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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! 2003 was a very good year for Clayton Library Friends. We closed our membership year with 1,470 members, an increase over 2002. If you have NOT renewed your CLF membership please do not hesitate and renew today! YOUR membership is very important as a large membership says a lot about how serious we are about supporting Clayton. A large membership makes a very favorable impression when we apply for grants and funding.

Please consider giving a gift membership to your relatives and genealogy friends. A CLF Membership (\$10/person or \$15/two people same address) is an inexpensive way of saying thank you for genealogical help you have received.

Sincere thanks to ALL the volunteers (CLF Board Members and the many "Friends" who have contributed their time and energy on committees, our seminar, shelving, assisting at the Clayton House, special projects, and microprint desk). Everyone's contribution was and continues to be very important in our support of our great library.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, Feb. 14th. This is our first general meeting of 2004.

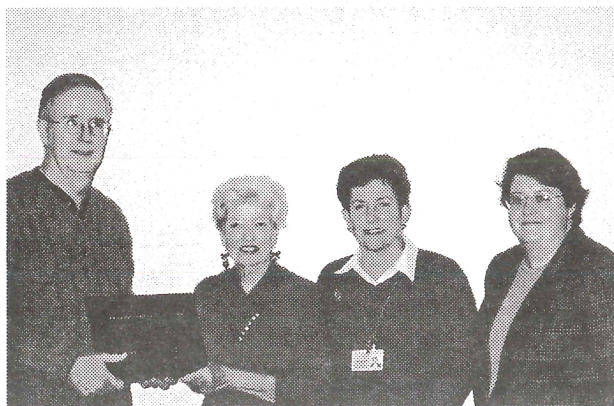
Happy Hunting, Elizabeth "Liz" Nitschke Hicks, President

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

CLF President David Singleton announced Ms. Dorothy Carroll as the 2003 Clayton Library Friends Volunteer of the Year on Saturday, November 16, 2003 at the CLF annual meeting in the Tracy Gee Community Center. Unfortunately Ms. Carroll was volunteering to pick up items for her granddaughter's birthday party and could not attend. In special ceremony later at Clayton Library on Wednesday, December 17, Ms. Carroll received her plaque from CLF Volunteer Coordinator Alexander P. "Sandy" Scott and Clayton Assistant Manager Lesley Douthwaite.

This annual award is for the volunteer who, by his or her volunteerism, has given the most to Clayton Library and the Friends during the year. Ms. Carroll volunteered 104 hours, the most of any CLF volunteer. All CLF volunteers who donate at least fifty hours receive a beautiful, suitable for framing certificate of appreciation from Houston Public Library. All CLF volunteers who donate at least 300 hours receive a engraved name badge from HPL. All CLF volunteers who donate at least 500 hours receive an engraved wall plaque from HPL.

CLF Volunteer of the Year Dorothy Carroll receiving her plaque from CLF Volunteer Coordinator Alexander P. "Sandy" Scott (to Ms. Carroll's right) while Clayton Library Assistant Manager Lesley Douthwaite looks on (to Ms. Carroll's left)





Clayton Library Friends Financial Report

BALANCE SHEET
As of 12/31/03

Acct	Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Beal Bank CD.....	0 -
IBC Commercial Savings.....	0 -
ICB Money Market.....	0 -
Postal Service Bulk Mail Acc.	507.04
Wells Fargo Checking	63,755.84
Wells Fargo Market Rate Acc.	19,915.60
Woodforest CD	100,000.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	184,178.48
TOTAL ASSETS	184,178.48
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES.....	0 -
EQUITY	184,178.48
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	184,178.48

CASH FLOW REPORT 01/01/03 Through 12/31/03

Category	Description	Amounts
INFLOWS		
411 - Unrestricted Gifts.....		19,393.00
412 - Rest'd Gifts - non Endowment.....		23,464.32
422 - 2003 Dues.....		4,795.00
423 - 2004 Prepaid Dues.....		8,185.00
430 - Fund Raising Income		155.00
440 - Interest - non Endowment		56.13
450 - Interest - Endowment		6,980.93
460 - Other Income		11,235.19
TOTAL INFLOWS		74,264.57
OUTFLOWS		
510 - Library Purchases		83,642.10
530 - Program Printing & Mailing.....		4,161.39
540 - Meeting & Seminar Expns		116.17
550 - Misc Prog Expns.....		571.11
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.....		1,082.40
660 - Office Supplies.....		454.54
670 - P.O. Box Rental		126.00
680 - Misc M&G Expenses		197.21
710 - Fund Raising Printg & Mail.....		396.23
720 - Misc Fund Raising Expns		815.90
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		97,905.80
OVERALL TOTAL		- 23,641.23

Donald E. Pusch
Treasurer

SPECIAL NOTICE PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

At the November 25 CLF board meeting, on a motion made by CLF Director **Robert de Berardinis**, a proposed by-law change was unanimously adopted to specifically protect the CLF Endowment Fund, now totaling over \$118,000, from any future board's ability to invade the principal of the fund by a vote of a simple majority. The CLF board is in the process of creating a trust for the endowment fund to provide another layer of protection.

