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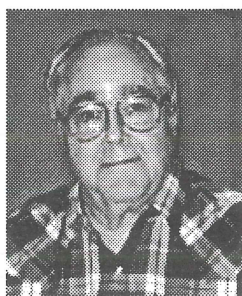
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A joint venture between Clayton Library Friends (CLF) and Houston Genea-logical Forum (HGF) has brought informative and stimulating classes to the greater Houston genealogical community. Beginning last fall, classes proved extremely successful, with more than 65 in attendance at each session and outstanding feedback received from participants. In addition, bus trips to the Bayland Community Center provided camaraderie as well as "rolling" seminars. If you haven't attended, check-

out upcoming scheduled trips.

CLF and HGF classes for this fall will begin with an Ethnic Studies and Research Series. While details may also be found at www.hgftx.org, it is noteworthy to mention them here. The series begins September 15, 2005 and continues through December 8, 2005. Beginning the series is Louis Hellewell of the LDS Family History Libraries, with "An Introduction to Foreign Resources." Other scheduled topics include Native-American Ancestry, English Ancestry, African-American Ancestry, Jewish Ancestry, German Ancestry, Irish Ancestry, Mexican & Hispanic Texas Ancestry, and French Ancestry. Quite a comprehensive package!

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SECOND AND THIRD VAUGHAN FOUNDATION GRANTS RECEIVED Money includes fund-raising leverage

by Don Pusch

On July 18, Clayton Library Friends received two additional grants from the Susan Vaughan Foundation for the historic Clayton Home renovation project. Readers may recall that CLF received a grant for \$23,000 in July of last year for the first phase of the project the so-called pre-design phase. That effort resulted in the preparation of an architectural feasibility study for the project, a budget estimate, and an analysis of the intended use of the renovated structures. Scope of the entire project includes a complete renovations of all three of the original buildings: the main house, the carriage house, and the guest quarters. The feasibility study, by the firm of Glassman Shoemaker Maldonado Architects, addressed all three plus a complete make-over of the grounds on which the property now stands.

The second of the most recent grants, for \$100,000, will be used to fund the architectural schematic design and a life-cycle maintenance report; the latter will help determine the best kind of equipment and construction techniques needed for the continued, cost-

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Clayton Library Friends Financial Report

Balance Sheet As of 06/30/05

Acct	Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Postal Service Bulk Mail Acc.....	393.77
Wells Fargo Checking Acc.	50,436.98
Wells Fargo Market Rate Acc.	3,013.67
Woodforest CD	100,000.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	153,844.42
TD Waterhouse Investment Acc.	
Portfolio value at 05/31/05	740,264.31
TOTAL ASSETS.....	894,108.73
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	- 0 -
EQUITY	894,108.73
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	894,108.73

Cash Flow Report 01/01/05 Through 06/30/05

Category	Description	Amounts
INFLOWS		
411 - Unrestricted Gifts		3,099.00
412 - Rest'd Gifts - non Endowment.....		7,546.51
424 - 2005 Dues.....		3,485.00
430 - Fund Raising Income		1,645.00
440 - Interest - non Endowment		1.87
450 - Interest - Endowment.....		3,448.03
TOTAL INFLOWS		19,225.41
OUTFLOWS		
510 - Library Purchases.....		19,455.26
530 - Program Printing & Mailing		1,826.97
540 - Meeting & Seminar Expns		359.95
550 - Misc Prog Expns.....		3,044.78
560 - Library Renovation Project		17,673.70
610 - Audit		5,500.00
650 - M&G Printing & Mailing.....		584.78
660 - Office Supplies		660.74
670 - P.O. Box Rental.....		126.00
680 - Misc M&G Expenses.....		85.19
710 - Fund Raising Printg & Mailg		117.39
720 - Misc Fund Raising Expns		704.12
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		50,138.88
OVERALL TOTAL		-30,913.47

Donald E. Pusch
Treasurer

SECOND AND THIRD VAUGHAN FOUNDATION GRANTS RECEIVED

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effective operation and maintenance of the refurbished buildings. This report is very important, since a major objective of the project is to ensure the longevity of the property and its continued maintainability.

The schematic design will take about forty weeks to complete, and CLF is attempting to let the contract for the work in early September. Plans are to again use the firm of Glassman Shoemaker Maldonado Architects. Before that contract can be entered into, CLF will have to negotiate its own contract with the City of Houston, and the preparation of that contract is now in work. This is being closely coordinated with the Building Services Department to ensure that all City requirements are considered and to firmly establish the extent of CLF's obligation in that regard.

