

THE Clayton Advocate

NEWSLETTER OF THE CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS



President's Report

In the last CLF Newsletter we talked about the new format for the newsletter and about other changes and upgrades being made. We are working hard behind the scenes to

improve our efficiency and to upgrade the quality of our service to the membership. We hope that all will benefit from these changes.

We remind you of the recent bylaw amendment moving the membership renewal deadline to April. Soon you will be receiving information regarding our spring-time membership drive. We fully expect that this membership drive will result in a substantial increase in our membership this year.

We also remind you of the continuing need for supporters of the Clayton Library to invest in the future of the library by participating in the "Paver Campaign". 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 purchase the pavers online at www.claytonlibraryfriends.org (click on "Contributions").

The CLF Board is now refocusing its efforts on acquisitions. The activity level of the acquisitions committee will increase significantly during 2008. We are developing some expertise in the area of fundraising and have identified a number of fundraising sources that will provide grants for acquisitions. By combining the efforts of the fundraising team and the acquisitions committee, we expect to be able to substantially increase the volume and size of our annual acquisitions. If we are successful, we anticipate that CLF's acquisitions will increase each year for the next few years.

By the end of 2008, the Clayton Library renovation will be complete and CLF will once again

be in full swing doing what it does best, supporting the growth of the Clayton Library. We are gearing up for the hard work ahead and we invite you to join us.

Nick Sorensen

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Thank You for Your Continued Generous Support of The William Clayton Library

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MANAGER'S MESSAGE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT



Change can be a scary word. You might have noticed that the masthead of the Clayton Library Friends newsletter has changed. Personally, I think it is very nice, and represents a more modern look to the newsletter. Change happens in many forms in many ways. The way we as

family history researchers do research has changed over time; most of us search the internet before we begin in the books. Computers at time can be a boon, and at times can be a bust.

Changes are in the works at your library, the Clayton Library. If you haven't visited the library lately, you will be pleasantly surprised at some of the changes we have instituted. One of the most visible changes you will notice is when you immediately walk in the front door. Note that the computers look different. No longer will you have to sit on hard stools at high stand up tables. For a full look at the new computer configuration please see Clayton staff member Jane Porter's article in this newsletter.

Additionally other furniture will also be moved for more seating upstairs. A set of shelves will be added to each section on the first floor to give us more space for growth in materials. These improvements will be coming over the next few months. For information on the Clayton Family home renovation project and the excitement of that, please see Charlie Gardes' article in this newsletter.

Changes in the near future include partnerships with the Family History Library and Footnote.com. Although still in the works, these advances will bring many new and exciting resources to Clayton. In addition, participating with these "names" in the genealogical community will keep your library, the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research in the forefront of the genealogical community. It is with great pride I say I am part of the Clayton Library, and I know it is with great pride as members of the Clayton Library Friends you hold a vested interest in the future of the library. Thank you all for your support and interest in our - your collection.

Susan Kaufman

Clayton Library Friends Statement of Financial Position As of January 27, 2008

Cash Accounts	
100 · Wells Fargo Checking	13,906.99
110 · WF Business Performance Savings	130,781.74
115 · Wells Fargo PayPal	51.75
150 · Merrill Lynch Instit.Fund	318,919.08
130 · Bulk Mail Account	736.75
Total Cash Accounts	464,396.31
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Cash Flow Report October 2007-January 2008	
Inflows	
410 · Contributions & Grants	152,500.44
420 · Dues Revenue	180.00
422 · 2008 Dues	275.00
440 · Interest - non-Endowment	6,013.05
459 · Portfolio Value Change	7,001.41
Total Inflows	165,969.90
Outflows	
510 · Library Purchases	1,313.71
520 · Direct Payments to Library	75.00
530 · Newsletter	1,320.48
540 · Meeting and Seminar Expenses	213.30
550 · Miscellaneous Program Expenses	95.00
560 · Library Renovation	353,579.05
620 · Tax Services	1,391.00
640 · Bank Charges (Non-Acquisition)	31.00
650 · Mgt & Gen. Printing & Mailing	240.60
670 · Post Office Box Rental	104.00
680 · Misc. Mgt & General Expenses	900.00
700 · Fundraising Expenses	40,012.07
Total Outflows	399,275.21

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COMPUTER CONFIGURATION CHANGE

As you walk into Clayton Library you will probably think something looks different, but what?

