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Only in Texas

Clayton Library has another first, not duplicated anywhere in the United States – the complete collection of records from the Public Records Office (PRO) in England concerning land grants, land patents and land conveyances in what is now the U.S! Furthermore, Clayton Library will have an assortment of colonial reports including several years of Treasurer's reports for Massachusetts.

Thanks to the generous contributions of 1993 CLF President Virginia Sims Toney, 2002 CLF Volunteer of the Year Eva Jean Cunningham, Phyllis Gann, the Houston Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, and Jeanine Lawrence, the money for purchasing these colonial records at the Public Records Office (PRO) in England was raised before the ink was dry on the last newsletter. At press time, the microfilm had just arrived at Clayton Library from England. The microfilm should be available for patron use in October.



Donors Eva Cunningham (left) and Ginny Toney

Collection #1: Land Grants and Patents, Conveyances

North Carolina – Grants of Land;
South Carolina – Grants of Land;
East Florida – Reports of Commissioners for East Florida Claims;
West Florida – Grants of Land, Mortgages, Conveyances, etc.;
Georgia – Grants of Land;
Georgia – Abstracts of Grants of Land;
New England – Patents, grants;
New York – Abstracts, patents, conveyances of land;
Virginia – Patents.

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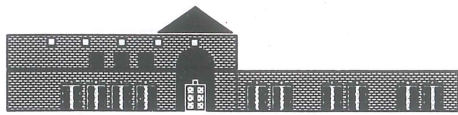
President's Message

Our Cuban Papers Seminar turned out to be a great success. Professor Hoffman gave us a lot of historical information about the Cuban Papers and his personal experience with them while he was in Spain. Robert de Berardinis spoke primarily about the genealogy value and where to look for your specific ancestor. Our meeting was held in great comfort in the lecture hall of the downtown library. Right now, volunteers are preparing the films for use in the library and they are working as fast as they can, but it will take some more time. If you are interested in

helping with this effort send me an e-mail at dsingleton@finsvcs.com.

This will be the last newsletter during my tenure in office as the President of The Clayton Library Friends. I have had the opportunity to serve for the past two years plus once a few years ago. I have seen wonderful projects completed that have made a substantial difference in the collection and I have seen countless hours of time donated by our volunteers. It is, of

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Clayton Library Friends Financial Report

Balance Sheet
As of 09/15/03

Acct	Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Beal Bank CD	0 -
IBC Commercial Savings	0 -
ICB Money Market	0 -
Postal Service Bulk Mail Acc.	303.34
Wells Fargo Checking	53,568.74
Wells Fargo Market Rate Acc.	19,900.71
Woodforest CD	100,000.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	173,772.79
TOTAL ASSETS	173,772.79
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	0 -
EQUITY	173,772.79
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	173,772.79

Cash Flow Report 01/01/03 Through 09/15/03

Category	Description	Amounts
INFLOWS		
411 - Unrestricted Gifts		7,710.00
412 - Rest'd - non Endowment		16,696.87
422 - 2003 Dues		4,500.00
423 - 2004 Prepaid Dues		65.00
430 - Fund Raising Income		110.00
440 - Interest - non Endowment		56.13
450 - Interest - Endowment		5,221.82
460 - Other Income		11,235.19
TOTAL INFLOWS		45,595.01
OUTFLOWS		
510 - Library Purchases		69,255.68
530 - Program Printing & Mailing		2,730.12
540 - Meeting & Seminar Expns		107.52
550 - Misc Prog Expns		55.97
610 - Audits		5,171.00
620 - Tax Services		1,061.00
630 - Legal Services		10.00
640 - Bank Charges		100.75
650 - M&G Printing & Mailing		204.83
660 - Office Supplies		186.19
670 - P.O. Box Rental		126.00
680 - Misc M&G Expenses		156.21
710 - Fund Raising Printg & Mail		340.23
720 - Misc Fund Raising Expns		136.43
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		79,641.93
OVERALL TOTAL		- 34,046.92

Donald E. Pusch
Treasurer

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course, the people that make the difference. There is a quote on a coffee cup in my office that is attributed to two past United States Presidents that says, "There is no limit to what a man can do or where he can go...if he doesn't mind who gets the credit." The amazing amount of volunteer hours donated by our membership is a true example of that statement. You are our strength, you are our future, please keep up the great work.

It would be impossible to thank everyone individually that has worked so hard in the past couple of years so let me just say, thank you so very much. Now I will begin my own research again.

See you at the library,

DB Singletor

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Collection #2: Accounts and miscellaneous reports

[General] Entry Books – Commissions, Instructions, warrants, licenses, grants, letters;

Georgia – Letters from trustees establishing colony;

Georgia – Account on Progress of Colony;

Georgia – Answer to the Charges against Rev. T. Bosworth in the Indian War in 1749;

Massachusetts – Treasurer's accounts;

New England – Petitions, Reports;

New York – Accounts of expenditures for subsistence of Palatine settlers, 1710-1714;

New York – Accounts of state of various rights of New York, 1775; and

Virginia – Report on Enquiry for Virginia Affairs and Its Settling, 1677.

August 2003 Gifts in Kind

Anonymous	Manuscript	8/07	\$ 25.00
Dorroh, John	Book	8/09	10.00
Fitch, Catherine	Books & Period.	8/07	180.00
Goodwin, Dorothy	Book	8/27	50.00
Jackson, Helen	Books & Period.	8/27	150.00
Pusch, Donald	Book	8/09	30.00
Toney, Virginia S.	Periodicals	8/08	50.00
Total			\$ 495.00

Preserving Texas Records

By Robert de Berardinis

Clayton Library Friends is now in the midst of one of its greatest projects ever — the preservation of valuable and deteriorating Texas records via microfilming at the Texas General Land Office (GLO), the Texas State Archives (TSA), and perhaps the Texas Adjutant General's (ADG) headquarters at Camp Mabry in Austin. In July, CLF Treasurer Don Pusch and CLF Director Robert de Berardinis traveled to Austin to begin negotiations with these various state offices. The result is that Clayton Library Friends is filming documents and ledgers at both the General Land Office and State Archives from the Texas Revolution up to 1901.