Estimated costs for the overall project are in excess of \$5.5 million, exclusive of architectural and legal services, but CLF hopes to raise funds well in excess of that amount in order to establish a maintenance endowment that will sustain the property at the same high level after the renovation is complete. To that end, CLF solicited and obtained a third grant from the Vaughan Foundation for \$32,000. This will be combined with other CLF funds to engage a professional fund raiser for the project. Details of that activity have not yet been completed, but should be by the time this newsletter reaches the membership. Late breaking news of this activity will be announced at the August CLF meeting.

Members are strongly encouraged to get behind the project, as it is the most ambitious effort ever undertaken by the Friends and will result in the establishment of a truly magnificent legacy for the Friends, the Clayton Family, and the Clayton Library. Members wishing to contribute to the project may send cash contribution to CLF address shown on the last page of the newsletter, attention Don Pusch, treasurer. Please mark the memo field of your check, "Clayton Renovation Project."

CLF GETS HIGH MARKS IN ANNUAL AUDIT

At the April 19 meeting of the Clayton Library Friends executive board, Pat Durio, Durio & Company, P.C., presented his report on the audit of the Friend's financial records for 2004. For the year ending December 31, the Friends expended \$79,383 on program services, including the acquisition of materials for the Clayton Library, the Clayton renovation project, volunteer activities, seminars and programs, and the quarterly newsletter. Support service, including expenses for the audit, tax return, and general operations totaled \$8,241. Fundraising expenses were \$653. Historical information in the audit shows that, since the founding of CLF in 1987, we has provided support to the Clayton Library valued at \$1,774,042.

Anyone wishing to examine the 2004 audit, may do so by contacting the CLF treasurer, Don Pusch, at (281) 326-3278. Later this year, the 2004 audit (and others) will be available on the CLF web site.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Continued from page 1

Classes being considered for early next year include:

- ★ Introduction to Digital Cameras and Photography
- ★ Advanced class on Digital Cameras and Photography
- ★ How to use Flatbed Scanners
- ★ How to use the Library Scanner at Clayton
- ★ How to edit digital pictures
- ★ PDA's and Mobile Computing
- ★ Staying Current with Technology

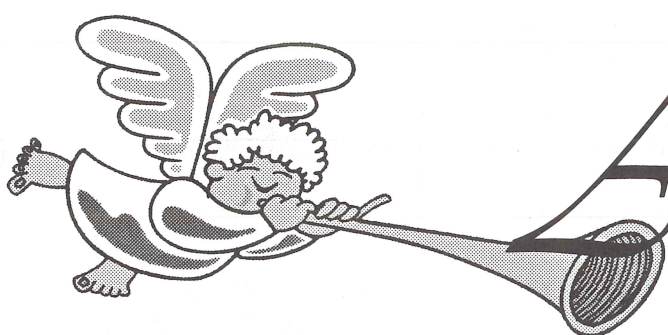
Contact Gloria Russell at: oranwr@hal-pc.org if you have suggestions for other topics. Although some are repeats, we'll pick up some new information this time.

A one-day special seminar Records Of Early Texas 1715-1836 is currently scheduled for Saturday, September 24, 2005 at the Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonet, Houston, TX. Presenters are Brother Robert D. Wood, SM, St. Mary's University in San Antonio, who will speak on "The Laredo Archives"; Sister Maria Carolina Flores, Director, Center for Mexican American Studies & Research, Our Lady of the Lake University, covering "The Spanish Mission

Collection of Texas"; Carolyn Ericson brings her experience of "The Nacogdoches Archives and Blake Collection," and Marje Harris, Clayton Library Manager and Robert de Berardinis, CLF Secretary, will team up on "Genealogical Research along the Spanish Gulf Coast." Truly a jam-packed day filled with comprehensive and informative topics. We are fortunate to have such great speakers on these important subjects! Please mark it on your calendar and register to attend.

Another jointly sponsored one-day seminar is on the subject of Irish Research to be held from 9:30-3:00p.m. at the Holocaust Museum Auditorium, on Saturday October 22, 2005. We are pleased to host Fintan Mullin, director and William Roulston, researcher from The Ulster Historical Foundation, straight from Belfast, Ireland. Their presentations will include: "Ulster Hearth Research," "Irish County Sources," "Colonial Emigration," and "Internet Sources." Additionally, Fintan and William will direct us on a walking tour of our own Clayton Library's Irish resources. There will be no "Blarney" in this presentation!

