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## MEMBERSHIP DUES TO INCREASE

### First Increase Since 1987

In a separate mailing, current CLF members will be receiving a renewal notice and a renewal form for 2005, and we hope all of you will renew for the coming year and continue to support Clayton Library. A small number of members have already renewed. If you are unsure about your membership, check the mailing label on the newsletter. If "2005" appears above your name, you are already credited with payment of your 2005 dues, and there is no need to send in the renewal form.

Due to rising costs, especially of *The CLF Newsletter*, the Clayton Library Friends board on Tuesday, September 21 at its regular board meeting voted without opposition to raise the annual dues \$5 effective January 1, 2005. This is the first dues increase since the founding of CLF in 1987. Equally important, the CLF membership should realize that all CLF members can renew and new members may join at the old rates of \$10 for an individual and \$15 for two people at the same address up to (mail postmarked by) December 31, 2004.

This increase in dues was a motion prepared by CLF Treasurer Don Pusch, made by 2nd Vice President Don Teter, and seconded by Director Bill Wiggins. This vote was deliberated seriously with input from all board members. Of prime importance to all CLF board members is the prevention of paying operating expenses from sources other than dues, or in other words, that *all* contributions CLF receives go directly to purchasing materials or services for Clayton Library.

The two largest items in the budget, all of which must be solely paid by dues, are the expenses of the required audit/IRS Form 990 preparation and *The CLF Newsletter*. Without including the cost of the November 2004 issue of *The CLF Newsletter*, the 2004 year to date costs of the audit/IRS Form 990 and *The CLF Newsletter* totaled \$10,024.80. Dues received as of September 20, 2004 totaled \$12,340.00.

The board knows that with the expansion of the endowment fund and its investment, the audit/IRS Form 990 expenses are expected to go up next year. Also, the renovation of Clayton House and the two outbuildings will have some minimal expenses that must be paid out of dues.

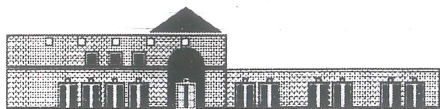
This is the reason the board is asking members who have e-mail and an internet connection to receive *The CLF Newsletter* by e-mail. This will allow for a significant decrease in expenses. The 300 people who have responded positively so far will mean an estimated \$900 per year savings. The board realizes that some newsletters will always have

to be printed for members without an Internet connection. Additionally, newsletters are also used to exchange with other periodicals for the collection at Clayton Library.

We hope that the membership understands the necessity of the increase and will continue to support Clayton Library Friends. Treasurer Don Pusch will be at the November general meeting to answer any questions concerning the budget and expenses.

*The Officers and Directors of Clayton Library Friends*





# Clayton Library Friends Financial Report

Balance Sheet - as of 09/27/04

Acct	Balance
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Postal Service Bulk Mail Acc.....	482.28
Wells Fargo Checking Acc.....	60,247.16
Wells Fargo Market Rate Acc.....	1,970.77
Woodforest CD.....	100,000.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts.....	162,700.21
TD Waterhouse Investment Acc	
Portfolio value at 08/31/04.....	720,595.13
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>883,295.34</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
LIABILITIES.....	0 -
EQUITY.....	883,295.34
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY.....</b>	<b>883,295.34</b>

## Cash Flow Report - 01/01/04 Through 09/27/04

Category	Description	Amounts
<b>INFLOWS</b>		
411 - Unrestricted Gifts .....		7,887.50
412 - Rest'd Gifts - non Endowment .....		32,853.16
413 - Rest'd Gifts - Endowment .....		704,156.77
423 - 2004 Dues .....		4,135.00
424 - 2005 Prepaid Dues .....		300.00
450 - Interest - Endowment.....		7,095.64
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS.....</b>		<b>756,428.07</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>		
510 - Library Purchases.....		23,902.87
520 - Direct Payments to Library.....		12,858.45
530 - Program Printing & Mailing .....		3,770.96
540 - Meeting & Seminar Expns .....		272.56
550 - Misc Prog Expns .....		487.03
560 - Library Renovation Project.....		4,665.34
610 - Audits.....		5,068.00
620 - Tax Services.....		1,062.00
630 - M&G Legal Services .....		1.89
640 - Bank Charges .....		65.17
650 - M&G Printing & Mailing .....		427.58
660 - Office Supplies .....		314.05
670 - P.O. Box Rental .....		126.00
680 - Misc M&G Expenses .....		(5.28)
710 - Fund Raising Printg & Mailg.....		418.06
720 - Misc Fund Raising Expns .....		469.74
To TD Waterhouse Investment Acc. ....		724,007.00
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS.....</b>		<b>777,911.42</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL.....</b>		<b>(21,483.35)</b>

Donald E. Pusch  
Treasurer

## GIFTS IN KIND

Gifts of microfilm, microfiche, and books given to Clayton Library are called "Gifts in Kind." As an important source of contributions to Clayton Library, understanding why filling in the gift card (see picture) correctly can make your gift more valuable. Both Clayton Library and Clayton Library Friends keep records concerning the donation of these gifts, and ask your assistance in keeping the information accurate.

The wisest course of action with the donation of gifts in kind is to always make a thorough list

of the item or items being considered for donation and check with the library. If Clayton already has your donation on the shelf, you should contact CLF Director Robert de Berardinis at (713) 266-1692 or at: redeb@wt.net. He is in contact with several other area genealogical libraries, e.g., Baytown, Chaparral, Pasadena, and Texas City, and can help your donation find a "good home."

Bring your donations or lists of potential donations to librarian at the Information Desk just inside the entrance to the Library. This is your point of contact for Gifts in Kind.