This proposed by-law change will be voted upon at a General Meeting. Those wishing to speak for or against this proposal, please contact CLF President **Elizabeth "Liz" Nitschke Hicks** at (713) 944-1118 or e mail at: erootrot@usa.net

RESOLUTION

Whereas the endowment fund was set up with the expectation of the donors that only the income from the principal be used by the board, there is no formal restriction in place to prevent the invasion of the corpus of the CLF Endowment Fund.

Thus, be it resolved to amend the by laws of Clayton Library Friends to include a new section to read:

Section 7.10 The officers and directors shall not invade the corpus of the CLF Endowment Fund. The officers and directors may only disburse, if they elect to do so, the income from those funds listed as "The CLF Endowment Fund." The officers and directors are under no obligation to spend the income. The officers and directors may elect to have a professional manager to invest the funds of The CLF Endowment Fund. The officers and directors shall oversee the management of The CLF Endowment Fund. The treasurer shall maintain the records of The CLF Endowment Fund and shall make periodic reports of the fund's status to the officers and directors and the membership.

★ VOLUNTEER PARTY

October 30, 2003 was a night to remember for Clayton Library Friends Volunteers. Clayton Manager Marje Harris and the entire Clayton staff gave a sumptuous catered party and special "lock-in" for the CLF members who participated in the 2003 Volunteer program. The entire Clayton staff, even those on their day off came, stayed late to personally thank the 48 CLF volunteers that came.

Special kudos were given to CLF Director Alexander P. "Sandy" Scott, CLF Volunteer Coordinator, and former CLF President Mrs. William S. "Ginny" Toney, the new Czarina of Clayton House volunteers for their rapid expansion and skillful management of the volunteer program.

Celebrating a Halloween theme, the Clayton staff break room was decorated and filled with catered treats from that fine Italian chain eatery on Montrose, Domino's, and giant po-boys from Antoines and a bunch of yummies prepared by the Clayton staff. There was an abundance to eat and drink while having free run of the library resources. CLF contributed \$200 towards expenses to supplement the costs born by the staff.

Clayton Manager Marje Harris also had a special treat for those volunteers who could pull themselves away from luscious banquet and do research — free copy cards were made available so attendees could make free photocopies or microcopies.

On Another Note...

This year there will be an increased demand for CLF volunteers. CLF has need for typists, people to assist new 1st Vice President Dick Warren making phone calls to renewing members, shelve, microfilm desk, Clayton House sitting, photocopying finding aids as well as a variety of other tasks CLF needs to accomplish.

If you are interested in helping the library directly, please contact CLF Volunteer Coordinator Sandy Scott at (713) 921-0964 (home) or (713) 661-4341 (work) or email him at: sandy@3405.com. For those volunteering for Clayton House sitting, please contact Ginny Toney at (281) 493-6993 or e-mail her at: gintonney@aol.com



Some CLF Volunteers and Clayton Staff at the end of the fun-filled evening, from left to right: Ron Gillette, Bill Teas, CLF Volunteer Coordinator Alexander P. "Sandy" Scott, 2003 Volunteer of the Year Dorothy Carroll (front), Clayton Library Staffers Cary Hall (rear) and Helen Renfro, Clayton Library Manager Marje Harris, Robert de Berardinis, Clayton Library Staffers Irene Walters, Steven Bychozowski, Vanessa Smith, and Clayton Library Assistant Manager Lesley Douthwaite. (Photograph courtesy of Bill Teas)



Part of the sumptuous buffet catered by Antoine's and Domino's and the Clayton Library Staff. (Photograph courtesy of Bill Teas)

Aside from the catered sumptuous banquet and the free copy cards, there are other direct benefits to volunteering besides the cardio vascular benefits. For example, there is absolutely nothing like shelving to help one learn what books are in the stacks and more importantly, how to find them.