Well, cast your eyes to the left past the Information Desk. You will notice that all computers are now at desk height. No more uncomfortable stools, all computers have new flat screen monitors and they are now all ADA accessible!

The first electronics table past the Information Desk now holds our three general Public Access Terminals, the Express E-mail Terminal, the Reservation Station and the Pharos Station (the Xerox card reader). The three Public Access Terminals have full Internet access and are intended for general (nongenealogical) use. To reserve a terminal using your HPL PowerCard or your HPL "Computer and Printing Services Card" follow the instructions on the Reservation Station screen. You may have up to 2 one hour sessions on these terminals per day. The Express E-mail Terminal is for quick e-mail/Internet checks, and again you must have a HPL PowerCard or a HPL "Computer and Printing Services Card" to logon to it. Simply walk up and logon using your card. Each "express" session is limited to 15 minutes. The Pharos Station, A.K.A. the Xerox card reader, is used to transfer any money you may have left on the old Xerox copy cards to your HPL PowerCard or your HPL "Computer and Printing Services Card."

Behind this table, you will see our Ready Reference shelves, containing many "quick lookup" genealogical reference items, and our Microprint Finding Aid notebooks that tell you what is available upstairs on microfilm and microfiche and where to locate the items.

Next you will find our dedicated Genealogy Research Area, the first table of which contains the four Catalog/Database only terminals. These terminals allow access to the HPL catalog and all HPL databases but have no Internet access. You do not need a card to access these, just choose a terminal and start your research. There is no time limit on usage of these terminals, but we do ask that you limit your time if others are waiting. The three Genealogy Public Access Terminals on the next table also access the HPL catalog and databases, but they additionally access the Internet. They are reserved for genealogical research only, and you must have a library card or computer-use card to use them. Simply walk up and logon using your card. You can have 2 one hour sessions on these terminals per day. We are hoping to add a fourth genealogy computer in the near future.

The CD-ROM computer and printer are located on the next table. The CDs are in a carousel to the right of the table. We are working on upgrading this terminal.

Hints about selecting which computer terminal will work best for you:

Since all of our terminals allow "catalog and database" access, genealogy research databases including Ancestry and HeritageQuest are available at any

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terminal. If you have in-depth research to do and you do not need the Internet, use the catalog and database only terminals, as there is no time limit on them.

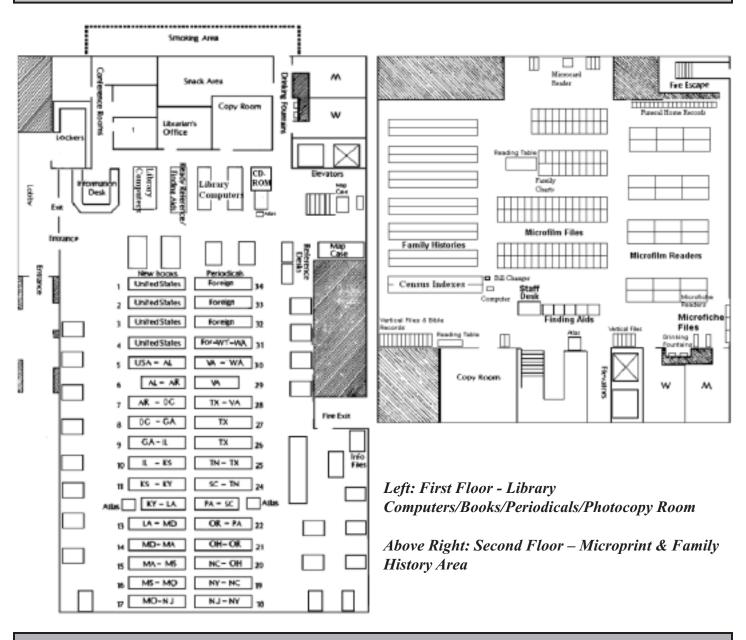
If you need to use the internet for genealogical research, choose a genealogy terminal. You will not have to compete with users who want to access the internet for non-genealogical purposes.
Additionally, if you have a laptop that has wireless capability you can connect to the Internet through HPL's wireless routers anywhere in the building. This wireless connection allows you access to the HPL databases without time limits and with the added bonus of being able to download images

and material right to your computer.

