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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A reminder: We will be voting at the May general membership meeting to amend the bylaws of CLF to include a new section to read:

Section 7.10 The officers and directors shall not spend 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.

At the May general meeting we will also be electing four CLF members to serve on the nominating committee for the November election. These four individuals, together with a fifth member elected by the board, will be tasked to recommend candidates for executive board terms expiring at the end of 2004. The committee's report will be published in the last newsletter of the year, and the nominations put forward by the committee will be voted upon at the November 13 general meeting. Newly elected officers and directors will assume their offices on January 1, 2005.

We hope all of you will plan to attend our May 8 general membership Meeting!

*Happy Hunting, Elizabeth "Liz" Nitschke Hicks, President*

## Vital Records and the Genealogist

*By Trevia Wooster Beverly*

When we think of vital statistics, we normally think of birth, marriage, and death. Here we will primarily discuss births and deaths, as researching these two areas is often done as 'a pair,' with marriage taking only a marginal note. Where you find information for one event, often information for the other is at hand. The concern, which genealogists have had for some time now, is the closing of vital records due to 'the privacy act.' Working around this

requires some ingenuity but usually a way can be found. Substitutes for official vital records is so important to the genealogical researcher that it is imperative that we keep recording and publishing cemetery markers, church minutes and registers, etc.

No record of genealogical interest stands alone. From family Bibles to the cemetery, vital statistics are found. Even the marriage license may hold birth clues, as does the census. The mortality schedules

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# Clayton Library Friends Financial Report

## BALANCE SHEET As of 3/31/04

Acct	Balance
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Postal Service Bulk Mail Acc. ....	353.87
Wells Fargo Checking .....	62,603.22
Wells Fargo Market Rate Acc. ....	724,450.91
Woodforest CD .....	100,000.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts .....	887,408.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	<b>887,408.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
LIABILITIES.....	0 -
EQUITY .....	887,408.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b> .....	<b>887,408.00</b>

## CASH FLOW REPORT 01/01/04 Through 3/31/04

Category	Description	Amounts
<b>INFLOWS</b>		
411 - Unrestricted Gifts .....		4,917.00
412 - Rest'd Gifts - non Endowment.....		2,461.00
413 - Rest'd Gifts - Endowment.....		704,156.77
423 - 2004 Ducs.....		3,070.00
424 - 2005 Prepaid Dues.....		265.00
450 - Interest - Endowment .....		2,117.68
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b> .....		<b>716,987.45</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>		
510 - Library Purchases .....		11,715.28
530 - Program Printing & Mailing.....		1,356.97
540 - Meeting & Seminar Expns .....		90.17
550 - Misc Prog Expns.....		85.90
650 - M&G Printing & Mailing.....		111.00
660 - Office Supplies.....		75.10
670 - P.O. Box Rental .....		126.00
680 - Misc M&G Expenses.....		(24.63)
720 - Misc Fund Raising Expns .....		227.22
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b> .....		<b>13,763.01</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b> .....		<b>703,224.44</b>

Donald E. Pusch  
Treasurer

## CLF Meets Better Business Standards

CLF members in the Houston area may have noticed the Better Business Bureau list of charitable organizations appearing in the 10 March edition of *Greater Houston Weekly*. Of the 377 organizations listed, Clayton Library Friends was among the 249 that were judged to have met all BBB Standards for Charitable Accountability.

Each year, CLF makes a submission to the BBB that includes our annual audit and income tax return plus a detailed checklist for management policies and methods, financial accountability, fundraising practices, and program accomplishments. The standards established by the BBB are constantly being upgraded and revised, and it is a CLF objective to meet or exceed these standards on a continuing basis.

## 2003 CLF Audit Completed

At the 18 March CLF board meeting, Pat Durio of the firm of Durio & Co., P.C., presented the results of the firm's audit of CLF's financial records for 2003. According to the audit, CLF financial statements "present fairly, in all material respect, the financial position of Clayton Library Friends, Inc. as of December 31, 2003, and the results of its activities and cash flow for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States." Copies of the 2003 audit may be obtained from CLF Treasurer Don Pusch, (281) 326-3278.