CLF Treasurer Don Pusch is still in dire need of someone to help him establish a list of volunteers who are eligible for grants from their current or former employers in return for volunteer hours. This person would also have to contact the different corporations to assist in the collection of the grants. If interested, please contact Don Pusch directly at (281) 326-3278 or e mail him at: pusch@ghg.net



More Revolutionary War Microfilm

Four more collections of Revolutionary War era microfilm from the U.S. National Archives are in at Clayton Library as well as another fifteen rolls of M 246, *Revolutionary War Muster Rolls*. The following three collections were given in memory of Sharon Pfitzer Edwards through Clayton Library Friends:

1. M 922, *Orders, Returns, Morning Reports, and Accounts of British Troops, 1776-1781*, Given by Mitze McGlone
2. M 926, *Letters, Returns, Accounts, and Estimates of the Quartermasters General's Department, 1776-1783, in the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records*, Given by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gillette
3. M 2014, *Burial Registers for Military Posts, Camps, and Stations, 1768-1921*, Given by Lynn Ayres and also by Mr. & Mrs. William Tilney

In addition, T 42, *General Orders Kept by Gen. William Heath, May 25, 1777-Oct. 20, 1778*, was given by Galen & Laela Jo Lindner in memory of Jerry A. Rea and also by Shelley Rardin in honor of William & Reliance (Dennis) Pashall through Clayton Library Friends.

The fifteen additional rolls of M 246 were donated by the Houston Area Regents' Council; the John McKnitt Alexander Chapter, NSDAR, in memory of Ellen Picton Chance, Patricia Daniel, Natalie Jameson, and Mattie McWhorter; the Jane Long Chapter, NSDAR, in honor of Robert de Berardinis; the Alexander Love Chapter, NSDAR, in memory of Jane Colley Gayle, Phyllis Huffington, Mariel Morgan Laughter, and Maxine Mullins Maples; the Ann Poage Chapter, NSDAR; the William Scott Chapter, NSDAR, in honor of Robert de Berardinis; and the Brazos Valley Chapter, NSDAR, in honor of Janet Anderson, CG.

To date, Clayton Library has the following microfilm sets of Revolutionary War era documents and records:

- M 61, *Foreign Letters of the Continental Congress and the Department of State, 1785-1790*, 1 roll
- M 200, *Territorial Papers of the U.S. Senate, 1789-1873*, 20 rolls
- M 246, *Revolutionary War Rolls, 1778-1783, (rolls 1-50 so far)* 138 rolls
- M 247, *Papers of the Continental Congress, 1774-1789*, 204 rolls
- M 257, *Index to Compiled Service Record of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the Revolutionary War in Organizations from the State of North Carolina*, 2 rolls

- M 332, *Miscellaneous Papers of the Continental Congress, 1774-1789*, 10 rolls
- M 805, *Selected Records from Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900*, 898 rolls
- M 829, *U.S. Revolutionary War Bounty Land Warrants Used in the U.S. Military District of Ohio and Related Papers (Acts of 1788, 1803, and 1806)*, 16 rolls
- M 847, *Special Index to Numbered Accounts in the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records, 1775-1783*, 39 rolls
- M 853, *Numbered Record Books Concerning Military Operations and Service. Pay and Settlement of Accounts, and Supplies in the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records*, 41 rolls
- M 859, *Miscellaneous Numbered Records (The Manuscript File) in the War Department Collection of War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records, 1775-1790's*, 125 rolls
- M 860, *General Index to Compiled Military Service Record of Revolutionary War Soldiers*, 58 rolls
- M 879, *Index to Compiled Service Records of American Naval Personnel Who Served During the Revolutionary War*, 1 roll
- M 880, *Compiled Service Records of American Naval Personnel and Members of the Departments of the Quartermaster General and the Commissary General of Military Stores Who Served During the Revolutionary War*, 4 rolls
- M 910, *Virginia Half Pay and Other Related Revolutionary War Pension Application Files*, 18 rolls
- M 913, *Personnel Returns of the 6th Massachusetts Battalion, 1779-1780, and Returns and Accounts of Military Stores for the 8th and 9th Massachusetts Regiments, 1779-1782*, 1 roll
- M 920, *Index to Compiled Service Record of Revolutionary War Soldiers Who Served With the American Army in Connecticut Military Organizations*, 25 rolls
- M 922, *Orders, Returns, Morning Reports, and Accounts of British Troops, 1776-1781*, 1 roll
- M 926, *Letters, Returns, Accounts, and Estimates*

of the Quartermasters General's Department, 1776–1783, in the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records, 1 roll