Indexes and finding aids will be available for nearly all the documents being microfilmed. Furthermore, the numerous card indexes for many of the records being filmed are also being filmed. Additionally, the finding aids, both on-line or printed, for these collections will be bound and available both in the microform area and the book shelf areas.

The Texas General Land Office will be placing a link on their web site, <<http://www.glo.state.tx.us>> for the Clayton Library Friends web pages — a first in Texas! The indexes to these records are available on-line at the GLO web site, and will be on the Clayton Library Friends web pages. Their indexes will be also printed and bound and made available for use by Clayton Library patrons.

The first round of microfilming from the Texas

To talk about these and other military records at the General Land Office, the speaker at the February, 2004 CLF general meeting will be Jerry Drake, a Houston area native and the new Director of Archives and Records at the GLO.

General Land Office will be "The Republic of Texas Donation Voucher Files, 1879-1887," Boxes G411-G441, and "The Confederate Scrip Voucher Files, 1881-1883," Boxes G059-G084. Although these records have been encapsulated in mylar and stabilized, archivists at the GLO told Pusch and de Berardinis that the lifespan of these documents is not expected to be long — perhaps as few as four years.

ATASCOSITO ARCHIVES

Thanks to the generous donations from Paul Gann and Jeanine Lawrence the project is now fully funded. Unfortunately, due to a state-mandated logistical problem, the filming of the Atascosito Archives and all other Mexican colonial era documents from the Sam

Houston Regional Library in Liberty will not begin until November.

GERMANS ENTERING THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

Included in the state archives filming effort are the ship passenger lists and colonization records of literally hundreds of Germans and Alsatians entering the Republic of Texas from 1835 to 1846. These records have not been yet been processed by the state archives! Part of this filming has been made possible through the generous donations by the Texas German Society, and by Van D. Massirer.

The first round of microfilming from the Texas State Archives were:

1. ADG VI&VII, Texas Revolution military rolls, 1836-37,
2. ADG VI&VII, U.S. Volunteers military rolls, 1836-37, 1842,
3. ADG VI&VII, Texas Army military rolls, 1836-42,
4. ADG VI&VII, Republic of Texas Militia military rolls, 1836-45,
5. ADG VI&VII, Republic of Texas Minutemen military rolls, 1841-42,
6. ADG VI&VII, Campaigns of 1842 military rolls,
7. ADG VI&VII, Republic of Texas Navy military rolls, 1836-46,
8. SOS I. 12, Colonization Records (entire),
9. SOS I. 9, Texas Passport Applications (entire),
10. COMP I, III-B, Republic of Texas, Warrant register, 1836-46 (only),
11. Texas Navy papers (entire),
12. Passenger List Index Card File,
13. Colonists Index Card File,
14. Navy Muster Rolls Name Index Card File,
15. Navy Muster Rolls Names by Ship Card File, and
16. Legislature, Memorials & Petitions Card File.

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(From left to right) Don Pusch, Robert de Berardinis, Jean Carefoot, and Texas State Archivist Chris La Plante



CUBAN PAPERS ARE HERE

By Robert de Berardinis

On Saturday, September 6, after thirty-two months of negotiations, Clayton Library Friends received the microfilm rolls of the *Papeles procedentes de Cuba* or "the Cuban Papers" from Archivo general de Indias (General Archives of the Indies) in Seville. This represents the largest microfilm collection of these documents outside of Spain. No other institution, not even the Library of Congress, has all of the available microfilm.

This unique acquisition became possible in large part due to a \$50,000 donation by the William A. and Madeline Welder Smith Foundation donated in memory of C.M. McGee, a Clayton Library Friends member who passed away in 2001. Mr. McGee was a former trustee of the Foundation who was honored on September 27 at the Cuban Papers Seminar in the auditorium of the Julia Ideson building.

Additional major funding for the \$78,000 purchase came from the testamentary bequest of Mary Smith Fay, CG, FASG, a CLF charter member and 1st Vice-President at the time of her passing in 2000. Additionally, generous donations were made to the CLF "Legajo Fund." The names of these donors will appear in the next issue of *The CLF Newsletter*.

Clayton Manager Marje Harris who decided that the Clayton Library Friends buy the Cuban Papers said, "To have the Cuban Papers as part of the Clayton Library collection has been a dream of mine since Winston De Ville told me in the 1980s how they were necessary for the genealogy of the Deep South, Gulf Coast, and Mississippi Valley from the 1500s to 1820."

"This represents a major step forward to collecting all major

source material for the genealogy and family history of Texas and the Gulf Coast, my strategic plan for the library collection," continued Miss Harris.

To this end, Ms. Harris has asked Clayton Library Friends to acquire some additional materials relating to deeds, surveys, and land claims in West Florida (parts of present day Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana) to be used with the materials coming from the English Public Records Office and the Panton, Leslie & Co. Papers (see page 10 in this issue concerning this new fund raising).

EMINENT GENEALOGISTS COMMENT

In response for comments upon the addition of "The Cuban Papers" to the Clayton Library collection, four of the most prominent

American genealogists in the Deep South today have sent in their congratulations and comments.

Claire Bettag, CGRS, CGI, co-editor of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, wrote, "The *Papeles Procedentes de Cuba* are a treasure for family historians researching ancestors in Louisiana (including upper Louisiana) and the Floridas. Among the millions of documents in the so-called "Cuban Papers" researchers will find lists of settlers, ship lists, land records, militia lists, and countless other records dealing with every aspect of life in those areas during the Spanish colonial era. Researchers are fortunate to have this invaluable resource available at Clayton."