## Letter to the Editor

I am a member of CLF and an avid reader of *The CLF Newsletter*, which I keep in a binder for easy storage, reference, and accessibility.

However, when punching holes in *The CLF Newsletter* it removes the content of the articles. I would like to suggest for consideration by the staff of the newsletter that an allowance be made in the left margin for such holes. Your consideration and response would be greatly appreciated.

Shirley Donohoe

*Shirley had a great suggestion and, as you can see in this issue, we have been able to do what she asked. Thanks for the tip.*

Editor



## Vital Records and the Genealogist

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will give information or hold clues, and wills and inventories are but two other related records for births and death information.

The search for vital statistics is as varied as genealogical research is in general. The sleuth must come to the table with a law dictionary and a handbook of synonyms to find all the various terms by which to search.

Today it seems the first thing we gravitate to is the Internet. So let's begin with that. By use of simple searches much information will come to light. The usefulness of any site will equate with how well you know the site. Too often we want it on that 'silver platter' and are not willing to spend some quality time investigating the site and finding out about the 'hidden' material.

The obvious place to go, of course, is the individual state web pages. The one for Texas, for instance, at <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/bvs/default.htm> has everything from the address and telephone number to what's available to whom and how. By use of simple searches much information will come to light. Try Ancestry.com for birth, marriage, and death records, and for the all important Social Security Death Index (SSDI). This site also features a search engine in which you can type in the name of the person you are researching and quickly find databases or individual records related to that person. Remember that some sites are free; some available only for a fee. Go to <http://usgenweb.com/> for U.S. GenWeb and you'll find the major listings of state pages, census project, tombstone project, etc. Each will carry you to additional information regarding vital statistics.

The National Center for Health Statistics at Hyattsville, Maryland is at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/r&d/ndi/ndi.htm> While it does give statistics, good for background research, there is also pertinent information such as the National Death Index.

It would be impossible to note all the wonderful sources within Clayton Library, much less other libraries. Definitely, becoming acquainted with an individual library catalog — especially when you can use it online — will be a plus. Within the Houston Public Library's online catalog, for example, just enter the various terms of vital statistics, birth records, death records, cemetery records, and on and on and on... this wide-range search will, of course, give you what's inside the entire system. By entering first your state of interest, Arkansas for

example, you can get to a more specific search. Enter 'Arkansas genealogy' and you'll find 161 records listed that are available at Clayton Library. Narrow it down further to 'Arkansas Vital Statistics' and you'll only get six ... and there are many more. PERSI<sup>1</sup> is a tool with wide range. Check this for all the various words — family names, Bible records, cemetery transcriptions, church registers, and so many more. Not to be forgotten is the 'vanity press' or county histories that include family information.

At Clayton you will also find original records in the form of the old Fogel-West Funeral Home files as well as those of the Boulevard Funeral Home. Indexes have been prepared and are on the bookshelf under Harris County in the Texas section. Often in the Family Vertical Files there will be copies of certificates, family groups sheets and other materials that point the way to vital statistics.

The third area that the researcher must become well acquainted with is the courthouse of interest. We tend to think of birth and death records being filed with the state as, indeed, they most often are, especially from the time of statewide registration. However, it is not uncommon to find earlier records in the courthouse. While we have many good books to access to find out what records are on the county level, an easy to use one will be *The Handy Book*<sup>2</sup>. However, the Researcher must be aware that it does not take into account 'delayed' filings that were made when social security came into place. For example, it gives statewide registration of Texas births as beginning in 1903 without accounting for the delayed filings.

The birth certificate is a contemporary record made at a time of joy. Not only the mother who most often gives the information as to the infant's name, parents' name, etc. but the attending physician and hospital do their part as well. But even here, mistakes or oversights are made. One should not overlook the records of midwives. For Harris County, Bertha Haude's record is available.<sup>3</sup> You may also find such records elsewhere<sup>4</sup>.

Births and deaths were frequently recorded long before statewide registration. In the city of Houston birth records have been kept since July 27, 1899 and deaths from April 5, 1874. Copies of these death certificates through August 1900 are at Clayton Library<sup>5</sup> with a two-volume index.