- M 927, *Letters, Orders for Pay, Accounts, Receipts, and Other Supply Records Concerning Weapons and Military Stores, 1775–1801*, 1 roll
- M 1015, *Central Treasury Records of the Continental and Confederation Governments Relating to Military Affairs, 1775–1789*, 7 rolls
- M 1051, *Index to Compiled Service Record of Revolutionary War Soldiers Who Served with the American Army in Georgia Military Organizations*, 1 roll
- M 1062, *Correspondence of the War Department Relating to Indian Affairs, Military Pensions, and Fortifications, 1791–1797*, 1 roll
- M 2014, *Burial Registers for Military Posts, Camps, and Stations, 1768–1921*, 1 roll
- T 42, *General Orders Kept by Gen. William Heath, May 25, 1777–Oct. 20, 1778*, 1 roll
- T 1008, *Register of Army Land Warrants Issued Under the Act of 1788, for Service in the Revolutionary War: Military District of Ohio*, 1 roll

To possess all NARA microfilms concerning the Revolutionary War era, Clayton Library needs only to purchase the following:

1. M 804, *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800–1900*. **2,670 rolls (\$90,780 at current NARA pricing).**
2. M 881, *Compiled Service Records of Soldiers Who Served in the American Army During the Revolutionary War*, **1,096 rolls (\$37,264 at current NARA pricing).**
3. M 1004, *Central Treasury Records of the Continental and Confederation Governments Relating to Foreign Affairs*, **3 rolls (\$102 at current NARA pricing).**
4. M 1014, *Central Treasury Records of the Continental and Confederation Governments*, **23 rolls (\$782 rolls at current NARA pricing).**

To go along with Clayton's resources concerning the Revolutionary War, Clayton Library Friends was able to find and purchase the 11 volume definitive Spanish guide to documents in all the Spanish government archives, *Documentos relativos a la independencia de Norteamérica existentes en archivos españoles (Madrid: Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores, Dirección General de Relaciones Culturales, 1976–85)*. These volumes give precise citations for photocopy retrieval from the respective archives in Spain.



David Hardin

NEW STAFF AT CLAYTON

David Hardin, head of the genealogy section at Shreve Memorial Library in Shreveport, Louisiana has joined the Clayton staff. David brings 15 years genealogical experience as well as having worked under Lloyd Bockstruck of the genealogy section at Dallas Public Library. He first attended Kilgore College and then graduated with a BS in History from UT-Tyler. Hardin then received his MLSIS from Clayton Manager Marje Harris' alma mater, University of North Texas.

David also brings a wealth of computer skills with him. In addition to managing the genealogy section in Shreveport, he taught computer genealogy classes for Shreve Memorial Library. He has also authored several articles in genealogical publications.

David will certainly be able to assist Clayton Manager Marje Harris with speaking to local genealogical groups. He has lectured on various genealogical and historical subjects all over north Texas and north Louisiana. For example, David lectured at the 30th anniversary of the Natchitoches Genealogical and Historical Association.

Alesha Chellam, Pamela J. Clesi, and Ronald Rivas are three new Library Assistants. Alesha was born in New York City, but has spent most of her life in Houston. Alesha is a graduate student in Art History at the University of St. Thomas. Alesha began her family history studies about eight years ago. Pamela, a native Texan, was graduated in 2003 with a degree in History & Political Science from the University of St. Thomas. Ronald, a native Houstonian, is an economics major at University of Houston. Although new to genealogy, he has already become intrigued in unraveling his family history.



from l to r: Pamela Clesi, Ronald Rivas, and Alesha Chellam



WHAT's New?

Santa Claus was good to Clayton Library Friends because the microfilm collection of the Panton, Lesley & Co. papers is now at Clayton. This collection consists of the account books and other records of the company for settlers/traders in early Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and the Florida parishes of Louisiana, from 1765 to 1810 or so.

For those wishing to use this collection, Clayton has two collection guides on the shelf that should be consulted first, *The Papers of Panton, Leslie and Co.* [Guide to the Microfilm Collection], **970.1 P198 USA**. Furthermore, Houston's Trevia Beverly has a book on the shelf concerning this collection, *Frontier Traders in the Southeastern United States: Panton, Leslie and Company and John Forbes and Company*, **975 B571 USA**.

Also, there are two books available on Inter Library Loan that researchers will want to consult. The first is by William Coker, the historian at the University of West Florida who assembled and calendared the papers. Coker's interest was both professional, as an historian, and personal, as a genealogist — Coker was also a descendant of the Spanish and British settlers of West Florida. West Florida in this context is the area bounded between the Mississippi and Apalachicola Rivers, up to the latitude of Natchez, Mississippi. These are:

1. William S. Coker and Thomas D. Watson, *Indian Traders of the Southeastern Spanish Borderlands: Panton, Leslie & Company and John Forbes & Company, 1783-1847* (Gainesville, Fla.: University Presses of Florida; Pensacola: University of West Florida Press, 1986.).
2. Leora M. Sutton, *Success Beyond Expectations: Panton*

Leslie Co. at Pensacola (Pensacola, Fla.: p.p., 1991).