We hope that you will enjoy using our new and improved computer area. Please let us know what you think, and feel free to give us any suggestions for further improvement.

Jane Porter

CLAYTON LIBRARY FLOOR PLANS



ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

This year the membership applications for Clayton Library Friends will have a different approach for some of the extra money that members send in along with their dues. Members may donate any amount to the state that they choose, such as \$50.00 for Georgia, Ohio, etc. This money will be used to purchase additional books for that state in the collection. The library requests that the donations not be county specific unless the donor wishes to purchase a particular book by name. Some counties have very little published, or Clayton Library may already have all the books in print for that county.

The idea of building up the collection like this was from CLF past president Ginny Toney who is

currently working on a project to acquire for Clayton Library a book from every county in the U.S. Our project goes a little further; we want to have a substantial collection of all the important publications for counties in states in which the membership has a particular interest. For example, we have about three shelves of books on Davidson County, Tennessee, but we do not own the five volumes of cemetery books for that county. The acquisitions committee and the library staff are doing a survey of each state to see what books are available that Clayton Library does not have. These books will be purchased with members' donations.

CLF charter member Eva Jean Cunningham has been able to get

several donations for CLF from ExxonMobil based on the volunteer hours that she had accumulated. We used this money to purchase books on South Carolina, which is a state in which Eva Jean has great interest. With their donations, we were able to buy several cemetery books, county histories, and town histories that Clayton did not own. Now we have books on every county in South Carolina, including counties formed in the early twentieth century such as Allendale, Bamberg, Jasper, and Calhoun.

Book selection will be done by the library staff, and order fulfillment will be the responsibility of the CLF acquisitions committee.

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.

The History and Genealogy of the George W. Cannady Family by Bruce Barnes Cannady

Timmons-Tanner Families- Building an American Heritage by William M. Brown

Lickiss Families and English Ancestors by Mildred
L. Henschel

Frantz Henrich Gantz of York County, Pennsylvania His Parents and Descendants 1686 to 1920 by Lou Ella J. Martin

George Darling of Lynn and Marblehead and Some of His Descendants by Lou Ella J. Martin and William A. Martin Dennis Darling of Braintree and Mendon and Some of His Descendants, 1662 to 1800 by William A. Martin and Lou Ella J. Martin

Barshingers in America: A Genealogical History of Barshinger Families in America since 1735 by Stephen Harold Smith

The Descendants of Oliver Nye (c. 1798-1883) Early Settlers in Cortland and Tompkins Counties, NY, With a History of the Henry D. Rumsey Family by James J. Carrington

For information on purchasing a personal copy of any of these books, contact Karen Acker, tkacker@cebridge.net.

Renew Your CLF Membership for Our Eventful 21st Year

At the November 2007 CLF general meeting, a proposal to change the membership year from a calendar year to April 1 through March 31 was approved. To minimize confusion and inconvenience to our members, we provided the three month overlap as a thank you for your enduring support.

Membership renewal letters will be in the mail by the end of February. Your membership dues and continued assistance in spreading the word about Clayton Library Friends are the lifeblood of this organization. Please renew your membership promptly and encourage others to join and participate in our upcoming 2008-2009 programs.

Alice Braud Jones has a full year of enticing speakers planned for our quarterly general meetings. Following a large attendance at the February 9th meeting, we look forward to a reading of the Adams and Jefferson letters on May 17; hearing a new methodology for ancestral research from Karen Avery Miller on August 9th; and Kathryn Black Morrow's Writing Narrative History from Piles of Paper to Polished Prose on November 15. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

A very special event, an afternoon tea on the grounds of Susan Clayton Garwood's home, originally the Will Clayton Summer House (in River Oaks – away from town!), will take place on Sunday, May 18. Invitations to new and renewed 2008-2009 members will be sent in early April. Susan Garwood has generously offered her home and this party as a thank you to the membership for its support of the library. Susan's leadership and generosity to our library enhancement project is unsurpassed. We hope you will renew your membership and plan to attend.