The death certificate on the other hand, is one made at a time of distress and the person giving the information may be too distraught to remember

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accurately, or not know the birth information to give. The death certificate usually includes the name of the funeral director and the cemetery, giving two additional resources to seek out. Many new researchers often will access only one, thinking the information will be the same. Not so! One should contact both the funeral director and the cemetery if possible.

And of course the obituary will be part of the death search. Obits have not always been published as they are now. While it may be published in the main body of the newspaper, it may be listed as Obituaries, Death Notices, Deaths, Funerals, Mortuary Report, etc., but do not forget that they may also show in the advertising section. There was a time when such notices were considered pure and simple advertising and this is where such will be found.

Church records will often parallel and overlap the civil records. This is another area in the search for births, marriage, and deaths may often be found in published form. One such Harris County publication is the register of *Salem Lutheran Church of Rosehill, 1853-1925*.<sup>6</sup>

Tombstones will often net much more than just the name and a birth and death date. Clues to maiden names, military service, religious affiliation, and often the place of origin will enable the researcher to access other records.

All too often the new researcher (as well as the old timer) will settle for no record prior to the state's official registration date, but as we can see from this very brief discussion, that is unnecessary as there are many related resources to be found.

*Trevia Wooster Beverly is a charter member of Clayton Library Friends, active in archival, historical, genealogical, and library organizations, she currently teaches the genealogy classes at Houston's Leisure Learning Unlimited.*

1. *Periodical Source Index*, multiply volumes published by the Allen County public Library. See *The CLF Newsletter* article by Gay Carter (v. 9, no. 4, Nov 1995).
2. Everton Publishers, Logan UT.
3. This author has a photocopy of the record.
4. The Florida State Archives
5. 976.4141 H843 HARRIS

## Clayton Home Restoration Fund

Recently, a group of Clayton family members came forward to the CLF board and expressed interest in providing a substantial portion of funds needed for the renovation and restoration of the Clayton home, carriage house, and guest quarters. To explore further the costs of such an enterprise, the CLF board has opened discussions with the firm of Glassman Shoemaker Maldonado Architects. At press time, details of the project were unavailable; however, such a project will undoubtedly take considerable funding, very little of which (perhaps none) can be expected from City of Houston resources.

The Clayton home, built in 1916 and donated to the City of Houston in 1958 by the Clayton family, underwent a partial refurbishment during 1993-1995 that cost approximately \$850,000, all funded by the City of Houston. That work included major repairs to the

main building's heating, plumbing, and air conditioning systems, refurbishment of the interior of the main floor of the Clayton home, and some (for the most part cosmetic) work on the exterior of the Clayton home. That work fell far short of the kind of complete restoration that was needed at the time. In the intervening years, the condition of this historic property, and especially the guest quarters, has further deteriorated, portending a time when portions of the property may face condemnation. The 1993-1995 work also left the entire second floor of the Clayton home essentially unusable except as a storage area, and it has been closed to the public for the last eleven years. Neither the carriage house nor the guest quarters is currently usable, and the latter is in considerable disrepair, a result of roof leaks and the resulting deterioration of interior walls and floors.

Since its rededication and

reopening in 1995, the Clayton home has been used to house the family histories collection and is a vital part of the Clayton Library complex. Its deterioration and less than full utilization is a serious detriment to the library and to the thousands of family historians and other researchers who use the library each year.

CLF has established a Clayton Home Restoration Fund, and we would be pleased to accept donations restricted for that purpose. Please make checks payable to CLF (P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277) and mark the memo field "Clayton Home Restoration."

Many aspects of this project are undefined at this time, including the extent of funding that may be forthcoming from major benefactors. When further details are available, they will be presented to the membership in *The CLF Newsletter* or at quarterly Friends meetings.



## Research at the Library of Virginia (Why I switched on my way to the National Archives)

by Dick Warren

**M**y wife is an avid quilter. She had the opportunity this February to attend a weeklong Elly Sienkiewicz Applique Academy workshop in Williamsburg, Virginia. Because we have daughters in Virginia and Maryland, we decided to drive and take extra time to visit them and our grandchildren. What a way to justify doing some genealogical research on my colonial ancestors at the National Archives in Washington, DC.

