland Community Center

TO: