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**Clayton Library Center**  
for Genealogical Research

# THE CLF NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Hard Hat Party held at the Clayton House July 9th was an extraordinary success. Even the sporadic rain and air conditioning didn't dampen community attendance and enthusiasm.

The party hosted by Susan Clayton Garwood celebrated beginning the renovation of the William L. Clayton home. She represented the Vaughn, George Peterkin III, Burdine Clayton Johnson, and Christophe Venghiattis Foundations.

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*Over 200 attended the Hard Hat Party*

## WARM WELCOME

Clayton Family Friends welcomes the appointment of **Susan Kaufman** as the new Library Manager for the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. Ms. Kaufman will be bringing twenty years of genealogical librarianship experience, including six years at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She is currently manager of the HPL Jungman Branch and is expected to begin her new position at Clayton the first week of August. A more detailed biography of Susan will be placed in our next issue.

We are anticipating great things in our future with the addition of Susan to the established and impressive team of the Houston Public Library, Clayton Library, and Clayton Library Friends. Welcome Susan Kaufman...

Your support team,  
CLF



*Susan Kaufman*

<http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org>



# Clayton Library Friends Financial Report

**Balance Sheet**  
As of July 15, 2006

## ASSETS

### Cash Accounts

100 · Wells Fargo Checking	8,820.11
110 · Wells Fargo Market Rate Account	24,404.25
120 · Compass Bank Business MM	102,084.27
130 · Bulk Mail Account	540.10

**Total in Cash Accounts** **135,848.73**

### Investment Accounts

140 · Fund Investment - TD Ameritrade	827,775.10
150 · Merrill Lynch Instit.Fund	<u>2,516,687.28</u>

**Total in Investment Accounts** **3,344,462.38**

**TOTAL ASSETS** **3,480,311.11**

## LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	-0-
Equity	<u>3,480,311.11</u>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** **3,480,311.11**

**Cash Flow Report**  
January 1 through July 15, 2006

## Inflows

410 · Contributions & Grants*	2,037,842.42
420 · Dues Income	4,785.00
421 · 2007 Dues	130.00
440 · Interest - non-Endowment	33,346.41
459 · Portfolio Value Change	<u>23,811.00</u>

**Total Inflows** **2,099,914.83**

## Outflows

510 · Library Purchases	44,114.49
530 · Newsletter	1,815.24
540 · Meeting and Seminar Expenses	11.02
550 · Miscellaneous Program Expenses	1,029.16
560 · Library Renovation	196,172.49
600 · Management & General Expenses	805.45
625 · Accounting Software	339.95
630 · Legal Services	4,570.00
640 · Bank Charges (Non-Acquisition)	70.00
650 · Mgt & Gen. Printing & Mailing	663.11
660 · Office Supplies	1,991.63
670 · Post Office Box Rental	132.00
680 · Misc. Mgt & General Expenses	590.32
700 · Fundraising Expenses	<u>71,250.00</u>

**Total Expense** **323,554.86**

**Net Income** **1,776,359.97**

\* Includes \$2,027,171.77 from Capital Campaign

Ruby Dusek. Treasurer

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Over 200 people attended the event. Al Davis presided over the festivities while Mayor Bill White spoke about the Clayton Library Friends' capital campaign project to renovate and restore the former Clayton home. Mayor White called the Clayton Library a gem. Dr. Rhea Brown Lawson, HPL Director, said that the Clayton Home renovation was an exciting project. She further acknowledged that the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research was among the top ten in the nation. Dick Warren, president of the Clayton Library Friends, presented Susan Garwood with a lifetime membership to the Clayton Library Friends.

Those attending the event included many Clayton family members, Jim Daniels, Peter Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Allday, Dr. Rhea Lawson, Andrea White and Mayor Bill White, Isabel Wilson, Harvin Moore, Terry Moore, and Sharon and Jim Weaver.

*Dick Warren*



*In the foreground left to right is:*

**John Middleton,**  
HPL Division  
Manager

**Ernesto Maldonado**  
G.S.M. Architects

**Dr. Rhea Lawson,**  
Director HPL



*Left to Right is:*

**Al Davis**

**Susan Clayton  
Garwood**

**Mayor Bill White**

## CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS AUGUST GENERAL MEETING AND PROGRAM

### Danny M. Sessums

**Date:** Saturday, August 12, 2006  
**Time:** 10:00 – 12:00 noon

**Topic:** Cleburne's Guard: A History to  
Granbury's Texas Infantry Brigade

**Program Description:** Cleburne's Guard was a mid-war amalgamation of a number of Texas units whose service until mid-1863 was questionable at best. But, under the tutelage and direction of Maj. Gen. Patrick Cleburne and Brig. Gen. Hiram Granbury (of Texas), these men went on to become perhaps the best brigade in the finest division of the vaunted Army of Tennessee.

### Speaker Bio

#### Education

- 1966-68 Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas  
Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology
- 1982-85 University of Texas, Arlington  
Arlington, Texas  
Master of Arts, U. S. History
- 1984-87 Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
Doctor of Philosophy, U.S. History (ABD)

#### Professional Experience

- 2002-present Museum of Southern History  
Sugar Land, Texas  
Curator, Adm. Officer
- 2001-2002 Ft. Bend Museum Assn.,  
Richmond, Texas  
Asst. Director
- 1998-2002 Arkansas State University,  
Jonesboro, Arkansas  
Executive Director/Assoc. Professor
- 1990-1998 Lamar University,  
Port Arthur, Texas  
Executive Director/Asst. Professor
- 1986-1990 Old Fort Museum/West Ark  
College, Ft. Smith, Arkansas

#### Professional Memberships

- American Assn. of Museums
- American Assn. of State and Local History
- Texas Assn. of Museums
- Arkansas Museums Assn.
- Society of Civil War Historians

#### Awards

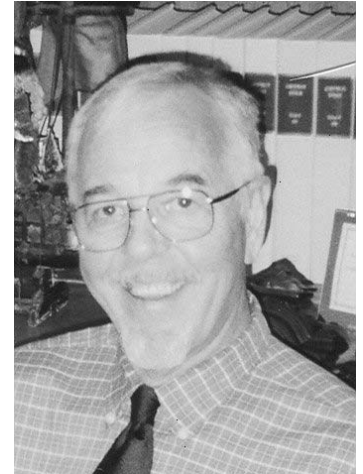
- Teaching Excellence,  
Lamar University-Port  
Arthur, 1995
- Phi Alpha Theta, University of Texas at  
Arlington
- Dean's List, Texas Tech University, Lubbock
- C. C. Keech Academic Scholarship, Texas  
Tech University

#### Committees

- Ft. Bend Historical Commission, Ft. Bend  
County, Texas, 2005
- Ph. D., Public History and Culture,  
Arkansas State University, 2001
- Academic Affairs Council, Arkansas State  
University, 1999-2001
- Alumni, Develop. and Endow., Arkansas  
State University, 1999-2001

#### Activities & Interests

Several history articles and book reviews for *SWHQ*, *Military Images*, *The Phoenix*, and "The Civil War" chapter for *The Centennial History of Port Arthur, Texas*, plus the gallery publication of *"Twenty Battle Flags from the War Between the States"* for the MOSH. Served as a movie consultant on a number of film projects, including two PBS series, "Texas in the Civil War," and "Our American Story," along with "Alamo: The Price of Freedom," "Glory," and "North-South: Part II." Is the owner/pilot of a classic aircraft, *American Pie II.*, a "living history" interpreter, and a jogger.







## CLF BYLAW UPDATE

*Don Pusch*

For all those members who attended the special bylaws meeting held on June 17th, thanks very much for your participation and for the lively exchange of thoughts and opinions! This meeting was supported by almost 50 members, and those present had done a thorough job of considering the proposed bylaws re-write. There were strong objections to several provisions in the new bylaws and, with one exception; there was insufficient time to fully address each change and to agree on the new wording. There was, however, a good exchange of information that will give the bylaws committee a better idea as to how to proceed. President Dick Warren expressed his desire to continue with the bylaws overhaul and asked for additional volunteers to participate on the committee.

A primary change that was considered and approved was the wording in Article XI. According to the wording in this article (bylaws version of February 12, 2005), CLF was prohibited from incurring indebtedness or assuming any financial obligation beyond the funds in its cash or cash-equivalent accounts. Had it not been changed, this restriction would have blocked our current plans to borrow against the funds pledged for the Clayton House Renovation Project. Although CLF's fundraising efforts have been highly successful, approximately \$2.6 million of the funds raised are in the form of pledges that have a payout period of three to four years. To begin the renovation effort as scheduled and to meet some of the time restrictions placed on current gifts and pledges, CLF will need to obtain a construction loan using the pledged funds as collateral. The first increment of the renovation effort includes a complete renovation of the main house and pacification (exterior work only) of the carriage house and the guest quarters. Of course, fundraising efforts will continue, as CLF hopes to bring in sufficient funds for a complete renovation of the carriage house and guest quarters and to establish a maintenance endowment that would keep the renovated property in good condition for many years into the future.

The needed change to Article XI (offered by Bernice Mistrot) was discussed in detail at the June 17 special meeting, voted upon, and passed by the members in attendance. The new wording to Article XI is as follows:

### **ARTICLE XI - LIMITATION ON LIABILITY AND AUTHORITY TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS**

**Section 11.1:** No member shall be liable except for unpaid dues subscribed by such member, and no personal liability shall in any event be attached to any member, including Officers and Directors, in connection with any undertakings of the Friends.

**Section 11.2:** Liabilities of the Friends shall be limited to common funds and assets. Members of the Executive Board shall not have the authority to borrow money or to incur any indebtedness or liability for borrowed money in the name of or on behalf of the Friends. No contract shall be entered into and no financial obligation shall be incurred by the Executive Board beyond the amount of funds on hand or in the bank, after providing for the total of all unpaid accounts, unpaid obligations and liabilities, and the corpus of The Clayton Library Friends Endowment Fund except for the Clayton House Renovation project as described below and begun in 2005,

**Section 11.3:** The Executive Board shall be allowed to borrow against uncollected pledges and to enter into contracts related to the Clayton House Renovation Project.

Since the change to Article XI, the CLF Executive Board had been working with Amegy Bank and W.S. Bellows, Inc. (prime contractor for the project) to arrange for the construction loan. Those arrangements are now being finalized, and it is hoped that serious renovation work will be under way by the time this newsletter reaches the membership.

## Getting to know you...

**S**andra Rodas is one of Clayton Library's newest staff members. She has been helping customers at the library for the past seven months as a part-time library assistant. She is a native of Ponce, Puerto Rico, and her accent and charm always give her nationality away.

Although she studied Arts and Humanities, Mrs. Rodas has been in the library field for the last eight years. Most of that time has been spent working for the Department of Defense military libraries. She enjoys working at the Clayton Library because she is able to provide assistance with information services to the library's customers in search of their family history. She assists them in becoming familiar with the library, its services, and helps them get a head start with their research.

Genealogy is becoming one of her passions. She recalls that as part of her training she was asked to look up a particular family and she was able to trace the family back to the late 1700s. During the process, she says, she learned to gather all possible resources available at the library from census indexes, county books, to military draft records that help customers with their research.

Rodas says, "It was good detective work and that is mostly what genealogy is all about. I think that is what keeps people coming to the library, and what makes it fun for me to want to help families in their quest."

HPL



## CLF VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Sam Lusk

**W**e had two training sessions in July for CLF shelving volunteers. The training takes approximately two hours and we can schedule training for either weekdays or weekends.

Clayton needs volunteers to help complete putting stops on the microfilm reels. It's an easy process and you will be given instructions before you begin. You may schedule any time, during business hours, that is convenient to you.

We are searching for available storage space for

some furniture from the Clayton guest house. I'm estimating the necessary size to be about ¼ to ½ of a garage, dry and secure, and will be needed for approximately 18 to 22 months. Anyone having space or knowing of an inexpensive storage facility, please let us know. We are also seeking advice and assistance with refinishing and/or repairing furniture.

Please direct any questions, scheduling, or comments to **Sam Lusk** at [navret@hal-pc.org](mailto:navret@hal-pc.org).



# WHAT'S New ?

## The Renovation Has Begun

Wally Davenport  
Renovation Committee

**E**arly on Monday morning, June 12, HPL brought a team of about fifteen people to Clayton to start getting ready for the renovation.

New shelving (1,400 linear feet) was installed on the west end of the second floor of the main building. This will give us room to grow as we had about 1,100 feet of books at the Clayton House. The bottom shelf will be used for oversized books, and the top shelf is placed lower than at the house. This is a bonus for both short and tall people.

Books started flowing from the house on rolling library box carts across the parking lot, into the main building, onto the elevator, and then to their new location where they were placed on the shelves. We now have lighting from ceiling fixtures in between each row of shelves, which makes it easier to see the books.

Other pre-renovation changes include:

- Tables and chairs for researchers are adjacent to the book shelves.
- The vertical and Bible record files are now found along the south wall of the second floor.
- The copy machine was relocated from the house to the copy room on the second floor.
- All the furniture has been removed from Clayton House, and HPL has either stored or disposed of it.

As of 4:00 pm on Thursday, June 15, Clayton House is empty and the Family History Book Collection is again available for researchers in the main building.

HPL is due out again in the upcoming weeks to clean out the Clayton Guest House and Carriage House.



**Shelving has been added to the second floor of the main building to accommodate the Family Histories Collection.**



# The Clayton Renovation Project

## Clearing the Clayton House for Renovation

The first step has been taken in starting the renovation of the Houston Public Library's Clayton House, which is located a few steps from the main building. It began with the enormous task of clearing out the house. The library's Planning & Facilities division orchestrated all the facets of the herculean task. City employees from



the Building Services Department provided skilled tradesmen and much muscle power. Several library departments provided staff to help move the family history volumes and ensure that each remained in correct order. Clayton Library staff also supplied much assistance and invaluable suggestions.

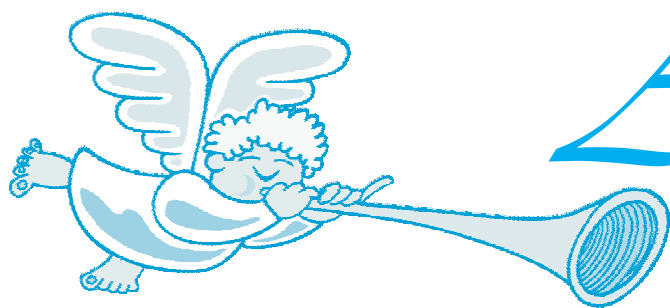
Many factors were considered in re-locating the family history collection and much of the furniture. The first priority was to make sure customers were not inconvenienced by minimizing the impact of the move, and providing access to the histories and readers/printers while the move was underway. The team also wanted to make sure that customers felt comfortable in the building, so they created a more open feeling on the second floor even while it was enhanced with improved equipment layout and additional shelving and furniture.

One major factor in the move was ensuring that the very heavy file & Microform cabinets were placed in correct order, and logical locations based on how they are used. Another priority was to ensure that the library complied with ADA (American's with Disability Act) and Texas Accessibility Standards clearance minimums.

The work team included more than 40 individuals, each playing a crucial role to ensure a smooth process and positive results. It took shelf movers, assemblers and disassemblers, teams to remove, categorize and re-shelf books, transporters to handle special heavy



furniture and an electrician, to make the physical move a success. As you all know, the summer has hit hard and without plenty of water and food the move would have been unbearable. We appreciated the assistance of the person who delivered ice; those who provided funding for and handled the logistics of food and drinks. Their help also contributed to the smooth move. We also thank the Clayton Library volunteers who monitored the house and main building while there was much going on.



# Angels Report

Liz Hicks

## ANGELS NEEDED

The Angel Program was created in 1994 to provide purchasing funds toward periodicals that Clayton Library does not have. Anyone interested in becoming an "Angel" by underwriting one or more of the following periodical renewals should contact, Liz Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030, (713) 944-1118 or email: [erootrot@usa.net](mailto:erootrot@usa.net). Please remember donations can be made in memory or honor of someone and acknowledged in The CLF Newsletter. A bookplate may be placed in the bound periodicals at the end of the year. Donations for binding are also welcome.

<i>Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine</i> .....	\$15.00	<i>Kith 'n Kin</i> (Sandusky, Ohio) .....	\$10.00
<i>Annals of Wyoming</i> .....	\$20.00	<i>Le Raconteur</i> (LA) .....	\$15.00
<i>Argyll Colony Plus</i> (Scottish Heritage NC) .....	\$30.00	<i>Lifelines</i> (Northern NY American-Canadian) .....	\$30.00
<i>Arkansas Family Historian</i> .....	\$25.00	<i>MASSOG</i> (Mass.) .....	\$25.00
<i>Bluegrass Roots</i> (KY) .....	\$15.00	<i>Maine Genealogist</i> .....	\$20.00
<i>Carolina Herald and Newsletter</i> (SC) .....	\$8.00	<i>Mississippi River Routes</i> (Vicksburg Gen. Soc.) ..	\$20.00
<i>Central Georgia Gen. Soc. Quarterly</i> (Multiple counties) .....	\$25.00	<i>Montgomery Gen. Soc. Quarterly</i> (AL) .....	\$12.00
<i>Chicago Genealogist</i> (ILL) .....	\$20.00	<i>National Genealogical Society Quarterly</i> .....	\$50.00
<i>Families</i> (Ontario Genealogical Society-Canada) .....	\$45.00	<i>Northeast Mississippi</i> <i>Hist. and Gen. Soc. Quarterly</i> .....	\$15.00
<i>Family Tree Magazine &amp; CD</i> , monthly (United Kingdom) .....	\$85.00	<i>Ohio Records and Pioneer Families</i> .....	\$20.00
<i>Foothills Inquirer</i> (CO) .....	\$15.00	<i>Polish Footprints</i> (Polish Gen. Soc. of Texas) .....	\$20.00
<i>Gems of Genealogy</i> (WI) .....	\$10.00	<i>Rodziny</i> (Polish Gen. Soc. of America) .....	\$20.00
<i>Genie</i> (Ark-LA-TX Gen. Assn.) .....	\$20.00	<i>Ross County Gen. Soc. Newsletter</i> (Ohio) .....	\$15.00
<i>Georgia Gen. Soc. Quarterly</i> .....	\$30.00	<i>St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly</i> (Missouri) .....	\$25.00
<i>Georgia Settlers</i> (Multiple counties East Georgia) .....	\$18.00	<i>Tap Roots</i> (East Alabama Gen. Soc.) .....	\$20.00
<i>Goingsnake Messenger</i> (Cherokee-Oklahoma) ....	\$15.00	<i>The Times</i> (NC) .....	\$15.00
<i>Greenville Co. Gen. Soc. Journal</i> (SC) .....	\$21.00	<i>Upper South Carolina Gen. and History</i> .....	\$20.00
<i>Idaho Genealogical Society Journal</i> .....	\$19.00	<i>Vermont Genealogy</i> .....	\$20.00
<i>Illinois State Gen. Soc. Quarterly</i> .....	\$25.00	<i>Wisconsin State Genealogical</i> <i>Society Newsletter</i> .....	\$25.00
<i>Indiana Genealogist</i> .....	\$30.00		
<i>Internet Genealogy</i> .....	\$28.00		

We would like to thank Constance M. Ausec for her donation for renewal of the subscription to the *Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy and History*.





## MATCHING GIFTS

If your employer participates in a Matching Gifts Program, Clayton Library Friends is an eligible organization since it is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.

So far this year (2006) CLF has received matching gifts from:

- ★ IBM – J. E. Davis
- ★ Williams Companies of Tulsa, OK – Russell J. Judah
- ★ ExxonMobil – James Anderson, Troy Crook, George Jones, John Hicks, Dorothy Johnson, Richard Moravek, Brandes Smith, and Peggy Welsh.

**Total matching gifts \$1,225.00**

*Wally Davenport*

For many years CLF member Eva Cunningham has actively participated in the Matching Gifts Program of ExxonMobil. Each year Eva submits the appropriate paperwork to ExxonMobil and each year, for a number of years, CLF has received a check from them in recognition of Eva's volunteer service to Clayton Library. In April of this year, a \$1,000 check arrived as a volunteer grant for the 41 hours in 2005 that she logged in at the second floor reception desk for the microfilm and microfiche collections.