Getting to the archives in DC this time of year is not all that easy, so I started looking for alternatives. After all, this is a vacation and not supposed to be a struggle. That's when I found the Library of Virginia from a google search, one heck of a genealogy library, in Richmond, 54 miles from Williamsburg. Among other resources the library has microfilm records, beginning about 1702, of every county in Virginia. It also has some county records from West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Exactly where I needed to research "Blind Bob Warren," his father, and his grandfather. Their early colonial archive section is second to none (white gloves are required with high security.) The best of all for us in Houston is that many of the records are available for interlibrary loan. A list of Virginia Counties can be found at [http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/local/local\\_rec/county\\_city/index.htm](http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/local/local_rec/county_city/index.htm). But I still LOVE Clayton, also one heck of a genealogy library.

Everyone is eligible to use the Library of Virginia. You are only required to register and provide photo identification to use materials in the library, all free. Most of their collection is in the closed stacks and must be requested using their online catalog. They don't conduct orientation classes but recommend that you simply visit the West Reading Room reference desk for any assistance. The staff patiently explains their resources and how to begin. If you are planning a trip there, the following links are helpful for information on hours and driving directions (much much easier than the National Archives) as well as to their genealogical resources. A search of some of these index databases will provide information and help save research time. <http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whowere/visit/index.htm> and <http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/gene/index.htm>.

The Library's collections of books, periodicals, government publications, and microforms totals 1,783,287 items, including 41,462 reels of newspa-

per microfilm and 651,524 federal government publications. An index is available at <http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/notes/index.htm>.

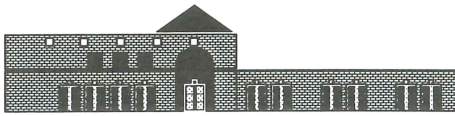
The Library's archival collections now total 61,216 cubic feet, or approximately 91.8 million items. The archival collection also includes 36,525 reels of microfilm, an estimated 67,468 maps, and 9,046 architectural plans and drawings. The Library's Special Collections include the Rare Books, Fine Art, and Picture Collections, which consists of books dating as far back as the 15th century and collected over the past 175 years; paintings and sculptures located largely in buildings in the Capitol Square area, such as the Library, State Capitol, Executive Mansion and Supreme Court; and more than 240,000 prints, photographs, postcards, posters, and ephemera.

Library historical resources are located at <http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/notes/time.htm>. Some very early Virginia Religious Petitions can be found at <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/repehtml/repehome.html>. For example, early Virginia Religious Petitions presents images of 423 petitions submitted to the Virginia legislature between 1774 and 1802 from more than eighty counties and cities. Drawn from the Library of Virginia's Legislative Petitions collection, the petitions concern such topics as the historic debate over the separation of church and state championed by James Madison and Thomas Jefferson, the rights of dissenters such as Quakers and Baptists, the sale and division of property in the established church, and the dissolution of unpopular vestries. The collection provides searchable access to the petitions' places of origin and a brief summary of each petition's contents, as well as summaries of an additional seventy-four petitions that are no longer extant. The collection complements the Library of Congress exhibition Religion and the Founding of the American Republic and is a collaborative venture between the Library of Congress and the Library of Virginia.

Unfortunately, I didn't find "Blind Bob's" ancestral records. I did eliminate some of the possibilities.

NEXT YEAR when we do the quilting workshop.....





## Clayton Library Friends General Meeting, 2/14/2003

### Jerry Drake, Director of Archives Texas General Land Office

by Teri Hall Little

Clayton Library Friends received a wonderful Valentines Day present in the form of Jerry Drake, Director of Archives for the Texas General Land Office, who was the speaker at our February general meeting.

Mr. Drake gave a comprehensive lesson on the history of land in Texas and the agency formed to oversee it. While the Texas General Land Office (GLO) was officially established December 22, 1836 by the First Congress of the Republic of Texas, documents held by this agency date back to 1721. The original mission of the GLO was to "manage the public domain by collecting and keeping records, providing maps and surveys and issuing land titles." To this end, current GLO holdings include Spanish Crown land grants, which date from 1720 to 1821. In 1821, Mexico declared its independence from Spain. Thus, Mexican land records from 1821 to 1836 are also part of this collection.