Winston De Ville, FASG, author of more than seventy books and hundreds of articles in his three year career sent his felicitations with, "The PPC collection in



(From left to right) CLF Treasurer Don Pusch, Clayton Microfilm Manager Vanessa Smith, Evans and Wood & Co. Vice-President Pam Reeder (CLF's customs broker and shipping agent), CLF director Robert de Berardinis, and Clayton Manager Marje Harris with the newly arrived shipment.

ille is the single most useful resource for the history of any family that was in the Spanish South from 1763 'til at least 1803. The *legajos* contain data on all major European peoples who pioneered the settlement of the Mississippi Valley and the Gulf Coast — French, Spanish, English, and German, as well as those of other nations (such as Italy and Switzerland), plus the American Indian nations, and families of African descent."

De Ville added, "Clayton Library and Clayton Friends have surpassed the dreams of every American historian and genealogist of the past, and I am overjoyed beyond telling. Texas now has the largest (by far) collection of filmed *legajos* on Earth (outside Spain). That is how it should be, for the early-settled families of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and beyond, who provided sons and daughters who were among the first American families of Texas. Moreover, the *legajos* are a primary source relating directly to Hispanic research on Texas in the eighteenth century."

Rachal M. Lennon, famous author of *acing Ancestors among the Five Civilized Tribes: Southeastern Indians prior to Removal* and the (absolutely indispensable) *An Index to Conrad's First Families of Louisiana*, has written, "No quest for elusive Southeastern Indian ancestry could be complete without consulting these records [the Cuban Papers]... At least fifty *legajos* (record groups) treat the Choctaw, a similar number treat the Creek; the Chickasaw and Cherokee are covered in twenty-five or so *legajos* each. Records of many smaller tribes are scattered throughout. Researchers with Indian interests will find business accounts, correspondences with whites living among the Indians, trader licenses, treaties, and even some tribal censuses."

Finally, from one of the most illustrious American genealogists ever, former *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* editor Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG, added poignantly, "No one interested in Gulf South settlers between 1760 and 1830 can afford to ignore the Cuban Papers. The millions of pages in this woefully under-used collection present Anglos, French, Spanish, African Americans, and Native Americans cheek-to-jowl in censuses, petitions, letters, accounts, military records, pension rolls, prisoner lists, and a myriad of other documents."

Preserving Texas Records

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CONFEDERATE AND TEXAS RANGER RESEARCH

Those who have done Confederate research at the Texas State Archives know about the card file (already microfilmed and at Clayton Library) of Confederate service records and muster rolls, both company and brigade level. These cards have been used because of the extremely fragile and deteriorated condition of some of the original documents. Then, after that, the correspondence records and other related records are also to be filmed.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas through their Texas Ranger museum in Waco filmed most of the twentieth century Texas Ranger records (available on microfilm at Clayton). Clayton Library Friends has gone one step farther and will be filming all military or adjutant general series documents concerning the early Rangers, Frontier Guard, Volunteer Guard and other similar type units. The second round of microfilming will include these records as well as the following records:

1. ADG VI&VII, Civil War military rolls, 1861-1865,
2. ADG VI&VII, Texas Ranger (pre-Civil War) military rolls, 1846-1861,
3. ADG VI&VII, Army of the United States military rolls, 1860-1861, 1864-1865,
4. ADG VI&VII, Minute Men military rolls, 1865-1866,
5. ADG VI&VII, State Police military rolls, 1870-1873,
6. ADG VI&VII, State Guard military rolls, 1870-1872,
7. ADG VI&VII, Reserve Militia military rolls, 1870-1873,
8. ADG VI&VII, Provisional State Troops military rolls, 1871,
9. ADG VI&VII, Frontier Forces military rolls, 1870-1873,
10. ADG VI&VII, Minute Men military rolls, 1872-1877,
11. ADG VI&VII, Texas Ranger military rolls, 1873-1874,
12. ADG VI&VII, Militia military rolls, 1874-1877,
13. ADG VI&VII, Frontier Battalion military rolls, 1874-1901,
14. ADG VI&VII, Special State Troops military rolls, 1876-1880
15. ADG VI&VII, Special Force military rolls, 1880-1881
16. ADG VI&VII, Texas Volunteer Guard military rolls, 1880-1903,
17. ADG VI&VII, Texas Volunteers (Spanish-American War) military rolls, 1898-1899, 1901,
18. ADG VI&VII, Ranger Force military rolls, 1901-1910, 1913-1914,
19. ADG VI&VII, Texas National Guard military rolls, 1902-1913, 1915, 1917, 1935,
20. ADG I, Republic Ranger records, 1839-1846,
21. ADG I, Pre-Civil War Ranger records, 1846-1862,
22. ADG I, Parker and Wise County Minute Men records, 1865-1866
23. ADG I, Minute Men records, 1872-1874,

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CLF Nominating Committee Report

The CLF nominating committee proposes the individuals named here as candidates for executive board positions in 2004. These candidates (and any others nominated from the floor) will be voted upon at the November 15 general membership meeting.

President

Elizabeth Nitschke "Liz" Hicks

1st VP

Dickie K. "Dick" Warren

2nd VP

Baldemar Ramos Silva

Secretary

Betty Monk Ryman

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1st-year Director

Teri Hall Little

1st-year Director

Alexander Perry "Sandy" Scott

1st-year Director

William W. "Bill" Wiggins, Jr.

2nd-year Director

Elaine Mason

Candidates Up Close (Photo included when available)

Elizabeth Nitschke "Liz" Hicks, nominee for president, is currently serving as a second-year director. Liz has served previously on the CLF board as both first vice president (1995-1996 and 2000-2001) and second vice president (1998) and was the originator of the highly-successful "Angels" program, which helps sustain Clayton Library's fine collection of periodicals. Liz has also seen service as CLF membership chairman and volunteers coordinator and has been a frequent contributor to The CLF Newsletter. Active in genealogy for many years, Liz has developed a substantial knowledge of genealogy and is a frequent speaker at local and regional genealogical and heritage societies. In addition to her contributions to the The CLF Newsletter, she was for four years a contributing editor of Tree Talk, a publication of the Cherokee County Genealogical Society and since January 2003 has been genealogical editor for the German-Texan Heritage Society.

