

# THE Clayton Advocate

Newsletter of the Clayton Library Friends

**Above is the new Newsletter Masthead and Title proposed by the Board of Directors. Comments are welcome. Send them to us at [CLFNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:CLFNewsletter@gmail.com).**

At the November 10, 2007 Meeting CLF Members will be voting on a Bylaw change and the 2008 Officers and Directors. This information is also posted on the CLF Website at [www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org](http://www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org)

## **CLF Members Make It Possible! — Allyson Cook**

The Clayton Library Friends, for the past 20 years, has played a vital role in the enhancement of the Library's research capacity. With the renovation of the historic Clayton home, the Library and the Friends are entering an exciting new era. The support of our membership is needed more than ever!

This issue of our renamed and redesigned newsletter launches a new decade and a new chapter for the Friends. Assuming your approval of a bylaw change at the November meeting, the membership renewal year will switch from a calendar year to an April 1 - March 31 year. We believe it is more convenient for you, our members, to offer membership renewal at a less hectic time than the holiday season, when the volume of mail is already substantially increased. Please accept the three-month overlap period as a thank you for your enduring support.

We pledge interesting and timely newsletters (we hope you like the proposed Masthead) and programs. One of our board members, Alice Braud-Jones, has lined up a

fascinating program of speakers for 2008. Go to our redesigned website, [www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org](http://www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org), and check out its members' only section. We are also offering one special event a year. When the Clayton house and grounds are complete, the annual event will be held there. For the coming year, Susan Clayton Garwood, William Lockhart Clayton's great-granddaughter, has generously offered to host the first gathering on the grounds of her own beautiful and historic home, the Will Clayton Summer House, next spring.

As the Membership Vice-president, I encourage you to email me at [CLFNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:CLFNewsletter@gmail.com) with your thoughts or suggestions. The Clayton Library is already a nationally respected institution. Its staff and volunteers are dedicated to making it the premier center for genealogical research in the United States. The extensive work being undertaken at the Clayton home will provide the facility and resources to bring the Library into the 21st

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## Clayton Library Friends Statement of Financial Position

**As of September 29, 2007**

<b>Cash Accounts</b>	
100 · Wells Fargo Checking	15,004.87
110 · WF Business Performance Savings*	367,677.22
115 · Wells Fargo PayPal	572.31
130 · Bulk Mail Account	813.08
150 · Merrill Lynch Instit.Fund	353,352.65
<b>Total Cash Accounts</b>	<b>737,420.13</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
1200 · Accounts Receivable (Pledges)	751,453.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>751,453.00</b>
<b>Investment Accounts</b>	
140 · Fund Investment - TD Ameritrade	889,165.89
<b>Total Investment Accounts</b>	<b>889,165.89</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,378,039.02</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
220 · Note payable, Bank of America	710,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>710,000.00</b>
<b>Total Assets minus Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,668,039.02</b>

## Cash Flow Report

**January 1 through September 29, 2007**

<b>Inflows</b>	
410 · Contributions & Grants	728,274.19
[\$714,663 for Clayton House Renovation]	
420 · 2007 Dues Revenue	12,090.00
422 · 2008 Dues	-45.00
440 · Interest - non-Endowment	58,808.61
459 · Portfolio Value Change	37,676.41
460 · Income - Other	893.93
<b>Total Inflows</b>	<b>837,698.14</b>
<b>Outflows</b>	
510 · Library Purchases	26,805.12
530 · Newsletter	1,618.55
540 · Meeting and Seminar Expenses	175.00
550 · Miscellaneous Program Expenses	1,004.82
560 · Library Renovation**	4,673,299.36
610 · Audits	7,000.00
640 · Bank Charges (Non-Acquisition)	338.00
650 · Mgt & Gen. Printing & Mailing	538.12
660 · Office Supplies	255.27
670 · Post Office Box Rental	132.00
680 · Misc. Mgt & General Expenses	500.16
700 · Fundraising Expenses	97,912.66
<b>Total Outflows</b>	<b>4,809,579.06</b>

\* \$300,000 due the City of Houston

\*\* \$4,500,000 paid to City of Houston

\$3,500,000 from Foundations  
\$1,000,000 from Bank of America Loan  
(from pledges - \$290,000 plus interest for 2007)

Ruby Dusek

## Proposed Bylaw Change

At the CLF Membership Meeting in November, the CLF Board will ask the members to vote on a bylaw change. Currently each membership year begins January 1 and ends the following December 31. The CLF Board is proposing that the membership year begin April 1 and end the following March 31.

Currently Section 3.2 of the CLF Bylaws reads as follows:

*"Section 3.2: Dues shall be set annually by the Executive Board. Dues for renewal of membership shall be due on January 1. Dues not received by March 1, shall be considered delinquent, and the members name will not be In the year-book."*

The amended Section 3.2 would read as follows:

*"Section 3.2: Dues shall be set by the Executive Board. Dues for renewal of membership shall be due on April 1. Such dues not received by June 1 shall be considered delinquent."*

This change will permit the annual membership campaign to be held in the Spring when it does not compete with year-end holiday activities. It will also permit other 'springtime' activities to be held in connection with the membership campaign. One of the goals of the CLF Board is to increase the value of a membership in the Clayton Library Friends. We feel this bylaw amendment is a critical step toward achieving that goal.

We look forward to seeing you at the November 10th meeting.

## Genealogy News Alert – Wally Davenport

Calling all cousins descended from families of Rockford, North Carolina. The Rockford Preservation Society has announced the launch of its 2007 Remember Rockford capital campaign. A major thrust of the campaign is for the village to reconnect with the descendants of families for whom Rockford is an ancestral home.

"The campaign offers these descendants a real opportunity to preserve for future generations of their families their heritage and their home", says Ms. Hannah Holyfield, President of the society. "We are going to work with genealogical groups and with ancestry sites on the Internet to reach out to descendants who may have only minimal knowledge about their ancestors' lives here but would like to know more. We plan to contact these descendants and ask them to help us restore the village and then, literally, to come back home."

The culmination of the "Remember Rockford" campaign will be a Remember Rockford Families Reunion to be held in 2009. The reunion date will be set in the coming months.

Anyone with family ties to Rockford is encouraged to go to [www.rememberrockford.com](http://www.rememberrockford.com) and register to receive news updates of planned events for the coming months.

## **Officers**

### **President**

Nick Sorensen

### **1st Vice President**

Allyson Cook

### **2nd Vice President**

Charlie Gardes

### **Secretary**

Alice Braud-Jones

### **Acting Treasurer**

Ruby Dusek

## **Directors**

### **Director (1)**

Karen Ladd Acker

### **Director (1)**

Sam Lusk

### **Director (1)**

Diane Larson

### **Director (2)**

Ruby Dusek

### **Director (2)**

Claudia Grafton

### **Director (2)**

Wallace E. Davenport

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## **Clayton Library**

### **Manager**

Susan Kaufman

### **Assistant Manager**

Lesley Douthwaite



## **President's Message — Nick Sorensen**



Change is afoot. The CLF Newsletter has been updated and christened anew. We believe that you will like the new presentation. We are also working hard to upgrade the substance of the newsletter and improve its usefulness to our members. We have switched vendors and are using a new process that involves a combination of vendors and volunteers. We anticipate that this new process will allow us to regularly deliver a quality newsletter in a timely fashion. We think it is an improvement and we look forward to receiving your candid input.

The CLF Website also has a new look and a few new features. It is now possible to become a member or renew a membership online. It is also possible to make other donations such as purchasing a brick paver as part of the grass roots fundraising campaign. As I mentioned last quarter, we have engaged a new Website support provider, Expletus. You can see project examples on their website at [www.expletus.net](http://www.expletus.net). We have also implemented a process for soliciting input from the members regarding how to make the Website more user-friendly and easier to navigate. There are periodic conference calls with Expletus to discuss designated topics and to provide direct feedback regarding the Website. The conference call has been held each Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. during the month of October and at 6:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of November and the first Tuesday of December. The toll free dial-in information is 1-800-326-6981 Participant pass-code: 292837.

We are working hard behind the scenes to improve our efficiency and upgrade the quality of our service to the membership. In this edition of the newsletter there is a notice of a proposed bylaw amendment. This is

not a major change, but it is one of those little things that will make a big difference. Moving the renewal deadline to June will allow us to hold a spring-time membership drive instead of holding a year-end membership drive during the busiest season of the year. Having the membership campaign in the spring-time will permit us to couple the membership campaign with a number of other activities that will increase the exposure of CLF and the Clayton Library and substantially increase the number of CLF members.

The most important thing on our plate right now is giving supporters of the Clayton Library an opportunity to invest in the future of the library by participating in the "Paver Campaign". To date our fundraising has come from the Clayton Family and many of Houston's charitable foundations. This type of fundraising is hard. There is a lot of competition for those dollars. Remember, we don't cure cancer, we don't make sick children well, we don't protect and shelter victims of abuse, and we don't feed and clothe the homeless. We support a library dedicated to acquiring and preserving materials to support genealogical and family history research. That is not always an easy sale. However, Susan Garwood and our fundraising team have done an outstanding job to date, and now we are asking our members to push us over the top. The amount of these donations is not insignificant, but we feel that it is within the reach of all CLF members willing to make a sacrifice for the cause of the Clayton Library. Remember, you can now purchase the pavers online at [www.claytonlibraryfriends.org](http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org) and click on Contributions.

We encourage all CLF members and their family and friends to support the Clayton Library by participating generously in the paver campaign.



## Where to Die? Civil War Hospitals and Prisons — Trevia Wooster Beverly



Trevia Wooster Beverly will speak on the subject of “Where to Die? Civil War Hospitals and Prisons” November 10th at the Jungman Library, 5830 Westheimer. For every man killed in battle during the Civil War, two died of illness or disease in hospitals or prison

camps. Andersonville, Georgia had her counterpart in Elmira New York, Point Lookout Maryland and Camp Morton Indiana. Prisons on both sides were, for the most part, hell-holes and often hospitals were no better. Treatment and the end results were often worse than death. After the Civil War medical improvements came more rapidly and by the Spanish-American War doctors were better prepared. Doctors and nurses often joined the soldier in making the ultimate sacrifice. CLF members will hear all this and more November 10th. Please plan to attend our general members meeting and help welcome a real “Texas Treasure”.

A native Texan, Trevia Wooster Beverly’s genealogy interest began with a ninth-grade English project. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists,

and the Genealogical Speakers Guild, a registered source for professional genealogical speakers. She maintains active membership in numerous archival, cemetery, historical, genealogical, library lineage organizations. She has conducted seminars and workshops throughout Texas and teaches genealogy classes in Houston. Trevia is listed in several biographical publications, including *Who’s Who In Genealogy & Heraldry*. She is President Emeritus of the Texas State Genealogical Society (1984-1987) and served as host chairman for Clayton Library Friends for the 1994 National Genealogical Society Conference held in Houston. Trevia has been published in the *CLF Newsletter*, the Houston Genealogical Forum’s *The Record*, as well as in other periodicals, and has compiled a series of Texas cemetery directories. Her latest publication is “Suffer the Children: A History of the Confederate Orphanage at Baylands, Texas”. Trevia is a long time member of the annual San Jacinto Symposium, serving her twelfth year on the Harris County Historical Commission, and was appointed to the Mayor’s Task Force on Houston History in 2005. Those of you that are familiar with Trevia, know her active participation in all historical and genealogical events across the country, with a particular loyalty to Texas.

## Texas Weapons of Choice — Trevia Wooster Beverly

Reading newspapers is a terribly addictive pastime. I was supposed to be looking for something specific, came across this and thought I’d share it. What does it have to do with genealogy? Are you descended from one of these men? Or did one of your ancestors have a like weapon? Did your ancestor serve in the fight for Texas Independence?

Jim Bowie was married, and had two children who died young. No descendants, but his brother John Jones Bowie married America Watkins, sister to my Virginia Watkins. The younger kids in the family do not yet have a real appreciation of family genealogy but they love the ‘romance’ of Jim Bowie and his lesser known brothers, the story of the Bowie knife (designed by brother, Rezin Bowie) and Jim’s lost San Saba silver mine (I think I see a glimmer of a treasure hunter in the family).

Texas weapons of choice were mentioned in a Houston Chronicle *Texas Magazine* article on Oct. 6, 1985. Reproductions of these were sold as commemorative items for the Texas Sesquicentennial.

“Stephen F. Austin carried two tomahawks. Jim Bowie was known for his hand-to-hand combat and carried two of his

‘Bowie knives’. He had a sword which he left in his brother’s care when he moved to Texas.” Travis probably owned both a European straight-blade sword and a cavalry sword. The Knecht-Lamothe sword on display at the Alamo was chosen as the commemorative sword for Travis. Houston, however, was a man of the sword. “Gen. Sam Houston won Texas independence from Mexico with his battle scimitar in hand. The sword is on view at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum in Huntsville.”

Of course, there were commemorative items of all kinds offered during this celebration period: maps to sculptures to pins, pens and lesser items. Should you have a Texas Sesquicentennial commemorative item, be sure you record it appropriately and if it’s something you want a grandchild or other person to inherit, make sure you make your wishes known. But first, be sure that person knows its history and wants the item.

If you had an ancestor who served in any war, a study of the weapon he would have carried will add flavor to your family history.



## New Acquisitions — CLF Acquisition Committee

- 32 reels of Arkansas County Tax Lists for the 19th Century; this completes the run of the tax lists. We previously owned just Arkansas through Mississippi counties.
- Index (Soundex) to the 1930 Population Schedules for Mississippi, rolls 64-75, 77-88
- New York Passenger Arrival Lists, 1897-1957, rolls 1-5, 7-10
- 152 reels Louisiana Confederate Pension Applications
- 94 reels Mississippi Confederate Pension Applications
- 9 reels Ante Bellum Record of the Texas Rangers, 1846-62
- 12 reels Civil War Correspondence of the Texas Adjutant General, 1861-65
- 2 reels Indigent Confederate Families, 1863-65
- 9 reels Military Records of Texas Reconstruction, 1865-70
- 17 reels Reconstruction Correspondence of the Texas Adjutant General, 1865-77
- 6 reels Roster of State Police, Undated, Roster of Special Policeman 1871-72, and Records of the Texas State Police During Reconstruction, 1870-1873
- 1 reel Military Rolls of the Texas State Police, 1870-1873
- 4 reels Records of the Texas State Guard and the Reserve Militia 1870-74
- 1 reel Military Rolls of the Frontier Forces of Texas, 1870-74
- 17 reels Early Modern Correspondence of the Texas Adjutant General, 1877-83

## Confederate Record Wish List — CLF Acquisition Committee

ALABAMA - 276 rolls of microfilm @ \$40.00 per roll makes this one of the more expensive states totaling \$11,040.00.

ARKANSAS - 121 rolls @ \$70.00 per roll also is one of the more expensive states. The total for acquiring this state would be \$ 8,470.00.

FLORIDA - As mentioned earlier, these records are online, but we plan to acquire the film because they might not always be online. There are 107 rolls @ \$20.00 per roll, making the total for Florida \$2,140.00.

GEORGIA - This state is by far the most expensive and the largest collection of Confederate pensions. There are 498 rolls of microfilm @ \$50.00 per roll, making the total \$24,900.00.

KENTUCKY - We almost have enough in our Confederate fund to acquire this state. There are 51 rolls @ \$18.00 per roll, totaling \$918.00.

MISSOURI - We have just purchased this state's records.

NORTH CAROLINA - The pension records are on 105 rolls of microfilm @ \$18.00 per roll, totaling \$1,890.00.

OKLAHOMA - We have just purchased this state's records.

SOUTH CAROLINA - There are 34 rolls of microfilm @ \$50.00 per roll, totaling \$1,700.00.

TENNESSEE - This is a large group of pension records. We would purchase both the microfilmed records and the indexes, also on microfilm. There are 176 rolls of the pension applications @ \$25.00 per roll, and 5 rolls of the index @ \$20.00 per roll, totaling \$4,500.00.

TEXAS - Certainly this is the most important for us to acquire, but the records are being refilmed and not available for us to purchase until next year.

VIRGINIA - The Confederate records of Virginia are also online, and probably towards the end of our wish list. There are 220 rolls of microfilm @ \$30.00 per roll, totaling \$6,600.00.

### CLF Acquisition Committee

John Dorrah

Gay Carter

Trevia Wooster Beverly



## What's New at the Clayton Library — Susan Kaufman

Hello!

The calendar tells us the holidays are coming. Where does the time go? It seems that just yesterday it was the beginning of summer, and now it's almost Thanksgiving.

Time goes so quickly, yet traditions carry on. During this time of year, maybe it's having that special sweet potato recipe that the one special person makes the best, or traveling to another member of the family for the annual visit. It is that time of year; the next couple of months revolve around families, traditions, cooking, stories and more.

My mother gave me a three ring binder of tastes of my youth when I was away in college. We all have family food traditions that bring back memories of gatherings of family members, both large and small. These are warm feelings of the safety of family, the stories and food all wrapped up in memories that are shared during these current gatherings.

That three ring binder is a treasure to me. It is part of my Heritage, my family. Why not this holiday season, add a special part to your family history research? Collect the recipes of those dishes that have been handed down, but never written down. These are some of the most important parts of our heritage.

Many of us have cookbooks produced by a community organization. These usually have a history of the organization, town, church, supplemented by submissions of dishes by individuals. Why not create a family cookbook? It can be as simple as the three ring binder that I have, or you can find plenty of family cookbook software by just doing a Google search for "family cookbook software" with the quotes, or stop by the computer store. The important thing is to pass on the history of the family in a strong way. What better way than food? Stop and browse the cookbooks in your local neighborhood library or bookstore. Notice the ethnic variety. In addition to delicious heritage recipes, some cookbooks will give you cultural histories of the people and country, and history behind the food. These books are a great resource to help you with a little background for your family's heritage cookbook.

Have wonderful, safe and happy holidays – enjoy the family and the food!



## 20 Year Anniversary Celebration News

This year marks the twentieth Anniversary of the Clayton Library Friends. We are requesting any photos, articles, and recollections of past programs, events and activities that you may have. They will be placed in a commemorative

issue. We also want your thoughts and ideas regarding a possible reunion or gathering to celebrate this event, sometime in the Spring of 2008. Please contact us at [CLFNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:CLFNewsletter@gmail.com).

## Texas State Library and Archives Commission in Austin

The Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building, home of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, is getting a facelift! This is good news for both library and archive customers and staff, as the 46-year old building is in great need of renovation. Construction work on the two-year renovation is expected to begin in September 2007, so there are some important changes happening that may impact your research in the library and archive.

The staff is pleased that the library and archives will stay open throughout most of the renovation; however, some services will be limited, and much of the collection will be moved offsite. As with any construction project,

unexpected events may cause closing for certain brief periods. They urge researchers to call ahead when planning a trip to the facility. The phone number is 512-463-5455 and the Renovation News link <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us>, which includes a timeline and will be kept current with news about services throughout the two year project. With advance notice, the official state records of Texas stored offsite can be retrieved for you. Unfortunately a portion of the collection will be inaccessible during the renovation.

Thanks for your patience and understanding as the facilities are brought into the 21st Century.

## Clayton Renovation Status — Charlie Gardes



Readers who want to keep abreast of the latest progress of the Clayton House Renovation should visit the website, <http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org>, where current news will be posted.

### RECAP

The contract for construction between the City of Houston (CoH) and Workman Commercial Construction Services, Ltd. (Workman) was finally approved by all the necessary CoH departments and signed at the end of May. Workman then erected construction fencing around the site and placed their construction trailer in the northwest corner of the library parking lot, closest to the Carriage House. The construction kick-off meeting was held June 8, 2007 in the trailer. The remainder of June was spent by Workman mobilizing forces and getting subcontractors and suppliers signed up.

The Main Clayton House is over ninety years old, and has had two additions in that time. The structural system of the house is unique for residential construction in that the perimeter walls do not have wood studs behind the brick facade. Instead, the system has structural clay tile units forming a double wide masonry wall. Like wood stud walls, these tile units are load-bearing and support the floors and roof. The main Clayton House also has a cast-in-place concrete basement, which is also structural and load bearing. The basement has been used by the library as a mechanical room

housing plumbing and air conditioning equipment for the building. All of these conditions add complexity to performing any foundation work.

### WORK PROGRESS

July and August were spent performing exterior site demolition, mold remediation, investigation of remaining lead paint content in the three houses, and evaluating the current condition of the various structural systems of the Main House. Various testing was performed in all areas. This exploratory process has delayed progress of the project but was necessary to provide a safe environment when working on the foundation begins.

In mid-September the State passed the Guest House as free of mold and ready for renovation. Testing and discussions regarding lead paint continue but will hopefully be completed in October. A foundation subcontract has been let by Workman and is scheduled to start on or before October 18th.

### UPCOMING

The foundation work on the Main House is expected to require up to nine weeks. No other work of significance on the Main House can proceed until the foundation work is completed. Workman is mobilizing forces for work on the Guest House and Carriage House. The beehive is becoming busy.

## The Lesson Here for Any Abbreviation , Use What Is Normally Accepted; Most Often Used

A question this morning over the Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness (RAGOK) list was what to put when you don't know a woman's last name – my answer: I don't know that there is an “official” way – *unkn* for unknown is probably the most used. And that's what I use because it is the most recognizable. But I think I've seen others and I'm sure some of the rest of the list will let us know theirs. Of course, just entering the woman's first name, leaving the space blank indicates you don't know it. [www.delgensoc.org/dfabbre.html](http://www.delgensoc.org/dfabbre.html) is specific to the Delaware Families Project but at the end there is a really good list of abbreviations that most in genealogy use. Sure enough, another answer to the RAGOK question came in.

1) I used the married name with an \* at the end. Someone else said, so the name gets sorted with the appropriate family. Also helpful when searching cemetery listings.

2) I use the married name followed by ‘MNU’ so she shows up in the list with that family.

Then I replied: ‘MNU’ – hopefully most would know, but a novice might look and say “Married Name Unknown”?

“Maiden Name Unknown”? I know that I've run into some instances where family researchers have a woman and know she was married but nothing else – and they have used MNU for married name unknown.

To which someone replied: “Trevia thank you for defining ‘MNU’, I did not know what that meant”.

There are all sorts of abbreviations used mainly due to lack of space on both hand entered and computer entered charts. An example is “oo” for twice married and “!1850” or “/1850” for before - “\1850” for after. If you can, find a copy of *Durye's Genealogy, An Introduction to Continental Concepts* (1977 by Polyanthos; no longer in business) contains a list of accepted abbreviations for European Genealogy. Many have found their way into American recordings. Another good source for abbreviations is a good dictionary such as *Webster's* and a good law dictionary such as *Black's or Barron's*.

Trevia Wooster Beverly

Editor. For more pearls from Trevia go to <http://archiver.rootsweb.com/th/read/TX-CEMETERIES/2003-09/1064095209>

## A Gift of Thanks — Allyson Cook



In this season of Thanksgiving, we ask you to consider a gift to the Clayton Library Friends in honor of a loved one or a friend. Large or small, your gift will be much appreciated. If you wish to donate an inscribed brick for the Clayton Center grounds or donate toward a tree, bench or additional research material, your contribution will help create a living legacy. Please see the article, "Buy A Brick Paver for the Clayton Home Renovation Project" below for more information on the brick pavers.

All donations are tax deductible. The recipient of your generosity will receive a note letting him or her know of your gift. You, the donor, will receive a thank you letter for your tax files. Gifts to be acknowledged before Thanksgiving must be received NO LATER than

November 15. Gifts to be acknowledged before Christmas must be received NO LATER than December 15. Please include the full name and address of your recipient and your full name and address. Your check may be made out to CLF and mailed to Clayton Library Friends, P.O. Box 271078, Houston, Texas 77277-1078, or paid by credit card through our website, [www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org](http://www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org).

Thank you for your consideration of the Clayton Library Center in your gift giving, and have a happy Thanksgiving and joyous holiday season.

## Buy A Brick Paver for the Clayton Home Renovation Project

The Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, one of the largest municipal genealogical libraries in America, has the opportunity through this \$6.1 million construction campaign to:

- Add 2,500 linear feet of shelving
- Add 7,150 square feet of floor space
- Open a new conference area for community use with seating for 100
- Preserve the historic Clayton home built in 1917 by noted architect Birdsall P. Briscoe. William Lockhart Clayton and his wife Susan Vaughan Clayton were community leaders in 20th century

Houston. Mr. Clayton is recognized for his authorship of the post-WWII Marshall Plan.

- Renovate two other historic structures, the Guest House and Carriage House, on a campus dedicated to teaching our history to future generations.

You are invited to be a part of the Clayton Library Friends Campaign in their effort to "Connect the Past with the Future One Brick at a Time."

All gifts are tax deductible. For further information, please call 713-526-5397 or 713-789-6535 or visit our website [www.claytonlibraryfriends.org](http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org).

## Ghost Towns — Trevia Wooster Beverly

Inactive for sometime, this list has been moving in the past few days. Give a look-see.

While it is headed GhostTowns, you might just find that it is valuable to your genealogical research.

Looking for a TEXAS town that is no more? Here is the place to ask!

Then you'll be off and running to find out who lived there, when, and what happened?

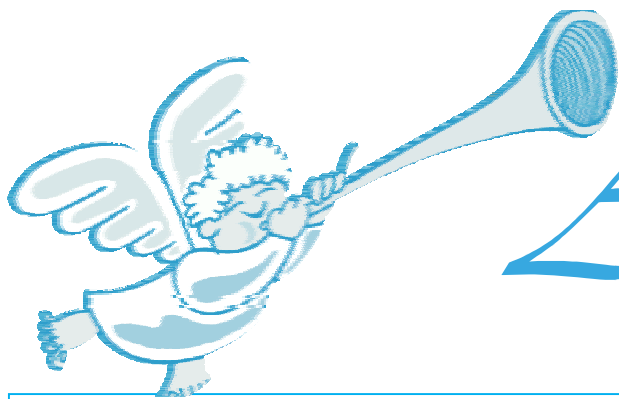
Is the remnant of a cemetery or buildings still visible? And if you had ancestors who lived there, tell the rest of us who and when - and where they went afterwards. That

migration event might help others seeking what happened to their own ancestors.

<http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/usa/TX/misc.html#TX-GHOSTTOWNS>

Note that you can browse the archives first if you'd like to. Then join us! I always recommend the use of these RootsWeb Mailing Lists. If you need it only for a short time to get your question posted and watch for the answer (believe me, someone will), you can very easily unsubscribe. And just maybe YOU can answer a question for someone.





# Angels Report

by Liz Hicks

The Angel Program was created in 1994 to provide for periodicals the library does not have the funds to purchase. Anyone interested in becoming an "Angel" by underwriting one or more of the following periodicals for 2008 should contact Liz Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030, 713-944-1118 or email at [erootrot@usa.net](mailto:erootrot@usa.net). Please remember donations can be made in memory or honor of someone(s) and acknowledged in the *CLF Newsletter*. A bookplate can be placed in the bound periodicals at the end of the year. Donations for binding are also welcome.

The following "ORPHANS" still need sponsors:

*American-Canadian Genealogist* (French Canadian, Franco-American & Acadian Genealogy) \$50.00\*

*Annals of Wyoming* \$20.00

*Argyll Colony Plus* (Scottish Heritage NC) \$30.00

*Arkansas Family Historian* \$25.00

*Bluegrass Roots* (KY) \$25.00

*Carolina Herald and Newsletter* (SC) \$8.00

*Chicago Genealogist* (IL) \$20.00

*Family Tree Magazine & CD*, monthly (UK) \$95.00

*Foothills Inquirer* (CO) \$15.00

*Forum* (Federation of Genealogical Societies) \$18.00

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*Greenville County Genealogical Society Journal* (SC) \$21.00

*Houston History* (UH Center for Public History) \$25.00\*

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*Kith 'n Kin* (Sandusky, Ohio) \$10.00

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*Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History* \$25.00

*Mississippi River Routes* (Vicksburg Gen. Soc.) \$20.00

*Montgomery Genealogical Society Quarterly* (AL) \$12.00

*Ohio Records and Pioneer Families* \$20.00

*Redbone Chronicles* (KY) \$12.00\*

*Ross County Genealogical Society Newsletter* (OH) \$15.00

*St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly* (Missouri) \$28.00

*The Times* (NC) \$15.00

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**We wish to thank the following Friends who have earned their wings for 2008:**

Patsy and Mike Andrews, *Family History Capers* (Washtenaw Co., MI) and *Families* (Ontario) in honor of Janet Tyler Fox; *Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine* in memory of Thomas Gilbert Andrews; and *Central Gorgia* renewal in memory of Dorothy Doyle Andrews.

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Gordon LaGrange, renewals for *Le Raconteur* (LA) in memory of Ellen Marie LaGrange, and the *Maine Genealogist* in memory of Stephen Charles LaGrange.

David and Paula Pitts, 2008 subscription to *Northeast Mississippi History & Genealogical Society Quarterly*, and a donation to the Angels program.

Mrs. Betty J. Ryman renewal to *Genie*, the publication of the ARK-LA-TX Genealogical Association.





## Clayton Library Volunteer Corner – Steven Bychowski and Sam Lusk

It is with great pleasure that we introduce the newest Clayton Library volunteer shelvees: **Joy Cowen, Betty Crockford, Signe Hawley, Becky Herder, Jean McLeod, Pat Phillips, Janice Shultz, Winona Wilkinson, and Gary and Robin Willis.** These new recruits completed shelving classes in March and August and joined forces with our veteran shelvees **Norma Eriksen, Bruce Krewinghaus, Audrey Middlebrooke, John Coyle,** and all the others who have helped out in shelving books from time to time. Many thanks to all of you for your hard work in keeping our shelves in order!



Steven Bychowski and Sam Lusk  
Clayton Library Volunteer Coordinators

## 4th Annual Clayton Library Volunteer Lock-In

The Clayton Library Staff is pleased to announce that the 4th Annual Clayton Library Volunteer Lock-In will be held on Friday, October 26, from 5-9 PM. This fun-filled event with a Halloween theme offers anyone who has volunteered at Clayton Library within the past year the opportunity to meet and mingle with other volunteers, enjoy some dinner and desserts, and even get a little genealogy research done (with no charge for photocopies!) To RSVP please call the Library at 832-393-2600. Hope to see you there!

## Additions to Clayton Library Family Histories — Karen Acker

The following family histories have been donated to Clayton Library through the Clayton Library Friends. Once they have been processed, the books will be available at the Library. For information on purchasing a personal copy of any of these books, contact Karen Acker, [www.thacker@cebridge.net](mailto:www.thacker@cebridge.net).

*Missouri Families and Their Ancestors*, by Sylvia J. Jackson.

*The Garrett Family of Duncan Creek, South Carolina* by Glenn R. Garrett and Louise Rosser Garrett.

*Genealogy of the Wilhoit Family 1685-1992* by Anita Wilhoit Fisher

*The Pray Family of Braintree, Quincy and Weymouth, Massachusetts, Including Later Generations Throughout the United States, 1643-2006*, by Col. Harold Leonard Pray, USAF Ret.

*Howard S. Ewing, His Ancestors and His Descendants* by Gerald E. Ewing

*Descendants of William Baker, Jr. (d. Concord, MA. 1702)* by Silas K. Baker, Jr.

*Family of Andrew King Estell and Related Families* by Helen Estelle Hull

*Sorting out the Early Julian/Juliens* by Paul R. Julian



## On the Do Not Call List? You'll Have to Re-Register

The cherished dinner hour void of telemarketers could vanish next year for millions of people when phone numbers begin dropping off of the national **Do Not Call List**. Numbers placed on the registry, begun in June 2003, are valid for five years. Everyone signed onto the list in its early days will find that their numbers will automatically drop off beginning next June if you do not enroll again. Registering is incredibly quick and easy to do, just register your number again by calling 1-888-382-1222 or on the website [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov).

The newsletter staff has set up a special email address for your comments and requests.  
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## 2008 General Meeting Programs Alice Braud Jones



### Saturday, February 9, 2008

Lynne Brooke, PhD NSDAR – *Heritage Society Research* – What the experts use to verify your applications, and which sources are never acceptable!

### Saturday, May 17, 2008



Betty Crockford, Shirley Wettling, Ron Lohec, Everett Lyons, UHCL – *The Adams and Jefferson Letters* – A group reading of correspondence between these two great men who shaped America's history

### Saturday, August 9, 2008

Karen Avery Miller, *Guild of Colonial Artisans and Tradesmen, 1607-1783*. Researching your ancestors who were engaged in artistic and trade professions. Providing a new methodology for your ancestral research

### Saturday, November 15, 2008

Kathryn Black Morrow: *Writing Narrative History from Piles of Paper to Polished Prose*

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## Have You Moved? New Phone Number or Email? – Diane Larson

Hopefully, you received a call during August from one of our volunteers. We have undertaken to update the contact information of each of our members.

Many, many corrections were made, thanks to our willing telephone committee and Ginny Toney, who coordinated their efforts. Thanks so much to all who helped with that! This will insure that you receive your newsletters in a timely manner, either electronically if you requested that, or by regular postal service. It also allows us a savings in postage since we'll have fewer items returned for "bad"

addresses. Remember the electronic newsletter has no postage at all!! If for some reason you were out of town or missed your phone call, please let us know if you have a change to report. In the near future, you will be able to change your information on our web site, but until then, please report any changes so we can make the update and corrections. Thanks again to Ginny and her committee, and to David Lodge, who updates and maintains our membership database.

CLF Volunteers do a magnificent job.

The New York Times stopped charging for access to parts of its Web site effective September 27, 2007.

The move comes two years to the day after *The Times* began the subscription program, *TimesSelect*, which has charged \$49.95 a year, or \$7.95 a month, for online access to the work of its columnists and to the newspaper's archives. *TimesSelect* has been free to print subscribers of *The Times* and to some students and educators.

**The CLF Newsletter  
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the February 2008  
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## NEXT MEETING

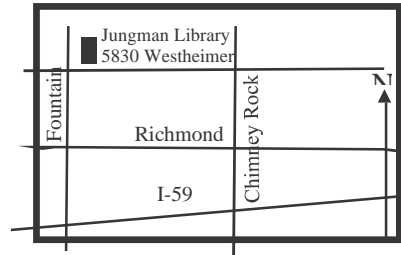
### Saturday November 10, 2007

**Speaker:** Trevia Wooster Beverly

**Topic:** **Where to Die? Civil War Hospitals and Prisons**

For every man killed in battle during the Civil War, two died of illness or disease in hospitals or prison camps. Andersonville, Georgia had her counterpart in Elmira, New York, Point Lookout, Maryland and Camp Morton, Indiana. Prisons on both sides were, for the most part, hell-holes and often hospitals were no better. Doctors and nurses often joined the soldiers in making the ultimate sacrifice.

**Time** Meeting Begins at 10:15 am at the Jungman Library  
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