Mr. Drake educated us on the different types of land grants, such as first-class headrights, which were given prior to Texas Independence. After the Revolution, Military bounty grants were given to anyone who served in the Revolution. This included service in specific battles such as Goliad, Bexar, the Alamo, and San Jacinto. Loan scripts were also discussed.

A handout given titled **Texas General Land Office: Three Centuries on the Land: The Archives of the Texas General Land Office: The story of Texas is told through the history of its public lands** fully explains the history of land in Texas, along with definitions of each type of land grant and script that has existed in Texas history. In addition, **Basic Research in the Archives of the Texas General Land Office** was also given out.

According to Mr. Drake, the largest collection they have is the 1855 Court of Claims. While the first ten years are missing, the remainder is intact. The Archives division of the GLO is also home to an outstanding collection of early maps showing the evolution of Texas.

Currently, the Archives of the Texas General Land Office is in the process of digitally preserving every record contained within its vaults to preserve and protect our history for future generations of Texans. CLF is in the process of microfilming some of the fine records contained in the collection of the GLO.

For anyone interested in researching early Texas land records, the process of obtaining copies of early land records and maps is a painless process. Simply contact the Archives of the Texas General Land Office at [www.glo.state.tx.us](http://www.glo.state.tx.us) or call at 1-800-998-4GLO.

### "Panic Button Installed"

The panic button has been installed in the Clayton home at the reference desk. We thank Barbara Gubbin, Director of Libraries for HPL, in giving the installation a high priority and an increased margin of safety for the library staff and volunteers. It sounds an alert in both the workroom and information desk in the "new" library should someone need to use it. She also mentioned how appreciated the volunteers are as they help in the home and said that without the volunteers it would be hard to keep the home open to library patrons and that everyone is glad to have this extra measure of safety.



## Tennessee Voter Enumerations, 1891

By Emily A. Croom

Fortunately for genealogists, the Tennessee legislature in January 1891 authorized an enumeration of males twenty-one years of age or older who were citizens of Tennessee. The original records are housed with Record Group 87, Election Returns, at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. The records, on nine rolls of microfilm, are new additions to the Clayton Library collection.

The appointment certificates of the county commissioners who had the responsibility of making the enumeration are included at the beginning of roll one. The enumeration is filmed alphabetically by county and is arranged numerically by civil districts within each county. Some districts are further subdivided into wards. Useful for genealogical documentation is the fact that the named individuals are numbered within each district.

The information provided in the lists is not extensive but is helpful. The forms asked for the name, age, and race of each voter. Some lists are alphabetical by the initial letter of the surname; others are not in any particular order, other than perhaps the order of visitation. Such lists in visitation order could be clues to identifying neighbors, especially when compared to the 1880 and/or 1900 censuses and other records. As in federal census records, some men are listed by

name; some, by initials.

Not all commissioners recorded ages on their lists; even lists with ages filled in have some blanks in that column. In some counties, the commissioner listed white voters first, then black voters (identified in the column C, for colored). In other counties, the men are listed together, perhaps in the order of visitation.

The lists form a partial substitute for the lost 1890 federal census, especially in rural areas where city directories were not published. While no family relationships are stated, surname groups sometimes appear within the lists. In counties with unalphabetized lists, such a surname group could suggest relatives living near each other or unmarried sons still living with parents or with other family members.

Counties missing from these records are Bledsoe, Campbell, Perry, and Sequatchie. For about ten counties, Clayton Library holds published indexes, prepared by Sue S. Reed and available in the Tennessee section on the first floor. The nine rolls of microfilm are divided as follows:

- Roll 1  
Anderson through  
Cocke counties
- Roll 2  
Coffee through DeKalb  
counties