Dickie K. "Dick" Warren, nominee for CLF first vice president, is currently serving as an appointed CLF director and programs chairman. Dick is a founding member of the Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) and is currently serving as that group's second vice

president in charge of member programs. Other affiliations include the Houston Genealogical Forum and the Cherokee Cultural Society. Dick is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in physics. He is a former Air Force officer who went on to technical management positions with NASA and NASA-affiliated contractors, specializing in flight crew mission operations. He has been involved in every manned space program from Project Mercury to Space Station and has had tours of duty at Johnson Space Center, Goddard Space Flight Center, Kennedy Space Center, and NASA headquarters. Dick has been recognized with a Presidential Community Service Commendation for his work with public education in the Friendswood public schools and for his service on the Friendswood Board of Education.

Baldemar Ramos Silva, nominee for CLF second vice president, served two terms as president of the Hispanic Genealogical Society (Houston), is a member of the Lorenzo de Zavala Chapter of the Tejano Society for Historical Preservation, has been active with the Bexarenos Genealogical Society (San Antonio) and the Porciones Genealogical Society (Rio Grande Valley), and was at one time an associate editor of *Los Tejanos*. A

...e of San Antonio and a fourth-generation Texas, he attended San Antonio schools and the University of



Baldemar Ramos Silva

Houston. He has been involved in genealogy for over forty years and has been active in promoting family history research and in teaching genealogy classes. His article, "The Ancestor Quest," appeared in the *Houston Chronicle* in July 1993. He is a former librarian and director of the Family History Center at the LDS Church, 1101 Bering Drive in Houston, and from 1995 to 1996 he served as an LDS missionary in South America, helping to estab-

lish twelve Family History Centers in Peru and Bolivia. From 1973 to 1983, he operated the Deseret Southwest Bookstore in Rice Village. Since retirement from Duke Energy, Baldemar spends most of his time on community service work and on family history research.

Betty Monk Ryman, nominee for CLF secretary, is a past second vice president of Texas City Ancestry Searchers (TCAS) and is currently serving as second vice president of the Galveston County Genealogical Society.

Most recently, she served as vendor co-chairman for the September 2003 genealogical seminar cosponsored by Moore Memorial Public Library and TCAS and was a member of the seminar steering committee. Last year, she served as vendor chairman for the Texas State Genealogical Society conference in Galveston and is currently vendor co-chairman for the society's 2003 conference to be held in Austin this November. A native of



Betty Monk Ryman

Leesville, Vernon Parish, Louisiana, Betty has resided in the Galveston and Texas City area since 1959 and has been involved in genealogical research since 1987. Recently retired from Union Carbide Corporation, she spends much of her time in pursuit of family history research and is actively involved in a number of Texas and Louisiana genealogical and historical societies.

Donald E. "Don" Pusch, nominee for CLF treasurer, is currently serving in his second term in that office. Don served two terms as CLF president (2000 and 2001) and was editor of *The CLF Newsletter* from 1992 to 2001. Other CLF posts have included CLF director and volunteers chairman (1992-1993), computer learning center coordinator at the CLF-hosted NGS Conference in 1994, and CLF web page curator (1995-2003). He is a native Texan and a graduate of Texas A&M University, the Air Force Institute of Technology, and the Defense Systems Management College. Don is recently retired from a professional career that included twenty years in the Air Force and ten years in management positions with NASA contractors on the Space Shuttle and Space Station programs. For the past four years, he has been researching and writing on topics related to the French colonies of North America and the French sailing navy.

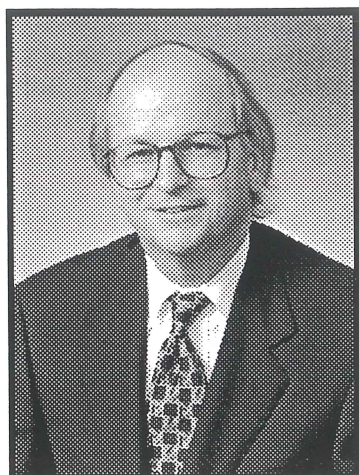
Teri Hall Little, nominee for first-year CLF director, is currently serving as an appointed CLF director. Teri is president of the Chaparral (Tomball) Genealogical Society and Library and is in her fifth term as historian for the Perry and Hargrave-Hilton Cemetery Associations. Because of her strong interest in the protection of historic cemeteries, Teri has been active as a lobbyist to the Texas state legislature in promoting cemetery-protection legislation, and in this capacity she represents more than eighty private, non-profit, family and church cemetery organizations. Teri has family roots that go back to America's colonial era on her father's side and to England (Isle of Wight) on her mother's. She is a member of the San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and, in addition to her genealogical pursuits, is actively involved in researching and documenting northwest Harris County history.

Alexander Perry "Sandy" Scott, nominee for first-year CLF director, is currently serving as an appointed CLF director and as CLF volunteers coordinator. Sandy is president of the San Jacinto Chapter, Association of Professional Genealogists, and holds memberships in the Houston Genealogical Forum, the National Genealogical Society, and the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. His family roots go back to Scotland on his father's side and colonial New York and New England on his mother's. He has been actively researching his family for the past ten years, is a professional genealogist, and has published four family histories. Sandy is a graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago and for almost twenty-five years was employed in the petrochemical industry.

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Candidates Up Close *Continued from page 7*



William W. "Bill" Wiggins, Jr.

chief of the *Houston Law Review*. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and holds a doctorate of jurisprudence degree (*cum laude*) from the University of Houston. In addition to his professional work, Bill has done volunteer work with the United Way and the American Heart Association.

William W. "Bill" Wiggins, Jr., nominee for first-year CLF director, is a partner in the law firm of Porter & Hedges, L.L.P., specializing in merger and acquisition transactions, corporate lending and high-yield finance transactions and workouts, and corporate restructuring. Bill is a member of the Texas State Bar Association and the Houston and American Bar Associations and is a former editor-in-

Elaine Mason, nominee for second-year CLF director is past president of Texas City Ancestry Searchers (TCAS) and served as a member of the steering committee and as co-exhibitor coordinator for the TCAS September 2003 genealogical seminar. She is also active in the Texas State Genealogical Society (TSGS) and served on the steering committee for the TSGS 2002 annual conference. She is currently serving as co-exhibitor coordinator for the society's 2003 conference. Elaine is interested in local history and is active in the Texas City Heritage Society.