Coker also has two other books on the shelf at Clayton to help researchers with Spanish West Florida and the Cuban Papers. The first is William S. Coker and G. Douglas Inglis, *The Spanish Censuses of Pensacola, 1784-1820: A Genealogical Guide to Spanish Pensacola*, **975.9 S735 FLA**. The second is Regina Moreno Kirchoff Mandrell, William S. Coker, and Hazel P. Coker, *Our Family, Facts and Fancies: The Moreno and Related Families*, **929.2 M273 MORENO**.

The donors were (all given through Clayton Library Friends):

Mrs. Judy Barnett; Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Bland; Charles L. Cunningham Jr.; Mary Lou Dawson; Ann Warner Depenbrock; Verna Redman Ekstrom; the Houston Colony of Magna Charta Dames; Mrs. Charlene McCall; the Houston Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants; the Houston Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants; Mr. & Mrs. Bob; Laela Jo Linder; David and Judith Perrigin; and the James Asbury Tait Chapter, United States Daughters of 1812.

EARLY GEORGIA RECORDS

Thanks to CLF member Joan Evans, Clayton Library now possesses the entire probate records collections for both Richmond and Columbia Counties in Georgia up to 1830. This represents over 40 rolls of film and has complete will indexes up to the 1960s. This film is available now on the second floor at Clayton.

TEXAS STATE LIBRARY MICROFILM

Clayton Library now has copies of all microfilm available for sale by the Texas State Library (except the *Papers of Sam Houston*, Dec. 13,

1841-Dec. 9, 1844 — the film appears to be lost, and the Texas County Property Tax Records) thanks to the following memorial gifts given through Clayton Library Friends:

2 rolls, *The Liberty Vindicator, 1925-35*; Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Deese; 3 rolls, *Texas Confederate Military Service Records* (rolls #1-3); Mr. and Mrs. John K. Loveless; 5 rolls, *Texas Confederate Military Service Records* (rolls #4-8); Mr. & Mrs. Fred Miller; 1 roll, *The Liberty Gazette, 1855-69*; Mr. & Mrs. Pat Allen Smith; 3 rolls, *Texas Railroad Rangers Service Records*; Mr. & Mrs. John J. Mullen; 2 rolls, *Texas Ranger Service Records 1830-1900*; Lynne Malarkey and Mrs. Beverly Rodman; 1 roll, *Republic of Texas Post Office Department Records*; Mr. & Mrs. Leslie P. White; and 1 roll, *Wheat, Postmasters, and Post Offices of Texas*; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bien.

ITAWAMBA COUNTY

Thanks to two generous memorial gifts from Helen & Thomas D. Anderson and Ben M. Anderson through CLF, Clayton Library now has the following nineteen rolls of microfilm of Itawamba County, Mississippi records:

Deed Records: Index to Deeds, vols. 1 & 2, Deeds: vols. 1-2, 1836-41; vol. 3, 1841-43; vol. 4, 1843-48; vol. 4, 1843-44; vols. 5-6, 1844-50; vol. 7, 1849-50; and vol. 8, 1850-52.

Probate Records: Estate Records, vol. 5, 1854-59; Estate Records, 1871-76 & vol. 8, 1887-1954; Final Record of Court Cases, 1875-1922; Guardians' Bonds and Letters, 1858-79, 1899, 1941-42; and Estate Accounts of Deceased Persons, 1899-1936.

Marriage Records: Marriages, vols. 1-4, 1837-53; vols. 5-7, 1853-77; vols. 8-9, 1877-87; vols. 10-11, 1887-93; vols. 12-13,

1892-1910; and vols. 2-3, 1902-09.

EARLY ALABAMA RECORDS

To complement the purchase of microfilm of the Pantón, Lesley and Co. and "The Cuban Papers," for early Alabama, Clayton Library Friends purchased the only surviving records of colonial Mobile. They were found in the cupola of the courthouse during its renovation in 1998-1999. Included with the documents are indexes. The documents are in French, English, and Spanish. Additionally, through a donation by the Fort Virginia Point Chapter # 2539, UDC, CLF purchased the *Alabama Land Office's Alabama Land Grants and Patents, 1819-50*. The Mobile records are:

Translated Land Claim Records, 1734-1812 (Mobile County Probate Court, Alabama): Translated Record Books Indexes for Books A-L; Translated Land Claim Records vol. 1, 1734-1812; Translated land claim records vol. 2, 1798-1800 (includes one record for 1814).

Roll 1 of *Alabama, Original Spanish, English and French Documents, 1788-1798* (Mobile County Probate Court, Alabama); Original Spanish, English and French Documents, no. 1-52, 1788-1798.

Roll 2 of *Alabama, Original Spanish, English and French Documents, 1788-1798* (Mobile County Probate Court, Alabama); Item 1, Original Spanish, English and French documents, no. 53-69, 1788-1798 (includes retakes of no. 5, 47); Item 2, Index to original Spanish, English and French documents, no. 169, 1788-1798; Item 3, Original Spanish, English and French documents, no. 70, 1788-1798; Item 4, Index to original Spanish, English and French documents, no. 1-70, 1788-1798; Item 5, Original Spanish, English and French documents, no. 71-73, 1788-1798; and

Item 6, Index to original Spanish, English and French documents, no. 1-73, 1788-1798

LOUISIANA RECORDS IN ENGLISH

CLF Manager Marje Harris in 2002 asked CLF Acquisitions Director Robert de Berardinis to start identifying all colonial manuscript records consisting of deeds, censuses, ship lists, and militia rolls in various state, academic, and national archives concerning Texas, the Gulf Coast, the Mississippi Valley, and Thirteen Colonies. Additionally, Ms. Harris asked him to locate finding aids and translated indexes or guides.

Along with the Cuban Papers, two of the most important archival collections for the Gulf Coast and Mississippi Valley from 1700-1804 are the French Superior Council Records and Spanish Judicial Records of the Cabildo, both housed at the Louisiana State Museum in the Old Mint building in New Orleans.

Last year The Clayton Library obtained permission to buy photocopies of the English language summaries to the Spanish Judicial Records of the Cabildo, 1763-1804 (not yet shelved). Now The Clayton Library has the name indexes to both French Superior Council Records and the Spanish Judicial Records. This is microfilm of the card index.

Additionally, CLF purchased the English language summaries to the French Superior Council Records (on microfilm) done by the WPA in the 1930s. These coupled with the donated edition of Marion McCarley, S.C., comp., Robert de Berardinis, gen. ed., *French Superior Council Records of Louisiana: 1717-1763, An Index to Abstracts in The Louisiana Historical Quarterly* M478 LA, will allow French- and Spanish-challenged researchers wide access

to these manuscript collections.

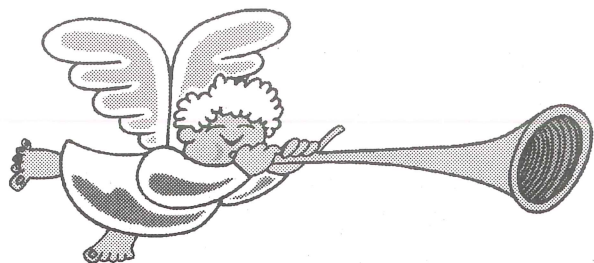
CLF has also purchased the roll of Library of Congress microfilm that contains the following items:

(Continue from Roll 4)-French, Spanish, and American management of Louisiana, 1800-37, and undated; *Value of Louisiana* (report), 1763; *Florida y Luisiana*, 1780 (Transcripts of 28 documents, 1493-1780); *Letters of Charles Trudeau* (Royal Surveyor General for the Spanish Province of Louisiana), 1777-1815; Charles Trudeau's *Surveyor's notebook, 1795-1797*; *Louisiana Records*, Vol. 1, Vital statistics from family Bibles and other sources; *Louisiana Records*, Vol. 2, Vital statistics from tombstones in cemeteries; *Index to Louisiana Records*, vols. 1 & 2; and Papers in relation to the purchase of Louisiana, 1803-4.

Trudeau's Survey book covers the entire province—Missouri, Iowa, Arkansas, Louisiana, Florida, and parts of Mississippi and Alabama. This, *The Papers of Sebastien Vincente Pintado* (Pintado was Trudeau's assistant and later Surveyor General for the Spanish Province of West Florida), and the not-filmed, next to impossible to see Pintado survey plats (in Special Collections at LSU) represent in many instances the only identification of people in land records during the Spanish Colonial Period.

To complement the above purchase, CLF also purchased the six roll set of *The Papers of Sebastien Vincente Pintado* from the Library of Congress. The rolls contain the following:

Roll 1, General Correspondence, 1785-1802; Roll 2, General Correspondence, 1803-05; Roll 3, General Correspondence, 1806-29; Roll 4, Official Papers (Deeds, Land Grants, etc.), 1781-1808; Roll 5, Official Papers (Deeds, Land Grants, etc.), 1809-1842; and Roll 6, Maps and Plats, 1793-1830.



Angels Report

We are very happy to report that ALL of our "Angel" subscriptions have found sponsors. Many thanks to these Clayton Library Friends who have donated funds since the November CLF Newsletter:

Mrs. Suzanne Alexander, back issues of "Arkansas Family Historian" in memory of her grandparents, Guy and Vera Eubanks.

Mrs. Betty Cutler Barrington, renewals for "Montgomery Genealogical Society Quarterly" (AL) and "Vermont Genealogy".

Mrs. Dorothy Beaudoin, the "Central Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly" renewal in memory of her Carroll, Greer, Beam ancestors of Georgia and South Carolina.

Mr. Paul G. Bell, renewal for "Upper S.C. Genealogy and History".

Mrs. Grace S. Cooper, renewals for "Knox County KY Kinfolk" and "Argyll Colony Plus" (NC Scottish Heritage Society) in memory of Jane Kell.

Mr. Wallace E. Davenport, 2004 subscription to "Arkansas Family Historian" in memory of Mrs. Marguerite Bobo Davenport.

Dr. Betty J. Edwards, renewal for "Upper S.C. Genealogy and History" in memory of George Noble Edwards.

Mr. Vernon G. Gillette, donation to Angels program in memory of Mildred Pauline Hickman Gillette.

Dr. William S. Harwell, 2004 subscription to "The Genie" (Ark-La-TX Gen. Assn.) in memory

of Michael Harwell Flanagan.

Mrs. Janell Jasper, subscriptions for "Blue Grass Roots" (KY), "Chronicles of Smith Co., TX", "Washington State Genealogical Society Newsletter", and "Family Records Today" (publication of the American Family Records Assn.) in memory of James Ferguson Hatfield.

Mrs. Mary Springer Pearson, renewal for "Mississippi River Routes" a memorial to her ancestors, John & Miner Whatley Springer early MS settlers.

Ms. Linda J. Risinger, subscriptions for "Georgia Settlers" in honor of her Jones and Wallace ancestors of Georgia, and "The Northeast Mississippi Historical and Gen. Society Quarterly" in memory of her grandmother, Elizabeth Mobley Jones born in Mississippi.

Dr. and Mrs. Ernest P. Schwaiger, 2004 subscription to "Blue Grass Roots" (KY).

Mr. Myron F. Steves, donation to the Angels program for any "orphans" left unclaimed.

Mr. Donald Teter, donation to the Angels program.

Mrs. Margery H. Wheeler, renewal for "Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly" (Kansas).

THANK YOU ALL, you have earned your wings!

Elizabeth "Liz" Nitschke Hicks, Angel Chair.



The **Houston Library Board**, **Houston Public Library Staff** and the **Harris County Historical Commission** invite you to the dedication of an Official Texas Historical Marker for the Julia Ideson Building named for the City's first librarian.

This event kicks off the celebration of the Library's 100th year of serving the citizens of Houston.

Saturday January 24, 2004

Time:

Dedication Program: 12-12:30 pm

100 and 1 Big Party: 12:30-4:00 pm

Where:

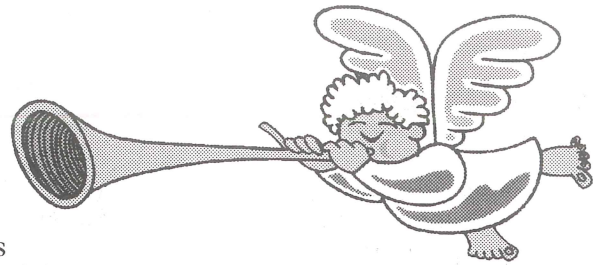
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Worse, it is expected that the first issue of 2004 for all of the following will be also needed.