- Roll 3  
Dickson through  
Greene counties

- Roll 4  
Grundy through  
Hickman counties

- Roll 5  
Houston through  
Lincoln counties

- Roll 6  
Loudon through  
Morgan counties

- Roll 7  
Obion through Sevier  
counties

- Roll 8  
Shelby through Sumner  
counties

- Roll 9  
Tipton through Wilson  
counties

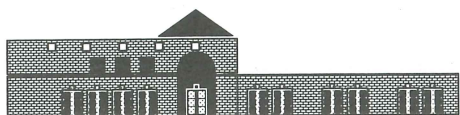
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In addition to being an active researcher, Emily Croom is a widely known speaker, teacher, and author of genealogy articles and books. Her books include *Unpuzzling Your Past* (4th ed., 2001), *The Sleuth Book for Genealogists* (2000), *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your African-American Ancestors* (2003, with co-author Franklin Smith of Houston), and *The Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook* (2d ed., 2003). Visit her web site at [www.unpuzzling.com](http://www.unpuzzling.com).

## HISTORICAL MARKER FOR CLAYTON HOUSE

Houston Public Library is awaiting the delivery of a Texas Historical Marker for the Clayton House which will contain information on the William Clayton family. CLF will be working with HPL on a dedication of the marker which is expected to arrive in late summer or early fall. Hopefully, we'll have information in our August newsletter. The present Texas historical marker is about the house.





## Clayton Library is in need of the following missing periodical issues:

*Acadian Genealogy Exchange*  
V32, 2003 (2 issues per year)

*American Genealogist*  
V78 #4, 2003

*Ancestry* (Palm Beach, FL Gen. Soc.)  
V38 #2-4, 2003

*Ansearchin News* (TN)  
V50, 2003

*Avotaynu*  
V19 #1-3, 2003

*Central Alabama Gen. Soc.*  
V28, 2002

*Cherokee Tracer*  
V13, 2003

*Colorado Genealogist*  
V64 #2-4, 2003

*Connecticut Nutmegger*  
V36, #4, 2004

*Copper State Journal*  
V38, 2003

*Crossroads* (Orpah Train Heritage Soc.)  
V70, 2003

*Dakota Homestead Hist. Newsletter*  
V32 #2-4, 2003

*Deep South Gen. Quarterly*  
V40, 2003

*Delaware Gen. Soc. Journal*  
V11 #4, 2002; V11 #5-8, 2003

*Everton's Family History Magazine*  
V57, 2003

*Flashback*  
V53 #2, 2003

*Florida Gen. Soc. Journal*  
V39 #1-2, 2003

*Florida Genealogist*  
V26, 2003

*Forum* (Federation of Gen. Soc.)  
V15, 2003

*Genealogical Computing*  
V23 #1-2, 2003; V23 #3, 2004

*Genealogical Journal* (Utah Gen. Assoc.)  
V31, 2003

*Genealogical Mag. of New Jersey*  
V78 #4, V78 Index

*German Connection*  
V27 #3-4, 2003

*Golden Roots of the Mother Lode*  
V23 #1-2, 2003

*Goingsnake Messenger*  
V20 #3-4, 2003

*Hawkeye Heritage*  
V38 #1-2, 2003

*Irish Genealogist*  
V11 #2, 2003

*Journal of the Afro-Amer. Hist. and Gen. Soc.*  
V22, 2003

*Kentucky Ancestors*  
V38, 2003

*Maryland Gen. Soc. Bulletin*  
V44, 2003

*Mayflower Descendant*  
V52, #1, 2003

*Missouri State Gen. Assn. Journal*  
V22, 2002; V23, 2003

*New Mexico Genealogist*  
V42, 2003

*New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*  
V134 #3-4, 2003/04

*NYG&B Newsletter*  
V14 #3-4, 2003

*Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly*  
V48, 2003

*Register of the Kentucky Historical Soc.*  
V99 #2, 2001; V100 #3-4, 2002; V101, 2003

*Rhode Island Roots*  
V29 #2-4, 2003

*Treeseacher* (Kansas Gen. Soc.)  
V45 #1, 3-4, 2003

*Wisconsin State Genealogical Soc. Newsletter*  
V50 #1-2, 2003

*Yakima Valley Gen. Soc. Bulletin*  
V34 #4, 2002

If you have any of these missing issues or would like to donate funds so that these periodicals can be acquired, please contact: Liz Hicks, phone: (713) 944-1118 or email: [erootrot@usa.net](mailto:erootrot@usa.net).