Elaine Mason

WHAT'S New?

CLF member Jamie Davis made the CLF project of filming Texas records \$1,000 easier by applying to the IBM employee grant program. A corporate benefit, IBM employees may select tax exempt organizations every other year to receive up to \$1,000 in funds or IBM computer equipment.

Clayton Library Friends asks those members who work for IBM or members with spouses who work for IBM to consider CLF as the recipient of this gift. For more information, IBM members will need to contact the community services department in Dallas. For more information, contact Robert de Berardinis at (713) 266-1692 or at: reddeb@wt.net

Clayton
Manager
Marje Harris
(left)
Receiving
\$1,000 IBM
grant for
filming Texas
Records for
CLF from
CLF member
and IBM
employee
Jamie Davis



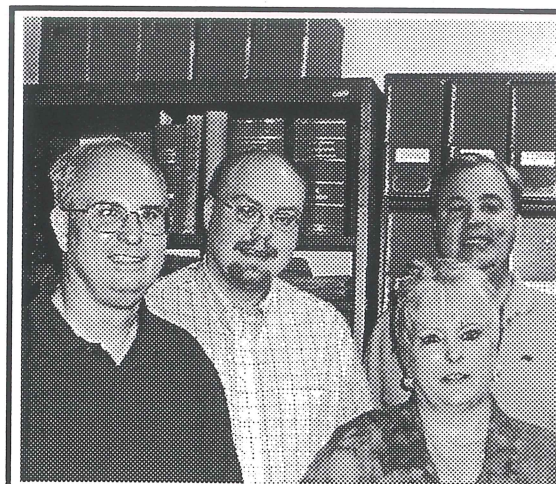
Former CLF President and current Gifts in Kind Committee Chairman Virginia S. "Ginny" Toney needs you!! To volunteer to "baby sit" Clayton House that is. Due to the rapid increase in volunteers for our volunteer program, CLF Volunteer Coordinator Alexander P. "Sandy" Scott has gotten Ginny to take over scheduling Clayton House. Ginny has already signed up 20 new volunteers, but is looking for more. Training takes less than 10 minutes, and if you are planning to spend a day at Clayton, why not devote an hour or two to sitting at the desk at Clayton House. For more information or to sign up, call Ginny at (281) 493-6993 or e-mail her at: gintoney@aol.com

If you wish to volunteer for shelving, microfilm desk, photocopying, or funeral home record checking, the training is but a few minutes and can be scheduled to be convenient to you. Please call Sandy Scott at (713) 921-0964 or e-mail his at ascott@cadcom.net or sandy@3405.com

Are you or were you a retired human resources professional? Clayton Library Friends has grown to the point where we need help coordinating the corporate benefit grants of our volunteer program. You will need to contact with the various corporate entities represented by our volunteers or their spouses for benefits and handle the reports for grant money. This job is swamping our Treasurer Don Pusch. If you can help, call (281) 326-3278 or e-mail: pusch@ghg.net



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*(From left to right) Don Pusch, GLO Director of Archives
Jerry Drake, newly retired GLO Director of Archives
Susan Dorsey, and Robert de Berardinis*

24. ADG I, Frontier Forces records, 1870-1874,
25. ADG I, Special State Troops/Special Force records, 1874-1881,
26. ADG I, Frontier Battalion records, 1874-1901,
27. ADG I, Transcripts and notes, 1852-1975,
28. ADG I, Records of State claims against the United States, 1871-1890,
29. ADG I, Ranger reminiscences, 1937,
30. Texas Ranger Card Files,
31. ADG II, Texas State Troops records, 1861-1865,
32. ADG II, Confederate records, 1861-1865,
33. ADG II, Union troops records, 1855, 1860-1866,
34. Indian Papers of the Southwest,
35. Volunteer Guard Card File,
36. Spanish American War Card File (Federalized only),
37. ADG I, Navy Papers, Navy correspondence, 1835-1847, 1852, 1855,
38. ADG I, Navy Papers, Pursers' records, 1835-1846,
39. ADG I, Navy Papers, Other financial records, 1836-1847,
40. ADG III&IV, Army of the Republic service records, 1836-1845,
41. ADG III&IV, Navy of the Republic service records, 1836-1845,
42. ADG III&IV, Mounted Volunteers service records, 1854-1861,
43. ADG III&IV, Minute Men service records, 1855-1862, 1872-1874,
44. ADG III&IV, Texas State Troops service records, 1861-1865,
45. ADG III&IV, Confederate States Army service records, 1861-1865,

46. ADG III&IV, State Police service records, 1870-1871,
47. ADG III&IV, Frontier Forces service records, 1870-1871,
48. ADG III&IV, Frontier Battalion service records, 1874-1901,
49. ADG III&IV, Texas Volunteer Guard service records, 1881-1903, and
50. ADG III&IV, U.S. Volunteers (Spanish-American War) service records, 1898.

MODERN SERVICE RECORDS

After the War of Northern Aggression, 1861-65, the United States government noted widespread fraud in claims for pensions, bounties, and land warrants. Because of this, the government decided that, following World War I, multiple copies of records of service would be put in place for use in verifying eligibility in paying enlistment bonuses. This was to ensure that multiple or fraudulent claims were not paid.

Thus, in addition to encouraging the recording of discharge papers at county or parish courthouses, the government made two additional sets of discharge records. The first set was made available to the Adjutant General of state in which the discharged veteran enlisted. The second set was made available to the Department of the Interior, which at the time handled veteran's affairs. Later an additional abstract of service, very similar to the discharge paper was made available to the Veterans of Foreign Wars as an additional layer of security and proof of service. There was, of course, the original service record.