*Thank You*

## HOUSTON POST PROJECT

*Pam Walton*

Many members of The Humble Area Genealogical Society just completed almost a year long project for Clayton Library Friends at the Harris County Archives in the Criminal Justice Building in Houston. We were picked to do this project and I knew we would do a great job for the Clayton Library Friends. We made numerous trips to the archives. This project involved assessing the condition of the Houston Post newspapers and its other titles dating from 1880 through 1966. Members worked in pairs to assess these volumes, noting the condition of the paper itself, looking for tears, tape or glue, pages falling out or missing, noting the condition of the binding and marking all these items on a matrix. The volumes within a binding were recorded and then measured and shelved by months and year. Some volumes were in such poor condition they needed to be tied. It was interesting to note the changes in fashion in the papers as we worked from the later years on back to the 1880's. The members felt a real connection to history as we worked on these papers seeing a headline or a picture especially during both world

wars. We were actually handling papers over 100 years old. The project was interrupted by hurricane Rita, when Sarah Jackson, archivist, and her staff had to remove the stacked volumes from their location in a short amount of time for safety reasons. The volumes were moved to tables and pallets as quickly as possible. They were later restacked back in order, each volume weighing between 10 and 12 pounds. Close to 450 volumes in total were examined and shelved. Clayton Library Friends is currently working on plans as to the future of these newspapers.



*Left to Right - Terry Acker, Karen Acker, Pam Walton, Flo Briggs, Jean McLeod, Bettye Sutton, Claudine Morgan, David Taylor, Molly Berwick, Marianne Taylor*



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2007!

**B**ay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) and Clayton Library Friends (CLF) are co-sponsoring a genealogical conference, with nationally recognized genealogist **Claire Mire Bettag** as the featured speaker.

A professional genealogist, Claire Mire Bettag is:

- ★ the current Director of the National Archives (NARA) National Institute on Genealogical Research;
- ★ a trustee of the Board of Certification of Genealogists;
- ★ a director, Association of Professional Genealogists;
- ★ a featured coordinator of Samford University's Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research; and
- ★ a recently retired co-editor of *NGS Quarterly*.

Check future issues of The CLF Newsletter and Website for more information on this national event!

## Brenda Joyce Garret - Wooten

February 24, 1949 - July 6, 2006

**W**e are saddened by the loss of Brenda Joyce Garret - Wooten, the only daughter to Ada Marie Haynes and Calvin Jonathan Garret. She served as a Library Assistant at Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research from November 2005 until her passing. While employed at the Library she explored the resources available there to research her own family's genealogy. She was strong, kind, and considerate and will be dearly missed by all that knew her.

Brenda leaves to cherish her memory her husband Clyde Wooten, her devoted and only son Jarrod Shivers, and a loving extended family.



# CLF BULLETIN BOARD

**The CLF NEWSLETTER article deadline for the November issue is September 30. We welcome any articles related to Clayton Library or it's collections.**



## MOVING ON UP



**\$11,500,000.00**  
Ultimate goal!

**\$9,200,000.00**  
Goal for December 31, 2006;  
includes Clayton Library  
Maintenance Trust

**\$6,700,000.00**  
Renovation can begin

**\$5,000,000.00**  
Foundation pledges -  
April 15, 2006

**\$800,000.00**  
Pledges - February 1, 2006

Foundation contacts begin  
September 2005

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## NEXT MEETING

# Saturday, August 12, 2006



Maj. Gen.  
Patrick Cleburne



Brig. Gen.  
Hiram Granbury

**Speaker:** Danny M. Sessums,  
Curator - Museum of Southern  
History, Sugar Land, Texas

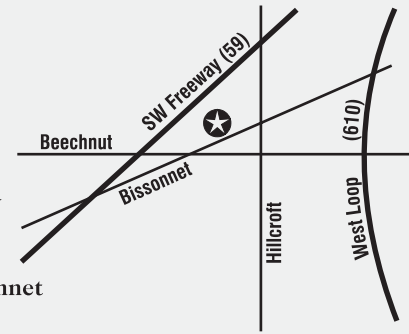
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**Topic:** Cleburne's Guard:  
A History of Granbury's  
Texas Infantry Brigade

Clayton  
Library  
Friends  
Meeting  
Location:

Bayland  
Community  
Center

6400 Bissonnet  
Houston



Meeting begins at 10 a.m. at Bayland  
Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston



### CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

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