## NOTICE:

### Electronic delivery of the CLF Newsletter. ???

In 2004 we find ourselves using the resources of the Internet. We surf for all kinds of reasons; for medical information, library resources, genealogical research, searching for archived data, ordering genealogy books, getting entertainment tickets, communicating with each other using email and so on. Several genealogy societies in the greater Houston area are now using the Internet and email to deliver their monthly and quarterly newsletters. The Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) at <http://www.txbayareagen.org/> and Chaparral Genealogical Society and Library at <http://www.chaparralgensoc.org/> are two examples.

The Clayton Library Friends executive board is considering adding delivery of *The CLF Newsletter* using the Internet or email exclusively to CLF members. That means that in this proposal some CLF members would still get the newsletter by regular mail and now some would get it by way of the Internet. We want to do what the membership wants, so we need your feedback. Each CLF member will have the option to choose to receive their newsletter electronically (by email or download) or by regular mail. Electronic transmission could save delivery costs.

Email Dick Warren at [dick.warren@merlins-web.com](mailto:dick.warren@merlins-web.com) and tell him if you do or don't like this idea. If you don't have email, write Dick Warren in care of The Clayton Library Friends, P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078 and tell him you don't like it.

## The CLF Endowment Fund:

### A Perpetual Resource for the Benefit of Clayton Library

Soon after CLF's founding in 1987, the concept of a perpetual endowment began to emerge. Recognizing the limits and variability of public funding, the CLF board established the Clayton Library Endowment Fund as an independent funding source that could one day provide a constant income stream for the benefit of the Clayton Library. As with any newly formed nonprofit, however, CLF needed time to build the kind of endowment that would provide an appreciable amount of income. From 1987 to 2000, several small donations were received for the endowment, but it remained at a relatively low level—less than \$11,000—until the fall of 2000.

In September 2000, CLF received its first major contribution to the endowment, a gift of \$108,204 from The Margaret Whiteley Charitable Remainder Trust. A founding member of Clayton Library Friends and a director of the organization from 1989 to 1991, Miss Whiteley was a

strong supporter of CLF and an avid proponent of expanding the Clayton collection and improving library facilities and services.

The establishment of The Margaret Whiteley Charitable Remainder Trust was by no means the limit of Miss Whiteley's generosity. Prior to her death in November 1999, she established a second trust by which CLF was to receive 80% of the residual value of her estate on the death of the trust's surviving life beneficiary. Death of the life beneficiary in November 2003 resulted in the final liquidation and distribution of the Whiteley estate earlier this year. As a result of that distribution, CLF received \$704,156 for the CLF Endowment Fund on 27 January 2004. With this bequest, the fund now stands at \$824,007.

In January of this year, CLF President Liz Hicks asked CLF Treasurer Don Pusch and CLF Director Bill Wiggins to investigate investment options for the endowment and to make recommendations to the board as to how such investments should be handled. In

parallel with that activity, work began on processing a change to the CLF bylaws that would authorize the board to engage a professional investment manager. The membership will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed bylaws change at the 8 May CLF meeting.

At the CLF board meeting on 16 March, a draft investment policy statement for the endowment was presented by Pusch and Wiggins, and the board gave its approval for use of the draft policy statement as a basis for discussions with potential CLF Endowment Fund managers. It is envisioned that the CLF board, upon final approval of the investment policy statement, will request proposals from at least two such managers.

CLF members who may be interested in contributing to the CLF Endowment Fund, designating a bequest to the endowment, or establishing a charitable remainder trust for the benefit of the endowment are asked to contact CLF Treasurer Don Pusch, (281) 326-3278.





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*by Betty Hendricks Dunquez*

**I**t has been seven years since Texas has had a national conference, and we hope you will take this opportunity to attend the 2004 FGS Conference to be held in Austin, Texas on September 8 – 11, 2004. It will probably be a long time before we will have another national conference coming to Texas, so please don't miss this one. Anyone that has ever attended a conference of this caliber can tell you how exciting and educational they are, and that combined with the vendors with all of their genealogical and historical wares to sell, make it even more exciting.