In 1973, there was a fire at the U.S. National Personnel Records center in St. Louis, Missouri. Although the government claims that all U.S. Army & Army Air Corps service records of discharges prior to 1970, which includes World War I, II, Korea, and Viet Nam, were destroyed, it is very similar to the myth of the 1890 Census. Yes, some records were destroyed by fire. More records, however, were damaged by water by putting out the fire. Most of the "destroyed" records were still in St. Louis as of 1998.

At Camp Mabry, headquarters of the Texas Adjutant General, there is a set of World War I (all branches), World War II Army only, state militia groups and non-Federalized state troops, and Viet Nam casualties service records are abstracted onto about 70,400 service cards which will be filmed either by Clayton Library Friends or the Mormons. If filmed by the Mormons, the film will be purchased by CLF. The card files are titled as follows:

1. Volunteer, Frontier, and Border Guard Card File, 1897-1916,

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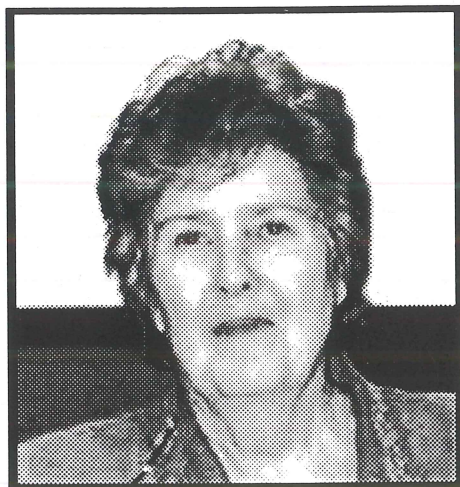
2. Spanish American War non-Federalized Troops Card File, 1898-1900,
3. World War I Service Records Card File,
4. World War I Burials Overseas Card File,
5. World War II Army Service Records Card File,
6. Viet Nam Casualties Card File,
7. Publications Card File, and
8. Unit Histories, Army/Reserve/Texas National Guard Card File,

In addition, at Camp Mabry are the service records of the Texas National Guard (and predecessor organization) and Reserves (all branches). These records are for

those officers and enlisted men discharged between 1897 and 1962 — *other than those who served directly in Spanish American War*. They have been microfilmed and CLF intends to purchase the microfilm. They are:

1. Texas National Guard and Reserve Officers, 1897-1962, 154 reels, and
2. Texas National Guard and Reserve Enlisted Men, 1897-1962, 797 reels

These projects will need generous financial support to be completed. If you, your lineage or genealogical society or club, or your company wish to contribute, contact Robert de Berardinis at (713) 266-1692 or reddeb@wt.net.



Trevia Wooster Beverly

Trevia Wooster Beverly to Chair Fundraising For Microfilm Collection

papers is that their accountings and correspondence may be the only extant documentation up to 1800 concerning early settlers into the aforementioned areas. For more on this collection, see "The Papers of Panton, Leslie and Company" on the CLF web site at: <http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/clayton/se002.html> or go to <http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/clayton/elf.tml> and click on the link <"The Papers of Panton, Leslie and Company">.

The microfilm edition of this collection costs \$3,640. Another \$200 is needed for additional finding aids to be photocopied at the University of West Florida, home of the original papers. Clayton Library already has the index, *The Papers of Panton, Leslie and Co.: A Guide to the Microfilm Collection*, (970.1 P198 USA).

It is indeed fitting that Mrs. Beverly chair this drive for she has also written a book on this collection, also on the shelf at Clayton Library, *Frontier Traders in the Southeastern United States: Panton, Leslie and Company and John Forbes and Company*, (975 B571 USA).

Trevia, as she is known all over Texas, is listed in Meyer & Filby's *Who's Who In Genealogy & Heraldry*, in

Who's Who of American Women, 1981-82, and *Notable Women of Texas 1984-85*. She spearheaded the drive to bring the National Genealogical Society Annual Conference to Houston 1994.

Mrs. Beverly is active in the Association of Professional Genealogists (since 1988), the Association for Gravestone Studies, the Save Texas Cemeteries (past board member), the International Society of Family History Writers & Editors, the Houston Genealogical Forum, the Baytown Genealogy Society (charter member), the American Association for State and Local History, the Harris County Historical Commission (currently serving as secretary), The (Harris County) Heritage Society, Harris County Historical Society, the Texas State Historical Association, Bay Area Historical Society (Baytown TX), Preservation Texas, Inc., and the Society of Southwest Archivists.

As always, contributors' names and their wishes regarding honorees or memorials will be put on each box of film. Tax deductible contributions (CLF is a 501.c(3) tax-exempt corporation) may be made by contacting Trevia at (713) 864-6862, or TREVIABEVERLY@aol.com, or 2507 Tannehill, Houston, TX 77008-3052.

Nationally known genealogist and historian Trevia Wooster Beverly of Houston will be chairing the latest Clayton Library Friends fund raising drive: to raise the money for the microfilm collection of the Panton, Leslie & Co. papers. This collection is a necessary complement to the material found in the Cuban Papers or *Papeles procedentes de Cuba* for the documentation of early, 1760-1800, American settlers in southwest Georgia, Alabama, and eastern Tennessee.

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The following "ORPHAN" periodicals still need "Angel" sponsors. Please help by donating funds for one or more of these subscriptions. Your donation will be acknowledged in *The CLF Newsletter*. To become an "Angel" please contact Liz Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030, phone (713) 944-1118, email: erootrot@usa.net

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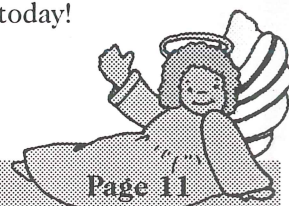
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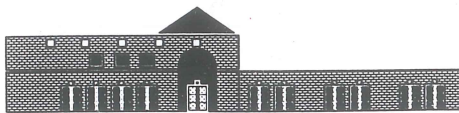
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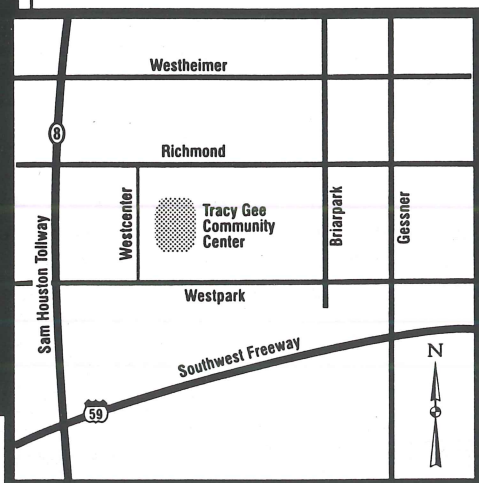
NEXT MEETING

The November General Meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 15 at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Dr. in Houston and will feature Clayton Manager Marje Harris on

“What’s New at Clayton Library and the State of the Library.”