The "Donor" name and address are self-explanatory, as is the "thru CLF" checkbox. If you wish to be listed as an anonymous donor, please write down your name and address in the "Notify" section, and write "Anonymous" in the "Donor" section. There is also a third choice. Check "No" in "Name on bookplate" section.

The "Donor's Evaluation of Gift" is perhaps the most difficult item to fill out correctly. If the donation is a periodical, the evaluation is the subscription or amount of dues paid in order to receive the periodical at that time. If the item is a book, especially a family history, then the original asking price is the amount to be indicated, unless you can show the same item for sale by a book dealer elsewhere at a higher price. In general, genealogical materials do not increase in price. This is also true of microfilm and microfiche. If the donor is totally unsure as to valuation, CLF will fill it in afterwards. Of course, the donor can contact CLF Director Robert de Berardinis for a valuation.

Circle "honor" if the item is being donated in honor of a living person. Conversely, circle "memory" if the item is being donated in memory of a deceased person.

The "Notify" section is for the contact information for Houston Public Library to send a thank you note for the donation if different than "Donor." This is also the section one fills out if the "Donor" is "Anonymous." If a number of items are being donated, bring a list and a copy of the list. Sign and date both of your copies, giving one to Clayton Library. The remaining sections are filled out by the Clayton Library staff.

Materials Gift Card		Houston Public Library
Donor's name	Thru CLF	
Donor's address		
This material is a gift. The HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY reserves the right to use all gifts to the best interest of the Library system.		
Responsibility of listing and appraising gifts for tax deduction is that of the donor.		
Donor's evaluation for gifts donated through CLF	\$	
Name on bookplate? Yes	No	
In honor or memory of		
Notify		
Address		
Date received	Received by	Unit
No. books	No. mag. (est.)	
Description		
Date acknowledged		



# 1890 Municipal Census of New York City

By Cary Hall

**L**ost someone in New York City? You need to check the 1890 Municipal Census. Clayton Library now has one reel and four more reels are on their way from the LDS Library. You probably wonder what is this wonderful resource and why do I need it?

## A Little History

The 1890 federal census was taken in June 1890. After the total population figures came out, New York City's Board of Health declared the City's count too low and insisted on a recount. New York City Mayor Hugh J. Grant agreed, saying that a more accurate count was necessary "in order that the statistics of the public health may be correctly compiled, new school houses properly located, fraudulent registration prevented, and right to representation proportionate to population secured."

New York City policemen enumerated the districts that they patrolled, and that is why this enumeration is sometimes referred to as the "Police Census." The municipal count was 13% higher than the federal count, but Mayor Grant could not persuade President Harrison to allow the Bureau of Census to conduct a federally-sanctioned recount.

Since most of the 1890 federal census was destroyed, this municipal census is very important to individuals doing research in the New York City area.

## Who was included in the 1890 Municipal Census of New York City?

The 1890 Municipal Census was an every-name census of persons who lived in New York County. Although the census covered Manhattan and the West Bronx, a few adjacent East River islands were also included. Enumerators were not instructed to distinguish between residents and people who

merely worked in Manhattan. Some people who were counted actually lived in New Jersey or in Brooklyn.

## What information does this census include?

For each area enumerated, the census will include the assembly district number and enumeration district number, along with the name of the patrolman/enumerator, and the police precinct number.

There are twenty names per page, and each line entry includes the person's full name, sex, and age. The ages of children less than a year old were recorded in months. Persons absent were enumerated as if they were home. In some instances, the enumerator included notes concerning the source of the data, such as neighbors, etc.

## Is it indexed?

There were originally 1008 volumes of the 1890 Municipal Census; however, only 894 survive. These are located in the Municipal Archives in New York City. Of these 894 volumes, 26 are indexed on Ancestry Plus, one of the many databases to which HPL subscribes and which are accessible at library terminals. For help in accessing the database and using the Ancestry Plus search engine for the 1890 Municipal Census, talk to a librarian at Clayton or other HPL locations. If the person you are researching is not on this index you will need an address to find them.

## How do I get an address for the person I'm researching?

To find an address for someone living in the New York City area in 1890, you will need to use *Trow's New York City Directory* for the year ending May 1, 1891 (since the census was taken between September 29 and October 15, 1890). Your family may have moved between the publishing of the 1890

and 1891 directories, so it may also be helpful to check 1890.

## What do I do when I get the address?

After getting the address for the person you are researching, use *Wilson's Street and Avenue Directory of the City of New York, 1888* to find the city blocks that include the address you are seeking. *Wilson's Street and Avenue Directory* is imaged on the first reel of the fifty-nine-reel set of 1890 Municipal Census microfilm, Family History Library (FHL) microfilm reel no. 1304784. After finding the city block containing the address you are researching, locate the street and cross street on the assembly district (AD) maps. These maps will also give the enumeration district (ED) numbers.

After each AD map there will be a grid giving the ED numbers and the Municipal Census volume number. Find the AD and ED number on this grid to locate the census volume number. This information (AD number, ED number, and census volume number) will allow you to locate the correct Municipal Census reel number (the Clayton staff can assist with this). Once you have found the right census reel, go to the correct AD and ED numbers and search for the address you need.

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Currently, Clayton owns only one reel (no. 1304784) of the 1890 Municipal Census of New York City; however, four additional reels are on order, and the library hopes to acquire the entire collection. Those wishing to contribute to this acquisition, may send gift checks to CLF, P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277. Mark the memo field of your check, "1890 NY Census."





# APPRAISAL ARCHIVIST SPOKE TO CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

**T**ony Black, Appraisal Archivist of the Texas State Archives, addressed the August 14 General Meeting on the subject of "Research at the Texas State Archives." His remarks were prefaced with his observations as a history professor at the Austin Community College on how history and genealogy are intertwined. They both begin with events occurring at fixed points in time and are based upon primary evidence, usually written or documentary. They are both developed from these bare bones of "names and dates" into their placement into the context of events occurring at the local and national (and world!) levels. The contextual placement is what gives understanding as to the actions and, hopefully, motives of one's ancestors.