Dean Hunter, President of The Federation of Genealogical Societies, and his committees have selected some of the best national speakers that are available, and they have also included some of the best speakers that Texas has available. Now is the time to see and hear these speakers all at one time and in one place when they appear in Austin. These presenters will share with you the ins and outs of researching Texas records, but it is not limited to Texas records only. There will be a variety of topics covering other locations as well as ethnic and methodology lectures. There will be something of interest for everyone. It is for beginners, advanced, or professional genealogist; there will be something for everyone on every level.

Austin, the state capital, is centrally located in the heart of Texas, and has the state and city resource repositories available for you to visit while you are there.

The Austin Convention Center is newly remodeled and expanded. The hotel accommodations are very accessible with both the Hilton and the Hampton Inn & Suites located across the street. The Crowne Plaza Hotel is only a few blocks away.

Please do not miss this opportunity to meet new people, learn new things, and enjoy being with people that can advance you in your travels through the genealogy world.

For more information visit FGS website at [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org), or contact one of the Local Host Co Chairs.

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**Pat Gordon**, Open Records Law, Obituaries, Newspapers and Research, The Wife Unknown.

**Don Raney**, British Migrations to the American Colonies, Early American Migration Routes, Texas Land Records, How to Find Your Ancestor's Maiden Name.

**Robert de Berardinis**, Genealogy of French, Spanish, and American Louisiana French Genealogy.

**Emily Croom**, Using Maps in Genealogy, Timelines as Guidelines in Genealogy, Resolving Conflicting Evidence.

**John Sellers**, It Takes a Village to Rebuild Your Ancestral Family, Researching Your Ancestor's Plot of Dirt, Women, That Gender You Can't Do Without in Your Research, History's Role in Your Genealogical Pursuits.

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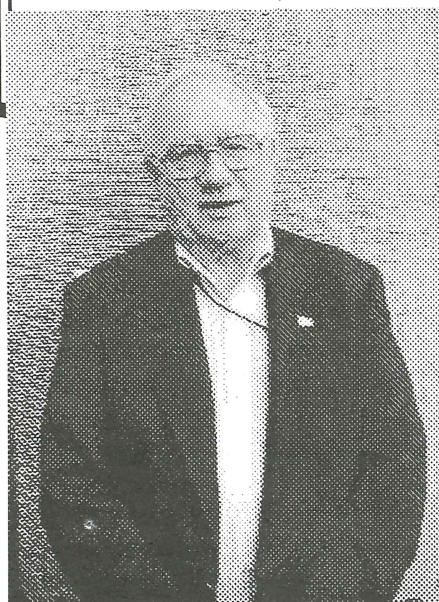
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## NEXT MEETING

May 8, 2004

The meeting begins promptly  
at 10 a.m. at the

Bayland Community Center  
6400 Bissonnet, Houston, Texas.



## Wolfram M. Von-Maszewski

**W**olfram M. Von-Maszewski, born and raised in Europe, received his BA and MA degrees in anthropology from the University of Texas at Austin and did additional work in American studies at the University of Colorado and in genealogy through Brigham Young University. He has produced several publications: *Index to the Trail Drivers of Texas*, *The Volkfest in Brenham, Texas*, *A Sojourn in Texas, 1846-47* (a translation of the experience of an early German traveler in Texas), *German Emigration Ships to New Orleans, 1865-1869* and most recently *Voyage to North America, 1844-45* (a translation with notes of Prince Carl of Solms's Texas diary; Solms coordinated the movement of German settlers into Texas and became the founder of New Braunfels). His current project is the translation and compilation of letters and diaries by a group of German-Texans who served in Waul's Texas Legion in the Civil War.

Mr. Von-Maszewski has been a long-time member of CLF and was president of the German-Texan Heritage Society for several terms. In the year 2000 he was invited to Germany to speak on emigration as well as the commercial relationship between the port of Bremerhaven, Germany, and the port of Galveston in the 1800s. Professionally, Mr. Von-Maszewski is a Certified Genealogical Records Searcher (CGRS) and the manager of the Genealogy and Local History Department at George Memorial Library, Richmond, Texas.