Dick Warren



Angels Report

by Liz Hicks

As requested by Dick Warren, I wrote to the societies with whom we have "Angel" subscriptions requesting a periodical exchange. I have only heard from 17 as of 7-19-05:

- five no answers for various reasons
- two want a sample before deciding
- one donor is renewing directly with society
- nine societies will exchange

My feeling is that we have not had more responses as many of the volunteers with these societies are "on vacation" for the summer.

I decided NOT to write an "Angels" needed report for August newsletter. I felt we needed more responses. I will write an update in the November newsletter and get everybody "up to

speed." But in the meantime, here are a few subscription updates that might be useful.

- Mid-year subscription renewals have been renewed (*Family Tree*, *Ross County Newsletter*, and *Chicago Genealogist*).
- I had some difficulties with the Ontario Gen. Society, but our subscription is straight now and we have received back and current issues for 2005.
- The Wisconsin Gen. Soc. took over six months to respond, but I think this subscription is finally corrected.





COLONIAL AMERICAN RECORDS ADD VOLUMES TO LIBRARY

WHAT'S

By Robert de Berardinis

The first very large batch of colonial American records purchased by CLF has arrived. They will be available to Clayton patrons after processing by the Clayton staff. These rolls of microfilm represent a large addition to the uniqueness of Clayton's collection. Although individual state libraries or universities may have a particular colony, no single library in the U.S., including the Library of Congress, is attempting to get all of the microfilm in CO 5, the "thirteen" colonies plus East and West Florida.

For those who donated for New England, New York, and Pennsylvania, there is a second order that is being prepared at press time. Those items will be reported in the November newsletter.

Use of these records requires understanding the British classification and definition of record types. Research guides regarding these categories, how to make use of them, and the online catalogue, PROCAT, of the Public Record Office (PRO) of the National Archives of the U.K. may be found online at: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk. The basic categories for almost all colonies are:

1. Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade,
2. Correspondence, Original - Secretary of State,
3. Entry Books of Letters, Commissions, Warrants, Grants, Instructions, etc.,
4. Acts (of the colonial legislature, governor, and other high officials),
5. Sessional Papers (of the colonial legislature and some colonial commissions), and
6. Shipping Returns.

The British colonial system until after the American Revolution was primarily administered by the Board of Trade. They were given the right in the name of the monarch to grant or sell lands in crown colonies, raise money through indirect means, oversee colonial trade, award most public offices, and keep records of colonial compliance with parliamentary requirements and royal edicts. The Secretary of State oversaw the installation of major colonial officers in crown as opposed to proprietary colonies. An example of a crown colony is Virginia. An example of a proprietary colony is Maryland. This unique approach to colonial government and the advanced system of finance and public debt made the British system by far the most profitable compared to the French or the Spanish systems.

Thus, Board of Trade correspondence will focus on requests for land and petitions for minor offices (or remuneration for holding said office). Secretary of State correspondence will focus on major items pertaining to the colony or governor. The Entry Books are the richest source of direct genealogical material as they contain land records, including lands sold or divided as a result of a probate. Acts of the colonial legislature are, for the most part, already available in book format.

Continuing, Sessional Papers are more than just records of proceedings of colonial legislatures. They can contain information such as proposed road locations, which naturally includes the ownership of lands that the proposed road will cut across as well as those who worked on it. In some colonies, the sessional papers include a recapitulation of the remuneration to all colonial officeholders that year. Shipping returns are a chronological listing by

ship of vessels going to Britain. The name of the vessel and ownership, its captain, its destination, its cargo, in many cases identifying ownership, and names of returning passengers are to be found in these lists.

Carolina, North

Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade.

- CO 5/293....A, Nos. 116, 1730-31
- CO 5/294.....A, Nos. 1780, 1731-36
- CO 5/295.....B, Nos. 147, 1736-40
- CO 5/296.....B, Nos. 48106, 1740-50
- CO 5/297.....C, 1750-57
- CO 5/298.....D, 1757-59
- CO 5/299.....E, 1760-66
- CO 5/300.....F, 1767-68
- CO 5/301.....G, 1768-71
- CO 5/302.....H, 1771-72
- CO 5/303.....I, 1772-74
- CO 5/304.....K, 1774-75
- CO 5/305.....Drafts, 1765-75

Entry Books of Letters, Commissions, Warrants, Grants, Instructions, etc.