The nature of the archives is to give informed access to the primary evidence or source material. This is accomplished by processing document collections and developing finding aids. This is done in order that researchers can isolate those components of interest quickly from the mountains of documents found at an archive. This comes from the viewpoint that archivists, historians, and genealogists are serving the same ends—an understanding of the past.

Black then directed his research remarks to the records being microfilmed at the Texas State Archives by Clayton Library Friends, which Black confirmed as the most important to both the genealogist/historian and the archivist, especially those of the Texas Adjutant General's Department. He gave high praise to the CLF membership for its ambitious and unprecedented undertaking. Black then remarked that perhaps CLF Director Robert de Berardinis may be the most knowledgeable person in Texas on these records due to his writing, rewriting, and editing the finding aids developed by the Texas State Archives.

He explained that all of the records at the archives are divided into record groups, which are based upon the creating agency of the documents. Black continued that all documents are grouped this way at all archives, not upon date of creation or by event or subject of document. To gain access to this grouping one can search the record groupings at either the Texas State Library and Archives Research Room or the finding aids found on TARO or Texas Archival Resources Online. This database is located online at: <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/index.html>. Black noted that on TARO, researchers will find other resources at other archives in Texas. From that URL researchers can proceed to the list records groups or creating agencies of the Texas State Library and Archives, located at: [http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse\\_tslac1.html](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_tslac1.html) or by following the links on the above index web page. This site will list the processed records, i.e., records where all the documents have been identified and described with a usable finding aid developed as opposed to the unprocessed records.

Black then explained the nature and importance of the major records being microfilmed by CLF, primarily those of the Texas Adjutant General. Black began with explaining the different types of records that comprise the Texas Adjutant General record group. They are:

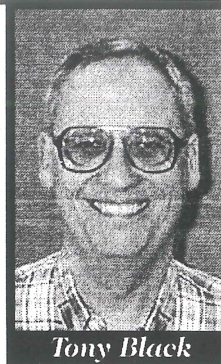
- (the Republic of Texas) Army Papers,
- (the Republic of Texas) Navy Papers,
- Military Rolls,
- Departmental Correspondence (of the Texas Adjutant General),
- Civil War Records,
- Ranger Records,
- Reconstruction Records, and
- Service Records.

Black further explained why microfilming is important to true

preservation as opposed to digitization or scanning and posting on the Internet. The chief problem is instability of the electronic medium. He explained that the average web site lasts about 45 days. He added that there is the obsolescence of hardware, a problem well-known to any personal computer user. He illustrated that with explaining there are only two machines capable of reading the raw data from the 1960 U.S. federal census—one is in Japan, the other is in the Smithsonian. He further remarked on the obsolescence of Betamax, 8-, 5¼-, and 3½-inch floppy disks, and punchcards. Microfilm, he added, correctly done has a 100-year life span.

Black then explained how the finding aids for processed records are designed and what they can tell the researcher. They are:

1. Historical or biographical notes on the agency or person that created or maintained the records,
2. Scope and contents of the records: what kinds of records, what information they might contain, the types of correspondents, other things helpful in understanding the context of the records,
3. How they are organized (chronological, alphabetical by surname, by county, by subject, etc.),
4. What restrictions, if any, i.e., legal restrictions, fragility, or need for microfilm reader, etc.,
5. Related records (ideally with links to them) and publications,
6. Administrative information (preferred citation, accession information who transferred



Tony Black

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them to the Archives and when, processing information, other formats available, location of originals), and

7. Container listing (with call numbers for volumes, boxes, sometimes folders, plus a brief label).

Black then briefly addressed the genealogical importance of the different documents found within the Adjutant General's records. He explained that the *Military Rolls* can place individuals in a given unit at a given place at a given point in time. The *Service Records* aren't really service records in the modern sense of the word until the twentieth century. Until that time, they are documents, arranged alphabetically

by surname with an index, which give evidence of service. He further explained that the *Army Papers*, *Navy Papers*, *Civil War Records*, *Reconstruction Records*, and *Ranger Records* can provide details concerning pay, equipment, reports, and medical records concerning individuals as well as context. Black emphasized, however, that it was the *Departmental Correspondence* that was the "meatiest" in terms of potential treasure. The *Departmental Correspondence* documents the daily details of the department's operation. This includes the recruiting, training, paying, provisioning, arming, transporting, operations, and requests for transfer and promotion of the various military organizations of Texas throughout its history.

Although the records are arranged chronologically, there is no index except for the letters received from 1870 through 1899. To access the correspondence, the astute researcher will first make use of the printed biennial Reports of the Texas Adjutant General. They are widely found throughout the state and in the Texana collection at the Texas State Library.

Black then concluded with a listing of what other records researchers will find at the state archives. He also added that Clayton Library now has the largest collection of Texas State Library and Archives Commission microfilm in the state.