This is also our elections meeting and awards for volunteer of the year. The date was changed to accommodate those who wished to attend the TSGS

conference in Austin November 7 and 8 (the regular date for the CLF November meeting). See map on how to get to the Tracy Gee Center. There is both street parking and parking in the lot behind the center.



CLF director Robert de Berardinis will be speaking on “Old Texas Records Newly Discovered” at the Texas State Genealogical Society Meeting this November 7 in Austin. The featured speaker on November 8 is Helen Leary, CG, FASG. For more details, check the TSGS website at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txsgs/> or check the current issue of their journal, *Stirpes*, at Clayton Library.

On Wednesday, December 3, at the Petroleum Club in Lafayette, Louisiana, de Berardinis will be the speaker for the Lafayette Genealogical Society's annual banquet. His address will be “Modern America Began in Louisiana.”

de Berardinis has also been asked by The Humble Area Genealogical Society to give a seminar on March 27 (date not confirmed). The topics chosen are “New Topics and Materials for Louisiana Research,” “The Billion Book Library: Step by Step Researching OCLC WorldCat and Inter Library Loan,” “Effective Strategies Computer Research on the Web: Special Codes and Thinking Like a Librarian,” and “Hidden Resources in Ancestry.Com/Plus.” For more details consult

This list is presented as a convenience for those persons interested in finding a local genealogical society. If your society is not listed here, please contact CLF director Robert de Berardinis at (713) 266-1692 or e-mail: reddeb@wt.net

Bay Area Genealogical Society

Meets: Monthly at 5:00 pm on last Sunday
Where: Great Room,
University Baptist Church,
16106 Middlebrook Drive,
Houston, TX 77059

Contact: Neil Miserendino, President
(281) 286-8243,
psrambling@aol.com, or
P.O. Box 891447
Houston, TX 77289-1447

Dues: \$20/individual, \$25/family; yr.
Newsletter: Yes
Web site: <http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org>

Baytown Genealogy Society

Meets: Monthly at 10 am on 2nd Monday
Where: Baytown Gen. Society Library
5203 Decker Dr.,
Pasadena, TX 77520-1422, or
P.O. Box 2486

Contact: Baytown, TX 77520-2486
Herberta Mask, President
(281) 422-4950,
mask_b1@juno.com, or
the library
(281) 424-8388

Dues: \$10/individual, \$15/family; yr.
Newsletter: Yes
Web site: <http://www.baytowngenealogyresearchlibrary.org>

Chaparral Genealogical Society

Meets: Monthly at 10 am on 1st Thursday
Where: Second Floor Meeting Room,
Klein Bank,
28201 Tomball Parkway at Hooper,
Tomball, TX 77301

Contact: Chaparral Gen. Society Library,
Mondays-Wednesdays, 10 am-2 pm
Most Saturdays, 10 am-2 pm
310 North Live Oak,
(281) 516-7417, or
Teri Hall-Little, President,
(281) 379-1645,
tlittle840@aol.com, or
P.O. Box 606,
Tomball, TX. 77377-0606

Dues: \$12/individual or \$17/family; yr.
Newsletter: Yes
Web site: <http://www.chaparralgensoc.org>

The Cherokee Cultural Society of Houston

Meets: Monthly at 7:00 pm on 1st Thursday,
except July
Where: Houston Regional HIV/AIDS
Resource Group
Conference Room
500 Lovett St.

Contact: Vicki Henrichs, Vice-President,
(713) 974-3945, or
Cherokee Cultural Society
4407 Rose Street
Houston, TX 77007

Taped message: 713 866-4085

Dues: \$35 family membership, annually
Newsletter: Yes
Web site: www.cherokeehouston.org

Galveston County Genealogical Society

Meets: Monthly at 7:00 pm on 1st Thursday
Where: Wortham Auditorium,
Rosenberg Library,
2310 Sealy,
Galveston, TX 77550

Contact: Betty Ryman
(409) 945-7055, or
Connie Taube
(281) 992-4067, or
P.O. Box 1141,
Galveston, TX 77553-1141

Dues: \$7/individual, \$10/family; yr.
Newsletter: Yes
Web site: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txgalves/gcgs.htm>

Greater Houston Jewish Genealogy Society

Meets: Monthly at 7 pm on 1st Thursday
Where: Seven Acres Jewish Senior Care
6200 N. Braeswood
Houston

Contact: Irving Oppman, President,
(713) 728-9538,
aoppman@houston.rr.com
Dues: \$18/individual, \$20/family
Newsletter: yes
Website: <http://www.texsys.com/ghjgs/>

Harris County Genealogical Society

Meets: Monthly at 7:30 pm on 2nd Thursday,
In June, July, & August, only
informal meetings

Where: Meeting Room (next to Mall office)
Pasadena Town Square Mall,
Harris and Pasadena Blvd.,
Pasadena, TX

Contact: Bobby Oglethorpe, President
(713) 472-6089,
bobbyoglethorpe@aol.com, or
Tommie Burns,
(713) 472-4703,
leburns@hal-pc.org, or
P.O. Box 391
Pasadena, TX 77501-0391

Dues: \$15/individual, \$20/family; yr.
Newsletter: Yes
Web site: <http://www.hcgs.org>