- CO 5/323.....Commissions, Instructions, etc., A, 1730-54
- CO 5/324.....Commissions, Instructions, etc., B, 1754-60
- CO 5/325.....Commissions, Instructions, etc., C, 1760-70
- CO 5/326.....Commissions, Instructions, etc., D, 1771-75
- CO 5/327.....Abstracts of Letters to Board of Trade, 1728-53
- CO 5/328.....Letters to Secretary of State, 1766-71
- CO 5/329.....Letters to Secretary of State, 1771-74
- CO 5/330.....Letters to Secretary of State, 1774-80
- CO 5/331.....Letters to Secretary of State, 1780-82

New ?

CO 5/332 Letters from Secretary of State, 1768-82

Carolina, South

Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade

- CO 5/358 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, A, 1720-23
- CO 5/359 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, B, 1723-25
- CO 5/360 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, C, Nos. 1-47, 1725-28
- CO 5/361 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, C, Nos. 48-114, 1729-30
- CO 5/362 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, D, 1730-33
- CO 5/363 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, E, Nos. 1-43, 1733-34
- CO 5/364 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, E, Nos. 44-100, 1734-35
- CO 5/365 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, F, Nos. 1-58, 1735-37
- CO 5/366 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, F, Nos. 59-102, 1737-38
- CO 5/367 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, G, Nos. 1-33, 1739-40
- CO 5/368 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, G, Nos. 33-85, 1740-42
- CO 5/369 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, G, Nos. 86-118, 1742-43
- CO 5/370 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, H, Nos. 1-48, 1743-44

- CO 5/371 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, H, Nos. 49-118, 1745-47
- CO 5/372 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, I, 1748-51
- CO 5/373 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, K, Nos. 1-40, 1752
- CO 5/374 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, K, Nos. 41-96,
- CO 5/375 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, K, Nos. 97-108,
- CO 5/376 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, L, 1757-60
- CO 5/377 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, M, 1760-64
- CO 5/378 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, N, 1764-68
- CO 5/379 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, O, 1768-70
- CO 5/380 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, P, 1770-75
- CO 5/381 Drafts, 1722-74

Entry Books of Letters, Commissions, Warrants, Grants, Instructions, etc.

- CO 5/407 Letters from Secretary of State, 1766-67
- CO 5/408 Letters from Secretary of State, 1768-82
- CO 5/409 Letters to Secretary of State, 1767-72
- CO 5/410 Letters to Secretary of State, 1772-81

Miscellanea

- CO 5/513 Board of Police, Evidence Laid Before the Commissioners for Ascertaining the Depreciation in Paper Currency, 1777-80
- CO 5/514 Board of Police, Orders, etc., 1781
- CO 5/529 Oaths of Allegiance, 1780
- CO 5/530 Oaths of Allegiance, 1780-81
- CO 5/531 Oaths of Allegiance, 1780-81

- CO 5/532 Oaths of Allegiance, 1780-81
- CO 5/533 Oaths of Allegiance, 1781
- CO 5/534 Oaths of Allegiance, 1781
- CO 5/535 Demands Brought Against Sequestered States, 1781

Florida, East

Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade.

- CO 5/540 A, 1763-66
- CO 5/541 B, 1766-68
- CO 5/544 C, 1768-71
- CO 5/545 D, 1771-73
- CO 5/546 F, Nos. 1-26, 1774-80
- CO 5/547 F, Nos. 33-45, 1781-83

Correspondence, Original - Secretary of State.

- CO 5/548 Correspondence, Original - Secretary of State, 1746-67
- CO 5/549 Correspondence, Original - Secretary of State, 1767-68

Shipping Returns,

- CO 5/573 Shipping Returns, 1765-69

Florida, West

Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade.

- CO 5/574 A, 1763-66
- CO 5/575 B, 1766-69
- CO 5/576 B, No. 14, 1767
- CO 5/577 C, 1768-71
- CO 5/578 D, 1771-72
- CO 5/579 E, 1772-73
- CO 5/580 F, 1773-81
- CO 5/581 Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade, 1781-82

Correspondence, Original - Secretary of State.