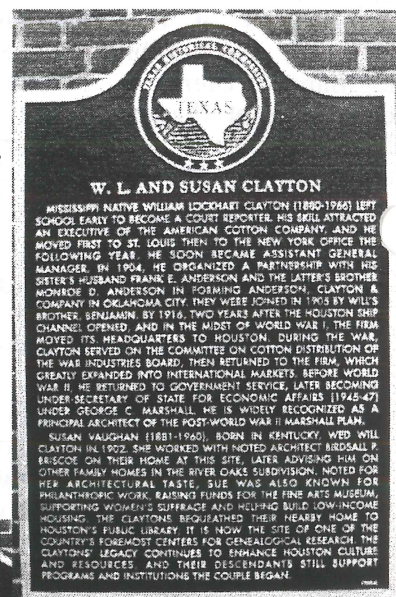
## OFFICIAL MARKER DEDICATED

On Saturday, October 2, 2004 the dedication of an Official State of Texas Historical Marker honoring William Lockhart Clayton and Susan Vaughan Clayton was held in Houston, Texas. Al Davis, Chairman of the Harris County Historical Commission and former board member of The Clayton Library Friends was the moderator at the initial part of the ceremony held in the auditorium of the Holocaust Museum. Greetings to the people attending came from Toni Lambert, Deputy Director of Library Operations, Elizabeth Nitschke Hicks, President of The Clayton Library Friends, Leonel Castillo, Office of the Mayor of Houston and Susan Garwood, Great-granddaughter of the Claytons.

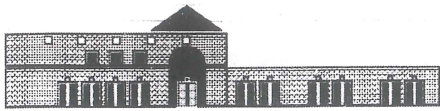
Mr. Thomas D. Anderson, nephew of W.L. Clayton spoke about how he personally remembered his uncle. He spoke of him fondly and especially remembered how his uncle gave him a crisp one dollar bill as he was leaving from a visit. This was more than the twenty-five cents he received from another uncle, a partner of W.L. Clayton, Mr. M.D. Anderson.

Mr. Ray Miller, no stranger to the Houston public, gave the principal address honoring the Claytons while providing the audience with some interesting history of the Anderson Clayton company in Houston.

After the presentations everyone walked across the street to the Clayton Library where the marker was unveiled. The day concluded with refreshments in the Clayton Home sponsored by the Clayton Library Friends.







# A NEW TOOL AT THE CLAYTON LIBRARY

By Robert de Berardinis

A new tool for Texas researchers at Clayton is the three microfilm roll Henry Raup Wagner Collection of Texas Manuscripts from Yale University Collection of Western Americana, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library. This collection was purchased through a donation by the Texas Research Ramblers of College Station made in memory of Mary Collie Cooper through Clayton Library Friends. This small, but important, collection is useful to researchers of the Spanish, Mexican, and Republic eras. As lagniappe, there is a small collection of Spanish Colonial Louisiana documents. The entire collection consists of four parts.

The four parts are:

1. Texas Manuscripts (deals with the history and development of northeastern Mexico and Texas, 1707-1847),
2. Texas and Coahuila Land Grants (petitions for land grants with supporting documents for mostly Austin's colony, 1829-31),
3. Philip Nolan Papers (documents concerning the exploits of Nolan and his followers into Texas from Natchitoches including his trial, 1791-1801), and
4. Louisiana Manuscripts (eleven land grants, deeds,

or decrees, mostly concerning early Anglo immigration into Natchez, 1792-1803; also, a letter of John Quitman to Richard Cox of Natchez, 1827).

If researchers wish to publish from this collection, permission must be obtained from the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University, P.O. Box 208240, New Haven, CT 06250-8240.

For the Spanish language challenged, a number of the Spanish documents come with typed translations done by eminent Yale scholars.

In the Texas Manuscripts collection are a number of documents relating to the boundary dispute of the United States and Spain regarding the Texas-Louisiana boundary. Additionally, there are several descriptions of Texas by various Spanish and Mexican governors, including empresario colonies starting with the Irish colonies starting in 1809.

Without a doubt, the most important segment, genealogically speaking, are the Texas and Coahuila Land Grants. Beginning in October 1829 with the petition of George Nixon, the 53 petitions contain official endorsements as well as written testimony by Stephen F. Austin. The petitions are from (in chronological order; names in parentheses means

mentioned in petition):

George Anthony Nixon,  
(J. A. Padilla),  
(Gov. Viesca),  
(Francisco Madero),  
(Gov. Letona),  
Juan Vicente Campos,  
Henry Harrison,  
(Stephen F. Austin),  
Robert Peebles,  
(Stephen F. Austin),  
Samuel May Williams,  
Jesse Burnham,  
(Stephen F. Austin),  
José Luis Carbajal,  
Juan Bernardo Benigno Davenport,  
(Vicente Cordova),  
(Luis Procela),  
José Antonio Farias,  
José Gomez,  
(José Gomez),  
(Ygnacio de León),  
José Amero y Ruiz,  
José Mariano Acosta,  
(Stephen F. Austin),  
José Pineda,  
(Mariano Mora),  
John Gates,  
(Stephen F. Austin),  
Juan Mora,  
Thomas Bennett,  
(Stephen F. Austin),  
Wyly Martin,  
(Stephen F. Austin),  
John Freeman Pettus,  
Vital Flores,  
José Pineda,

This collection comes with calendars available online (respectively) from Yale University at:

<http://webtext.library.yale.edu/xml2html/beinecke.WA339.con.html>

<http://webtext.library.yale.edu/xml2html/beinecke.WA341.con.html>

<http://webtext.library.yale.edu/xml2html/beinecke.NOLAN.con.html>

<http://webtext.library.yale.edu/xml2html/beinecke.LOUISIANA.con.html>



Ygnacio Ybanda,  
Miguel Zaragosa,  
José Maria Mora,  
José Maria Jesus Carbajal,  
Juan José Acosta,  
Simon Sanches,  
Robert Vince,  
William Barnett,  
José Ignacio Galindo,  
Samuel Gates,  
José Maria Moreno,  
Carlos Ocampo,  
Sarah Deel,  
William Plunkett Harris,  
John W. Hall,  
Joel Leakey,  
James Kerr,  
(Thomas Barnett),  
(Samuel Williams),  
Robert Peebles,  
(Marcelino Martinez),  
Zeno Philips  
John H. Scott,  
Peter William Grayson,  
Socrates S. Mosely,

Jesse H. Cartwright,  
Joseph D. Clements,  
(Thomas Barnett),  
(Samuel Williams),  
Juan José Gallard,  
André Ruiz de Esparza  
Valentin Cruz,  
George W. Scott,  
(William H. Scott),  
Michael Muldoon,  
Joaquin de la Garza,  
Carlos Gil,  
José Valentin Elguezabal,  
José Maria Aguirre, and  
(José Maria del Castillo).