- *Acadian Genealogy Exchange*, Vol. 32, 2003 (only 2 issues)
- *Avotaynu*, Vol. 19, 2003
- *Central Virginia Heritage*, Vol. 19, #12, 2002; Vol. 20, #12, 2003
- *Cherokee Tracer*, Vol. 13, 2003
- *Colorado Genealogist*, Vol. 64, #24, 2003
- *Connecticut Nutmegger*, Vol. 36, #12, 2003
- *Copper State Journal*, Vol. 38, #13, 2003
- *Crossroads* (Orphan Train Heritage Soc.), Vol. 70, 2003 (each issue given a vol. number)
- *Dakota Homestead Historical Newsletter*, Vol. 32, #23, 2003
- *Deep South Genealogical Quarterly*, Vol. 40, #13, 2003
- *Delaware Genealogical Society Journal*, Vol. 11, #4, 2002; Vol. 12, #1, 2003
- *Families* (Ontario Genealogical Society), Vol. 40, #3, 2001; Vol. 42, #13, 2003
- *Family Chronicle*, Vol. 7, #2, 2002; Vol. 7, #3, 56, 2003
- *Florida Genealogical Society Journal*, Vol. 39, #12, 2003
- *Florida Genealogist*, Vol. 26, #13, 2003
- *Forum* (Federation of Genealogical Society), Vol. 15, #13, 2003
- *Genealogical Computing*, Vol. 23, #1, 2003
- *Genealogical Journal* (Utah Genealogical Association), Vol. 31, #13, 2003
- *German Connection*, Vol. 27, #3, 2003
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- *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. 157, # 626628
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- *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, Vol. 29, #13, 2003
- *Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 48, #13, 2003
- *Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine*, Vol. 43, #1, 2003
- *Pointers* (Pursuing Our Italian Names), Vol. 17, #13
- *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Vol. 100, #34, 2002
- *Treearcher* (Kansas Genealogical Society), Vol. 45, #12, 2003
- *Virginia Genealogist*, Vol. 47, #13, 2003
- *Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Vol. 50, #12, 2003
- *Yellowed Pages*, Vol. 33, #12, 2003





AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

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
Baytown, TX 77520-2486
Contact: 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
Website: 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

act: 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/~bthags/>

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
Website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~bmcghs/>

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.pgst.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
ljohnsonc@aol.com, or
P.O. Box 3301,
Texas City, TX 77590-3301
Dues: \$6.50/individual, \$10/family; yr.
Newsletter: None
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/>

Walker County Genealogy Society

Meets: Monthly at 9:30 a.m. on 3rd Saturday
Where: Forrest Masonic Lodge #19
1030 Twelfth St.
Huntsville, TX 77340-4612
Contact: Mrs. Johnnie Jo Dickenson,
President, or
info@wcgen.com
P. O. Box 1295
Huntsville, TX 77342-1295
Dues: \$10/yr. or \$15/family
Newsletter: yes
Website: <http://www.wcgen.com>

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,
902 College Ave.
Brenham, TX 77833-4098
Contact: Mary Whigham, Vice-President
(936) 878-2892,
mjwhig@nettxas.net, or
2501 South Bay # 105
Brenham, TX 77833
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Newsletter: Yes
Web site: <http://www.alpha1.net/~awhart/wgenweb/washiton.htm>



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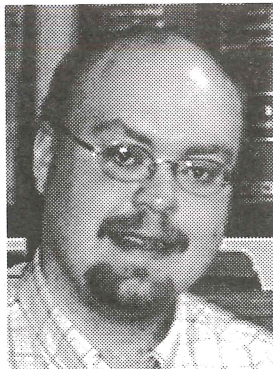
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Jerry Drake,
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Archives of the
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the speaker at
the February 14
General Meeting
of CLF. Jerry, a
Houston area
native, will be



speaking on "Records in the Texas General Land Office." This will include CLF's microfilming of the Confederate Scrip Vouchers and Republic of Texas Donation Vouchers as well as some other surprise filming projects. The meeting begins promptly at 10 a.m. at the Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston, Texas.

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Don't forget to renew your membership!!

Volunteer training for the Microprint Desk will be offered in January on Tuesday the 20th, Wednesday the 21st and Saturday the 24th. The weekday sessions will begin at 2pm and the Saturday session will probably begin at 9am.

Volunteer training for Shelving will be offered in February on Tuesday the 17th and Saturday the 21st. The weekday session will begin at 2pm and the Saturday session will probably begin at 9am.

Saturday classes are being offered so that those who work during the week will have the opportunity to volunteer on Saturdays and evenings.

Please E-mail the volunteer coordinator, **Sandy Scott** at ascott@cadcom.net or sandy@3405.com or call him at 713-921-0964 or at his office 713-661-4341; or leave your name and contact information at the front desk at the library, attention of **David Hardin**.

Two successful shelving classes were held in December. Those who took the training are **Louisa Collett, Laura Epps, Douglas and P. Wilson, Lucy Serrano, Glen Cress, Dick Warren, Chocolate Peiplen, Jim Barkley, Myron Steves, Gerry Coy, Julia Avery, Sandy Scott and Pat Spolyar.**

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