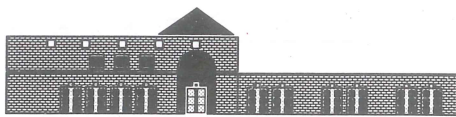
- CO 5/582 Correspondence, Original - Secretary of State, 1712-65

New York

Entry Books of Letters, Grants, Warrants, Instructions, Petitions, etc,

- CO 5/1111 Commissions,

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Instructions, Board of
Trade Correspondence,
1664-87

CO 5/1112Commissions,
Instructions, Board of
Trade Correspondence,
1674-84

Pennsylvania

Correspondence, Original - Secretary of State.

CO 5/1233Correspondence,
Original - Secretary of
State, 1690-1767

Entry Books of Letters, Commissions, Warrants, Grants, Instructions, etc.

CO 5/1236Commissions,
Instructions, Patents,
Reports to Board of
Trade, 1681-94

Virginia

Correspondence, Criminal - Board of Trade and Secretary of State.

CO 5/1305Correspondence,
Criminal - Board of
Trade and Secretary of
State, 1689-90

CO 5/1306Correspondence,
Criminal - Board of
Trade and Secretary of
State, 1691-92

CO 5/1307Correspondence,
Criminal - Board of
Trade and Secretary of
State, 1693-98

Correspondence, Original - Board of Trade.

CO 5/1308Correspondence,
Original - Board of
Trade, 1691-95

CO 5/1309A, B, 1696-99

CO 5/1310C, 1699

CO 5/1311D, 1699-1700

CO 5/1312E, F, G, H, 1700-02

CO 5/1313I, K, 1702-04

CO 5/1314L, M, 1704-05

CO 5/1315N, 1705-07

CO 5/1316O, 1708-15

CO 5/1317P, Nos. 1-103, 1715-17

CO 5/1318P, Nos. 104-238,
1717-20

CO 5/1319Q, 172025

CO 5/1320R, Nos. 1-60, 172-627

CO 5/1321R, Nos. 61-118,
1727-29

CO 5/1322R, Nos. 119-178,
1729-32

CO 5/1323S, 1732-36

CO 5/1324T, 1736-40

CO 5/1325V, Nos. 1-35, 1740-43

CO 5/1326V, Nos. 36-110, 1743-47

CO 5/1327V, Nos. 1-21, 1748-53

CO 5/1328W, Nos. 128-224,
1753-56

CO 5/1329X, 1756-60

CO 5/1330Y, 1760-64

CO 5/1331Z, 1764-67

CO 5/1332An, 1767-70

CO 5/1333Bb, 1770-72

CO 5/1334Cc, 1772-81

Entry Books of Letters, Grants, Warrants, Instructions, Petitions, etc.

CO 5/1357Commissions,
Instructions, Board of
Trade Correspondence,
1685-90

CO 5/1358Commissions,
Instructions, Board of
Trade Correspondence,
1689-96

CO 5/1359Commissions,
Instructions, Board of
Trade Correspondence,
A, 1696-1700

CO 5/1360Commissions,
Instructions, Board of
Trade Correspondence,
B, 1700-04

CO 5/1361Commissions,
Instructions, Board of
Trade Correspondence,
C, 1704-06

CO 5/1362Commissions,
Instructions, Board of
Trade Correspondence,
D, 1706-09

CO 5/1363Commissions,
Instructions, Board of
Trade Correspondence,
E, 1709-13

CO 5/1364Commissions,
Instructions, Board of
Trade Correspondence,
F, 1714-17

CO 5/1365Commissions,
Instructions, Board of
Trade Correspondence,
G, 1717-27

CO 5/1366Commissions,
Instructions, Board of
Trade Correspondence,
H, 1728-52

CO 5/1367Commissions,
Instructions, Board of
Trade Correspondence,
I, 1752-60

CO 5/1368Commissions,
Instructions, Board of
Trade Correspondence,
X, 1760-68

CO 5/1369Commissions,
Instructions, Board of
Trade Correspondence,
L, 1769-75

CO 5/1370Abstracts of Letters to
Board of Trade, 1704-53

CO 5/1372Letters to Secretary of
State, 1766-74

CO 5/1373Letters to Secretary of
State, 1774-77

CO 5/1374Letters from Secretary
of State, 1767

CO 5/1375Letters from Secretary
of State, 1768-76

Shipping Returns.