The Philip Nolan papers in many cases are unique to those found in the Béxar or Nacogdoches Archives or *las Provincias Internas*. The lists of prisoners and associates found within this collection provide illumination to the men who accompanied Nolan who would later be immortalized in the

famous American novel, *Man Without a Country*. Those researchers interested in Nolan should read the definitive Maurine Wilson and Jack Jackson, *Philip Nolan and Texas: Expeditions to the Unknown Land, 1791-1801* (Waco: Texian Press, 1987). The only copy at HPL is at the Texas Room and cannot be checked out.

The Louisiana Manuscripts mostly concern land grants to early Anglos into Natchez. Those mentioned in this collection are:

William Dunbar,  
E. Gallaudet,  
L. Pellerin,  
William Curtis,  
Alexander Moore,  
Jacinta Gallagher,  
Charles La Chaise,  
François de Longuay,  
John Anthony Quitman, and  
Richard S. Cox.

## NEW SEMINAR TO BE PRESENTED

**W**e are excited to announce that the Clayton Library with support of the Houston Genealogical Forum and Clayton Library Friends is presenting a six-week course

### **GENEALOGICAL RECORDS AND PROBLEM-SOLVING TECHNIQUES: BREAKING DOWN THE BRICK WALLS**

Classes will be held at Bayland Community Center Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 beginning October 14, 2004. A special bonus computer lab session after the six evening classes will be offered at different dates and times at the downtown Houston Library. Please see the announcement posted on the home page of our website [www.hgftx.org](http://www.hgftx.org). Link: <http://www.hgftx.org/Data/Document-Library/-2012627347.pdf>

This announcement and registration form may be downloaded from the HGF home page. Or you may access it through this link: <http://www.hgftx.org/Data/Document-Library/379799452.pdf>

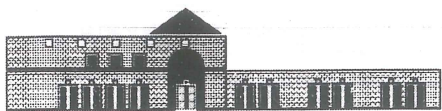
Depending on interest shown, we may offer a course on problem solving techniques involving immigration records and other types of original records, including private records, next spring.

This program really deserves your support. I'm hoping everyone who is able and has availability on their schedules Thursday nights this fall, will register and attend the full course. Marje Harris, Lesley Douthwaite and other highly qualified instructors will be teaching the classes. This is a very special educational and training opportunity. If you cannot attend the whole course, you may want to consider enrolling for specific individual sessions. Please see the announcement flier and the registration form for the dates, registration fees, textbook title and other particulars.

Please tell your friends, relatives and associates who have shown any interest in genealogy about this class. It will be splendid. See you there!

Jack Vaughan  
[jcvaughanlax@pdq.net](mailto:jcvaughanlax@pdq.net)  
or 713-783-0464





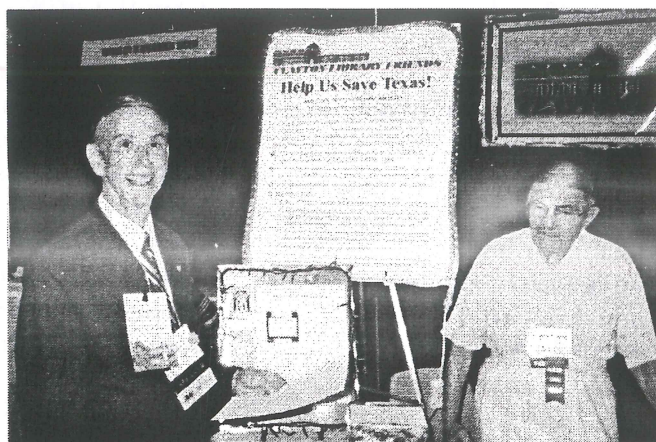
## CLF AT THE FGS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The recent 2004 Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) national conference in Austin marked the debut of the new Clayton Library Friends color logo and banner. It also allowed CLF to showcase the CLF Texas Records Microfilming Project with great success to the genealogical community amid a wealth of blinking lights, Texas songs, cowboy music, gospel music, and the only form of native Texas music, boogie woogie.

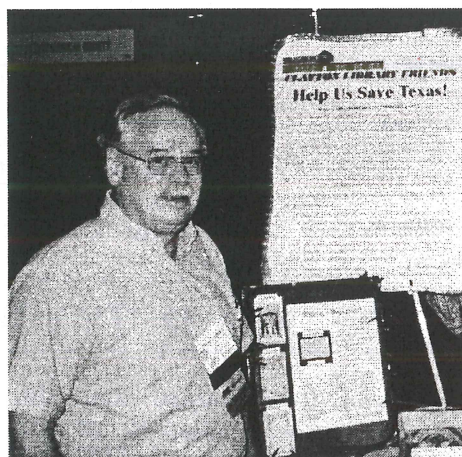
CLF President Elizabeth "Liz" Nitschke Hicks and several CLF officers, directors, and members attended the largest FGS conference ever. Volunteers who worked the CLF booth were: Betty Monk Ryman, CLF Directors Gloria Wright Russell and Robert de Berardinis, Neil Miscrindino, Vernon Gillette, Myron Steves, Barbara Malone, Linda Cooper, Karen Stanley, Phyllis Lyons and David Hicks.