Hispanic Genealogical Society

Meets: Monthly at 6:30 pm on 3rd Wed.
Where: Loma Linda Restaurant
2111 Telephone Road,
Houston

Contact: Joe Guerra, President
(281) 440-9142,
joguerra@hispanicgs.com, or
P.O. Box 231271
Houston, TX 77223-1271

Dues: \$25/family; yr.
Newsletter: Yes
Web site: <http://www.hispanicgs.com>

Houston Genealogical Forum

Meets: Monthly at 9:30 am on 1st Saturday
Where: Bayland Community Center,
6400 Bissonnet,
Houston

Contact: Genealine
(713) 968-9750, or
Gloria Russell, President
President@hgftx.org, or
P. O. Box 271466,
Houston, TX 77277-1466

Dues: \$18/individual, \$25/family; yr.
Newsletter: Yes
Web site: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txharri2/>

The Humble Area Genealogical Society

Meets: Monthly at 7:15 pm on 2nd Monday, except June, July, and August,
 Where: Teaching Theater
 Kingwood College
 Contact: Martha Els, President
 (281) 446-1151, or
 Julia@hal-pc.org
 P.O. Box 2723
 Humble, TX 77347-2723
 Dues: \$10/individual, \$12/family; yr.
 Newsletter: yes
 Website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txthags/>

Greater Houston Jewish Genealogy Society

Meets: Monthly at 7 pm on 1st Thursday
 Where: Seven Acres Jewish Senior Care
 6200 N. Braeswood
 Houston
 Contact: Irving Oppman, President,
 (713) 728-9538,
 aoppman@houston.rr.com
 Dues: \$18/individual, \$20/family
 Newsletter: yes
 Website: <http://www.texsys.com/ghjgs/>

La Porte-Bay Area Heritage Society

Meets: Monthly at 7 pm on 3rd Monday
 Where: Depot Museum
 Fairmont Pkwy. & Park
 La Porte, TX 77571
 Contact: Imogene Pulleine, Chairperson
 (281) 471-0662,
 ipullein@hal-pc.org, or
 P.O. Box 847
 La Porte, TX 77572-0847
 Dues: \$15/individual, \$25/family
 Newsletter: yes
 Website: <http://www.laportetxheritage.org>

League City Genealogical Society

Meets: Monthly at 7 pm on 2nd Monday
 Where: League City Methodist Church
 1411 W. Main
 League City, TX 77573
 Contact: Dean Glenn, President,
 (281) 332-3225,
 dglenn@hal-pc.org
 Dues: none
 Newsletter: no
 Website: no

Montgomery County Genealogical and

Historical Society
 Meets: Monthly at 6 pm on 1st Monday
 Where: Montgomery Co. Public Library,
 104 I-45 North,
 Conroe, TX 77301
 Contact: Montgomery Co. G. & H. Society
 (936) 756-8625,
 mcghs@yahoo.com, or
 221 N. Thompson,
 Conroe, TX , or
 P. O. Box 867,
 Conroe, TX 77305-0867
 Dues: \$25/family; yr.
 Newsletter: Yes
 Web site: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txmcghs/>

Polish Genealogical Society of Texas

Meets: Quarterly, check website or phone
 Where: Tracy Gee Community Center
 3599 Westcenter Dr.
 Houston
 Contact: Pete Wessner, President
 (281) 448-5860,
 pwess10@aol.com
 Dues: \$20/individual, \$30/family, yr.
 Newsletter: Yes
 Website: <http://www.pgsg.org>

Texas City Ancestry Searchers

Meets: Monthly at 1:00 pm on 3rd Wed.
 Where: Holland Conference Room,
 Moore Memorial Public Library,
 1701 9th Ave. N.,
 Texas City, TX 77590
 Contact: Linda Cooper, President
 (409) 938-8053
 lljohnsonc@aol.com, or
 P.O. Box 3301,
 Texas City, TX 77590-3301
 Dues: \$6.50/individual, \$10/family; yr.
 Newsletter: No
 Web site: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txtcas/>

Texas State Genealogical Society

Meets: Yearly Conference,
 for 2003: 7 & 8 November
 Where: Hilton Austin Airport Hotel
 9515 New Airport Drive
 Austin, TX
 Speakers: Helen Leary, CG, CGL, FASG
 Clint Lynch
 Marilyn Maniscalco Henley
 Robert de Berardinis
 Contact: Betty Dunquez, President
 (409) 744-4359,
 bdunquez@aol.com
 P.O. Box 1141,
 Galveston, TX 77553-1141
 Dues: \$20/individual or family; yr.
 Newsletter: Yes
 Web site: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txsgs/>

Victoria County Genealogical Society

Meets: Monthly at 7:00 pm on 2nd Monday
 Where: Peticolas Building,
 Corner of Bridge & Goodwin Sts.
 Victoria, TX
 Contact: Patsy Hand, President
 (361) 575-0049,
 ghand@viptx.net, or
 P.O. Box 413
 Victoria, TX 77902-0413
 Dues: \$20/individual or family; yr.
 Newsletter: Yes
 Web site: <http://www.viptx.net/vcgs/>

Waller County Genealogy Society

Meets: Monthly at 10 a.m. on 3rd Saturday
 Where: Waller Masonic Lodge,
 2106 Main St.
 Waller, TX
 Contact: Shannon Rivenbark Harris, President
 (936) 372-9115,
 wallercogensoc@ev1.net, or
 P.O. Box 1452
 Waller, TX 77484-1452
 Dues: none
 Newsletter: yes
 Website: <http://www.geocities.com/wallercogensoc>

Washington County Genealogical Society

Meets: Monthly at 7:00 pm on 1st Monday
 Where: Student Center Meeting Room
 Blinn College,
 Brenham, TX
 Contact: Mary Whigham, Vice-President
 (936) 878-2892,
 mjwhig@nettxas.net, or
 2501 South Bay # 105
 Brenham, TX 77833-
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 Web site: <http://www.alpha1.net/~awhart/wgenweb/washiton.htm>