CO 5/1441Shipping Returns,
1699-1706

CO 5/1442Shipping Returns,
1715-27

CO 5/1443Shipping Returns,
1726-35

CO 5/1444York and Rappahannock
Rivers, 1735-53

CO 5/1445South Potomac and
Accomack Districts,
1735-56

CO 5/1446James River and Port
Hampton, 1736-53

CO 5/1447Shipping Returns,
1754-59

CO 5/1448Shipping Returns,
1759-62

CO 5/1449Shipping Returns,
1762-66

CO 5/1450Shipping Returns,
1766-70

Irish Research, A Timely Topic

by: Alice Braud-Jones

It seems that this year's hot topic in the genealogical community is "Irish Research." In that vein, David Rencher, AG, FUGA, and Director of Records and Information, Family and Church History Department, of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, was one of the featured presenters this year at Samford University's (Birmingham, Alabama) Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research (IGHR). As a six year alumnus of IGHR, I can state unequivocally that Mr. Rencher is one of the finest, most competent and compelling presenters I have encountered there. His broad-based subject knowledge combined with a near photographic memory and delightful presentation style made the week-long, forty-hour class glide seamlessly by. Not to say that we weren't exhausted at week's end; but it was the kind of pleasant exhaustion that comes with the knowledge that there are many more research avenues awaiting exploration in search of our forbears.

In ancient times, Ireland was divided into five provinces; in order of creation they were: Leinster, Munster, Connaught, Ulster, and Meath. Meath was later disbanded leaving only four. An excellent read on this subject is Edward Rutherfurd's historical novel, *The Princes of Ireland*. Rutherfurd is also the author of *Sarum*, *London*, *Russka* and *The Forest*. Although his

characters are fictional for the most part, he is highly regarded for the depth of his historical research.

John Grenham's *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors, The Complete Guide*, 2nd Edition, is the genealogist's reference book for Irish research and was used extensively throughout the course. Included in Mr. Rencher's syllabus, of course, is an exhaustive listing of his various source citations, reference works, etc. Samford Library has an excellent collection of Irish records, but you don't have to go to Birmingham, or Salt Lake City, to locate most of these sources. They reside in our own Clayton Library's shelves, drawers, CDs and bins. Packed to capacity with current, comprehensive resources to delight even the most discerning Irish research enthusiast, Clayton's holdings will provide a virtual panacea of primary reference works. Look for yourself at: <http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/clayton/>. With the key-word search "Ireland," there are over 370 books, manuscript, maps, CDs, software, etc. to begin your inquiries. Naturalization, probate, land and church records are going to provide invaluable clues to your Irish ancestors and many are available at the Clayton. But don't miss the estate records, poor law union books and school records, which also provide pertinent information. And certainly do not overlook occupational records such as those in the Royal College of Physicians, Garda

Museum, King's Inn Library (all in Dublin), Guild Hall in London, and individual private records collections.

Oh, by the way! One message loudly broadcast in the class was that Irish genealogical research is best performed in reverse compared to that of other geographical locations. Due to destruction of many Irish records resident in the Public Records Office of Dublin in 1922, the time utilized in the four standard genealogical research steps are divided in the following proportions:

- Investigate the existence of records (30%)
- Learn the history of the record source (20%)
- Determine the availability of the record (40%)
- Search the record (10%)

You may hear Mr. David Rencher in person at the at the Gladys Harrington Library, 1501 Eighteenth St., Plano, Texas on Saturday, August 20, 2005 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Of course, our own Clayton Friends in conjunction with the Houston Genealogical Forum is presenting a seminar on Scots-Irish research on Saturday, October 22, 2005 at the Holocaust Museum Auditorium, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT IS UP!

by Iris Eaton

As the 1st VP of CLF I am in charge of increasing membership and contributing to the fund raising efforts. Toward that end, our membership has increased to over 200 members this year due to our telephone committee's work and a mailing to our non-dues payers. We are all grateful for all the time given by all of our volunteers, including the telephone committee and those who helped fold and stuff our letter and worked on our newsletters. More volunteers are needed on the telephone committee, so if you are willing to serve, please call me, Iris Eaton, at 713-840-7675.

During the past year, I have served as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the 2006 officers and directors. This committee has been engaged in the identification and selection of what we believe is an excellent slate of candidates for your consideration. Once we have received an agreement to serve from all candidates, the list will be announced in our newsletter.