CLF also awarded nine door prizes, two 2005 CLF memberships, donated by CLF President Elizabeth "Liz" Nitschke Hicks, and the first seven titles of the CLF Preserving Texas series of finding aids for the CLF Texas Records Microfilming Project on CD, donated by Clayton Library Friends.

The door prizes were won by: Jennifer U. Schwenker, Austin—one year CLF membership; Susan C. Morris, Dallas—CLF Preserving Texas CD; Janet Cook, Malakoff, Texas—CLF Preserving Texas CD; Wileida Prejean, Kountze, Texas—CLF Preserving Texas CD; Lynn Hall, Houston—CLF Preserving Texas CD; Betty H. Dunquez, Galveston—CLF Preserving Texas CD; Janet Shapiro, San Antonio—CLF Preserving Texas CD; Bobby Riggs, Austin—CLF Preserving Texas CD; and Susan Lloyd—one year CLF membership.



The highly respected Dallas Public Library Genealogical librarian Lloyd De Witt Bockstruck (left) is greeted at the CLF booth by CLF Member/Volunteer Myron Steves.

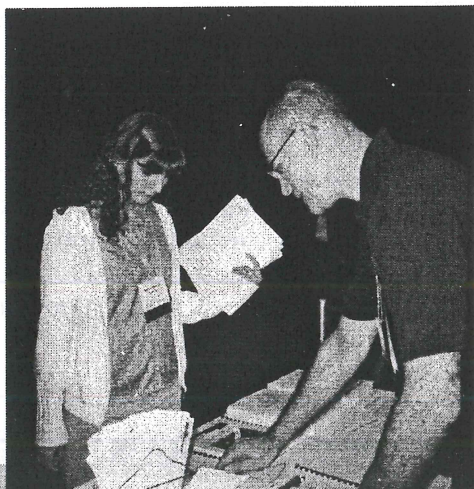


Famous Editor and Publisher of The American Genealogist, Dr. David Greene, CG, FASG, drops by the CLF booth.



(From left to right) Former CLF Director Teri Hall Little, Texas State Genealogical Society Past President and 2004 FGS Conference co-chair and CLF Member Betty Dunquez, Humble Area Genealogical Society President and CLF Member Martha Els, and CLF Director Robert de Berardinis show off new color CLF banner complete with blinking marquee lights.

(From right to left) Bay Area Genealogical Society President and CLF Member/Volunteer Neil Miscrindino explains the CLF Texas Records Microfilming Project to a visitor.







# Angels Report

**W**e wish to thank the following Clayton Library Friends who have become "Angels" by sponsoring the following periodicals for Clayton:

**Gene Church Schulz**, *The Family Tree Magazine* (British Isles) in memory of Edward R. Easton.

**Wally E. Davenport**, *Arkansas Family Historian* in memory of his mother, Marguerite Bobo Davenport.

**Jackie Darden Rundstein**, *Tap Roots* (Alabama) in honor of her Dardens who migrated from Lee and Russell Counties, AL; and a donation to the Angel program.

**Mr. & Mrs. T. Michael Andrews**, *Flint Genealogical Quarterly* (MI) and *Family History Capers* (Washtenaw Co., MI) renewals in honor of Janet Tyler Fox; *Florida Historical Quarterly* in memory of Dorothy Doyle Andrews; *Central Georgia Gen. Soc. Quarterly* in memory of Thomas Gilbert Andrews

**Ann Jarrett**, *Blue Grass Roots* (KY) renewal for 2005.

**Garrett R. Graham**, 2 yr. subs. to *Family History Capers*.

**Don L. Keeline**, *Annals of Wyoming* renewal for 2005 in memory of George Keeline and Sons Cattle Company.

**Joan Cotterell**, 2005 subscription to *Idaho Genealogical Society Journal* in memory of Grandma Grace Jones Beager.

**Mr & Mrs Gordon C. LaGrange**, renewal for *Le Raconteur* (Louisiana) in memory of Stephen C. LaGrange.

**Phyllis Vaughan Moody and Joe M. Moody**, renewals for: *Carolina Herald and Newsletter* (SC), *Giles Co. Historical Soc. Bulletin* (TN), *Middle TN Journal of Gen. and Hist.*, *Tap Roots* (E. AL), *TN Genealogy and History*, and *Upper SC Gen. and History*.

**Emile A. Bussemey**, 5 yr. subscription to *Connecticut Ancestry*.

**Elizabeth Lee Ardell**, subs. to *Chronicles of Smith County Texas*.

**Jane Bonny**, *Alabama Gen. Soc. Magazine*, *Central Georgia Gen. Soc. Quarterly*, *Going-snake Messenger* (Cherokee-Oklahoma) subs. for 2005.

**Grace Sinclair Cooper**, *Illinois State Gen. Society Quarterly* and *Indiana Genealogist* renewals for 2005 in memory of Jane Laney Kell.

**A**ngels are still needed for the following "orphan" periodical subscriptions:

*Argyll Colony Plus* (Scottish Heritage NC) \$30 *Chicago Genealogist* (ILL) \$20 *Clarke Co. Historical Soc. Quarterly* (AL) \$20 *Foothills Inquirer* (Colorado) \$15 *Gems of Genealogy* (Wisconsin) \$10 *Genie* (Ark-LA-TX Gen. Assn.) \$12.50 *Georgia Gen. Society Quarterly* \$30 *Georgia Settlers* (Multiple cos.) \$18 *Greenville Co.*