Fund raising for our library is the main goal of our organization and we are launching a major project with the best professional help in Houston. You will be learning much more about this very soon.

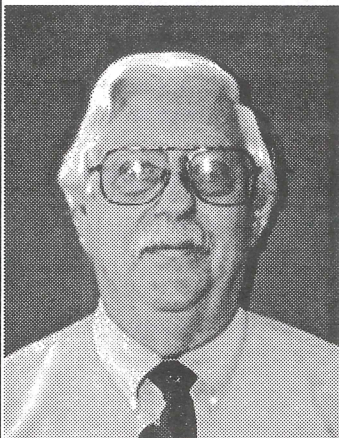
CLF Board Changes effective June 2005

At the May 2005 CLF Board meeting, director Darwin Gilmore tendered his resignation to board president Dick Warren.

On July 21, 2005, the CLF Board elected Alice Braud-Jones to that position. Alice will serve as director through the present term which expires December 2005.

NEXT MEETING

Donaly Brice to Speak at CLF



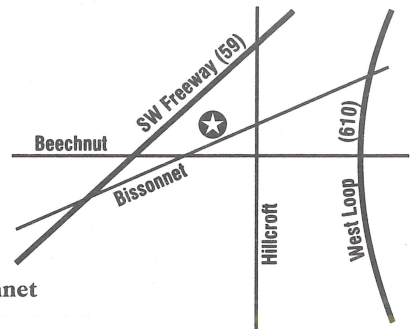
Famous Texas Archivist and Historian Donaly Brice of the Texas State Archives will be speaking at the CLF General Meeting on August 13 at Bayland Community Center. Mr. Brice will be lecturing on Texas Confederate Research. This will coincide with the CLF Texas Records Microfilming Project. This will be the only appearance Mr. Brice will be able to make in 2005 due to budgetary constraints. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission has asked CLF to videotape Mr. Brice so that other societies in Texas can have a videotape or DVD of his lecture. Even if you are the descendant

of only Union soldiers, Mr. Brice is an extremely captivating and entertaining speaker.

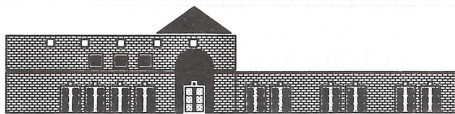
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Bayland
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6400 Bissonnet
Houston



Meeting begins at 10 a.m. at Bayland Community Center,
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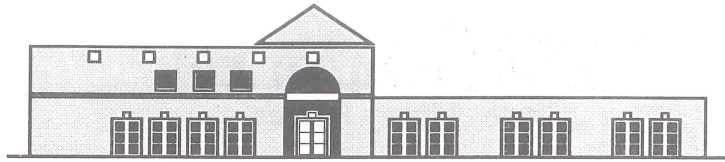
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Clayton Library Friends

Dear Member:

The Clayton Library Friends board has voted to embark on a \$10.9 million capital campaign to renovate and remodel the historical buildings and grounds of the original Clayton Library, specifically, the William Lockhart Clayton Home, Guest Quarters and Carriage House.

In 2004, to assess the condition of the Clayton property and to help size the renovation effort, Clayton Library Friends contracted with the firm of Glassman Shoemaker Maldonado Architects to undertake a pre-design feasibility study. This resulted in an assessment of the degree of deterioration of the three buildings, a cost estimate and schedule for the renovation, and a plan for continued use of the historic property as a library and research center. The pre-design study revealed that each of the three buildings was in serious need of repair and preservation.

Renovating these historic Houston buildings will greatly enhance their value as a resource of the Houston Public Library. When work is completed the Clayton Library will have additional shelving and usable interior floor space, including a conference area with seating for 100 people in the expanded Carriage House. In addition, CLF is seeking to establish a permanent endowment for the purpose of funding the continued maintenance of the Clayton property.

To date, over \$3.5 million has been pledged. As we go forward with major requests to private foundations, we must first ask for the support of our board and the CLF membership. I hope you will join us in participating in this exciting campaign by making your gift today! You may consider a pledge payable over three years or a one-time gift. Your participation will ensure that our library will continue to rank among the finest family history libraries in the United States. Please complete the form on the reverse side of this page and return to: Clayton Library Friends Capital Campaign, P.O. Box 271078, Houston, Texas 77277-1078.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

The Clayton Library Friends Board