*Gen. Soc. Journal* (SC) \$20 *Kith'n Kin* (Sandusky, Ohio) \$10 *Knox Co. Kentucky Kinfolks* \$15 "Life-lines" (Northern NY American-Canadian) \$30 *MASSOG* (Mass.) \$25 *Minnesota Genealogist* \$28 *Mississippi River Routes* \$20 *Montgomery Gen. Soc. Quarterly* (Alabama) \$12 *Northeast Mississippi Hist. and Gen. Soc. Qtrly.* \$15 *Pipost* (Wisconsin) \$15 *Polish Footprints* (Polish Gen. Soc. of Texas) \$20 *Revista* (Cuban) \$20 *Rodziny* (Polish Gen. Soc. of America) \$20 *Topeka Gen. Soc. Quarterly* (Kansas) \$20 *Vermont Genealogy* \$20 *Yakima Valley Gen. Soc. Bulletin* (Washington State) \$20 *Dakota Homestead Hist. Newsletter* \$8 *Families* (Ontario Gen. Soc.) \$45 *Maine Genealogist* \$20 *Ohio Records and Pioneer Families* \$20 *South Dakota Gen. Soc. Quarterly* \$23 *Wisconsin State Gen. Soc. Newsletter* \$18

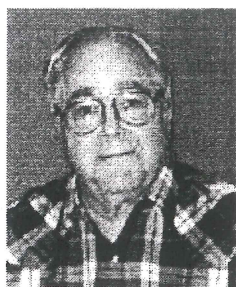
If you are interested in donating funds for any of these subscriptions, please contact: **Liz Hicks**, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030, phone: (713) 944-1118 or email: [erootrot@usa.net](mailto:erootrot@usa.net).







# OFFICER NOMINATIONS - 2004 2005 Board



**D**ickie K. "Dick" Warren, nominee for CLF president, is currently serving as the first vice president and also served as an appointed CLF director and program 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 National

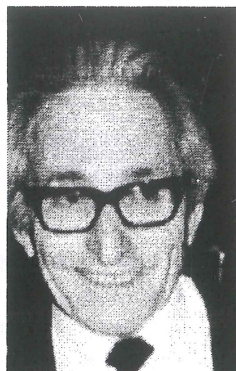
Institute for Genealogical Research alumnus, the Houston Genealogical Forum and the Cherokee Cultural Society. Dick is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in physics. He is a former Air Force officer who went on to technical management positions with NASA and NASA-affiliated contractors, 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.



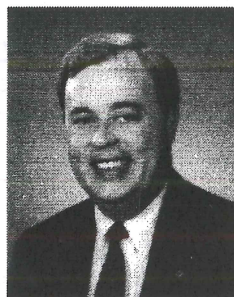
**I**ris Collins Eaton, nominee for CLF first vice president, is the founding president of the National Society of Madison Family Descendants. Iris has a degree from the University of Houston with majors in history and education. After teaching history six years for HISD, she joined Merrill Lynch as a broker. Iris was one of the first women to become a Merrill Lynch Vice President. Retirement last year

has given her time to travel, visit the homelands of her ancestors, and to participate in a life long love of genealogy. Iris is a member of the Colonial Dames, DAR, and The Daughters of 1812. She is currently serving as the president of the National Headquarters Endowment Trust Fund for 1812 in Washington, D.C. Iris's mother was a first generation American; her mother's parents were German immigrants. Grandfather Stoesser was an early rice farmer in Liberty County. Her father's families were very early Virginia settlers and she has enjoyed tracing the Collins, Catlett, Madison, May, Marchbank and Taliaferro Families. Iris is looking forward to searching Underwood, McDonald, Daugherty, Burrows, O'Quinn, Hathorn, Gaines, Wilson, Baldwin, Minor, and Gartman. Her long-term dream is searching the German and Swiss ancestors.

**D**onald L. "Don" Teter, nominee for CLF 2nd vice president. Don came on the Board during 2004 when a resignation occurred. Some of Don's activities include memberships in CLF, Baytown Genealogy Society,

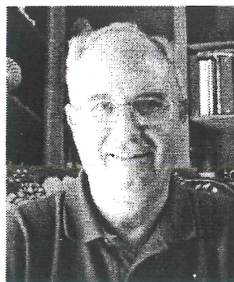


Greater Houston Jewish Genealogy Society and Friends of the Texas Room. He is a past president of the Texas Jewish Historical Society and compiler and editor of their book, *Texas Jewish Burials*, a documentation of 34,000 interments. He graduated from Rice Institute, with a degree in Chemical Engineering, and worked in the synthetic rubber and other engineering industries for 33 years. He is currently doing volunteer work at the Texas Room and working on a project of the GILJGS, extracting life cycle events from the Jewish Herald-Voice, a current Houston weekly newspaper which has been published since 1908.



**R**obert de Berardinis nominee for CLF secretary is a 13th generation native Louisianian, a descendent of one of the pioneers of Iberville's first trip establishing Fort Maurepas as well as a descendant of one of the French pioneers at the establishment of Port Royal, Acadia in 1605. Seeking his certification in genealogy, Robert, an alumnus of the National Institute of Genealogical Research,

specializes in French language and Deep South genealogy and history. He has been lecturing in the southern states since 1998. In 2003, Robert was the speaker on "French Colonial Louisiana" at the Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Conference for the 50th anniversary of the Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society in Baton Rouge; was the first instructor from Houston at the Dallas Genealogical Society's Summer Genealogical Institute in June 2003; appeared with keynote speaker Professor Paul E. Hoffman of LSU at the C.M. McGee Memorial Seminar on the "Cuban Papers" in Houston; and lectured at the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Texas State Genealogical Society in Austin in November. In 2004, de Berardinis lectured at the Angelina College Genealogy Conference and gave two lectures at the FGS National Conference in Austin. Robert has been invited to teach at the Salt Lake Institute in January 2006. Robert is currently serving his second term as a director of Clayton Library Friends.



**D**onald E. "Don" Pusch, nominee for CLF treasurer, is currently serving in his third 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

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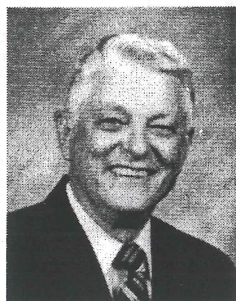
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center coordinator at the CLF-hosted NGS Conference in 1994, and CLF web page curator (1995-2004). He is a native Texan and a graduate of Texas A&M University, the Air Force Institute of Technology, and the Defense Systems Management College. Don is 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 five years, he has been researching and writing on topics related to the French colonies of North America and the French sailing navy.



**M**arilyn Maniscalco Henley nominee for director position-1, a native Houstonian, moved back to the Houston area in May 2004 after living in Tulsa, OK for 3 years, Plano for 4 years and Austin for 9 years. While in Austin, she was an active member of the Austin Genealogical Society (AGS) and is currently in her fourth two-year term on the board. She held the offices of AGS 2nd vice president/programs (1998 and

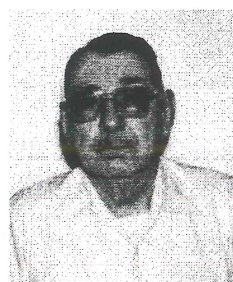
1999), president (2000 and 2001), and AGS seminar co-chair (1999-2001). She also ran the Census Acquisition program for the society. Marilyn represented the Austin Genealogical Society as the Local Society Conference Co-chair for the 2004 National Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference recently held in Austin, September 8th to 11th; TSGS was the other conference local host society. Marilyn taught a two-hour genealogy class for Lifetime Learning Continuing Education for four years, representing AGS. Marilyn was active in the Austin Chapter of P.O.I.N.T. a national Italian genealogy organization and helped organize their October 2000 national conference held in Austin.



**D**arwin Lee Gilmore, Sr. nominee for director Position-1, is currently the District 4 representative for the Texas State Genealogical Society (TSGS) 2002-2006. He is a past President of the Texas City Ancestry Searchers (TCSA) and is a member of the League City Genealogical Society and the Bay Area Genealogical Society. Darwin has collected genealogical material thirty years

and researched his families for twenty years. His maternal ancestors settled in Texas in 1832. His great great grandfather, Daniel Parker, established the first Baptist church in Texas. His paternal ancestors arrived in the early 1850s in Texas. Darwin organized the Gilmore Family Reunion and was president nine years. Darwin and his wife, Emma Lou, a descendant of early Texas, have researched many libraries, courthouses and cemeteries.

Darwin was a member of the board of trustees of the Freeman Memorial Library and was the first president of the League City Helen Hall Library and served as its president for twenty five years. Darwin received a Bachelor of Science Degree in sociology from Sam Houston State University and earned the Master of Education Degree from the University of Houston. He was a teacher, principal and was for twenty-five years the Assistant Superintendent for personnel prior to retiring after forty years with The Clear Creek Independent School District. He served two years in the army in Trieste. He was presented the Bay Area Pioneer Award for outstanding pioneering contribution to the community in November 1997.



**W**allace E. (Wally) Davenport nominee for director Position-1 is currently serving in this position as an appointed director. Wally is past treasurer of the Houston Genealogical Forum. He is a native of California who grew up in Arkansas, graduated from the University of Mississippi with a degree in accounting, and came to Texas after serving two years in the Army in

Louisiana. After 28 years Wally retired from Anderson Clayton Company in 1988, when Quaker Oats acquired the company. He served as an accountant to William L. Clayton from 1961 until his death in 1966. Wally has been actively researching his family for the past fifteen years on his father's side back to Virginia and England and to Georgia and Mississippi on his mother's side. He is currently serving his AARP chapter as vice president and is past president, treasurer, and director of the Westbury Civic Club.



**G**loria LaVonne Wright Russell nominee for director position-2 is currently serving as an appointee for that position. Gloria is the immediate past president of the Houston Genealogical Forum, serving 2 terms (2002-2004) and she is currently serving as a director of the National Grigsby Family Society where she became acquainted with Margaret Mottley who first introduced her to Clayton Library Friends. Gloria is

serving as director for the Clayton Library Friends and has been a member of since 1996. She is a graduate of North Texas University in Denton, former teacher in the Dallas Independent School District for more than five years; and, later, was a law firm legal secretary in Dallas and has worked as legal secretary and law office administrator for several law offices in Houston. Gloria is a long time member of HIAL-PC, a computer users group and a member of various genealogical societies.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**P**resently, our membership is 1397. Our membership year is January 1 – December 31st. Your 2005 dues renewal notice will be mailed the first of November. Please look for your membership renewal and send it in as soon as possible. Any donation in addition to dues will be greatly appreciated as we work to continue to enhance the collection at Clayton.

Why not give a CLF membership as a present for members of your family, those people who have shared family information with you, and anyone else you wish to become addicted to this compulsive behavior we call genealogy?

As mentioned in the August newsletter, action was taken by the CLF board to return the unspent portion of the 1998 grant received from the Huffington Foundation. However, in a subsequent communication, the Foundation requested that these funds be redirected to Houston Public Library and restricted for the purchase of materials for the Clayton Library. That action was approved by the board on August 14, and the funds were transferred on August 16, 2004.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers who continue to support our great library with their time and talents. In addition, I wish to thank all those who have served on the CLF Board of Directors with me this year. *Thank You.*

*Elizabeth "Lis" Nitschke Hicks,*  
President

## NEXT MEETING

November 13, 2004

The meeting begins promptly at  
10 a.m.

at the Bayland Community Center  
6400 Bissonnet, Houston, Texas.

**M**arje Harris will speak to members of the Clayton Library Friends on the State of the Clayton Library

Election of the Clayton Library Friends Officers for 2005 is also on the Agenda.



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