We welcome your comments and suggestions about our (hopefully) greatly improved website. It

has taken much time and effort on the part of several CLF members to create the site and, with your help, it is evolving into what we anticipate will eventually become an interactive site for members. Please visit us at www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org.

After great deliberation, the CLF board voted to modestly increase membership dues: \$20 for a single member and \$25 for two people at the same address. As we are all aware, increased costs have affected the library and its "purchasing power". The cost of microfilm, for example, has doubled in some cases over the past two years. To continue CLF support for the library's collection and research facilities into the next decade, the board believed this modest increase to be essential.

When the Clayton House reopens in spring 2009, CLF and the Houston library system will boast 21st century research facilities and increased acquisitions, while having preserved and enhanced an early 20th century architectural landmark. We at Clayton Library Friends are fortunate to represent both the past and the future through our purpose and our actions. Please join us in 2008 and beyond.

In addition to the membership renewal letter you will receive by mail, membership forms are posted on our website and can be easily printed. To help preserve important funding for needed acquisitions and programs, please check the box that authorizes receipt of the newsletter by e-mail. Additionally, you may now renew your membership by credit card on our secure link. In our 21st year, we are proud to be one of the best bargains in the genealogical community, with the best genealogical research facilities the country. Rejoin us!

The Clayton Library Friends Newsletter welcomes any articles related to the Clayton Library and it's collections.



Original view of the Will Claytons' summer home, circa 1925, where the first CLF members' appreciation event will be held, on the grounds, on Sunday afternoon, May 18. Watch for coming details...

Community Wide Support for Clayton Home Renovation and Library Enhancements

Through the generosity of Houston area foundations, families and individuals, more than \$5.9 million of the needed \$6.4 million in construction costs have been raised to enhance the Clayton Library facilities. Clayton family members and foundations have provided an extraordinary \$3.425 million toward the Houston Public Library facility, a gift from the late Honorable William L. Clayton to the City of Houston in 1966. The Clayton Library Friends is most grateful for their gifts as well as lead gifts from The Brown Foundation, Houston Endowment Inc., MD Anderson Foundation, Fondren Foundation and Wortham Foundation. Gifts from half a dozen additional foundations, funds totaling nearly \$1 million from the City of Houston, and donations

from many individuals have contributed the balance of the \$5.9 million.

Many thanks to CLF members who have bought brick pavers or sent donations to the capital campaign. If you have not yet made a gift, please consider doing so to help put us over the finish line. Once completed, the Clayton Home facilities will provide additional shelving and storage for archival and research materials, two reading rooms, and meeting space envisioned to accommodate many genealogists' and Houston Public Library needs. Already a much respected educational facility, the enhanced Clayton Library will further enrich our city's outstanding library system and the study of our history.

Allyson Cook

Standing Room Only For February 2008 CLF General Meeting

President Nick Sorensen opened the first quarterly meeting of the Clayton Library Friends on Saturday, February 9, with a detailed account of renovation activities, fundraising status and a general overview of the year ahead.

NSDAR Genealogist Lynne Brooke followed Mr. Sorensen with her presentation to a standing-room-only crowd. With nearly 90 members and guests in attendance, Ms. Brooke discussed heritage society application research methods and shared tips from the experts with respect to credible sources which are widely accepted by professional genealogists. Excellent questions were forthcoming from attendees, many of whom are current members of various heritage and genealogical societies in the greater-Houston Metropolitan area.

Upcoming programs for the balance of 2008 are listed in this publication, with their respective meeting dates. Be sure to note them on your calendar for future reference. Additionally, we are very pleased to advise that 2009 programs are confirmed and include the following topics:

 "A History of Robertson Colony in Texas' Settlement"

- "Spain's Contribution to American Independence"
- "All the Presidents' Children" and
- "Civil War Shipwrecks in Texas' Rivers."

With interesting programs such as these, presented by professional historians and genealogists, we know that you will want to inform family and friends about Clayton Library Friends and the value of membership in our society! Let's continue to increase attendance at general meetings and the holdings of our wonderful library through membership and donations.

Alice Braud-Jones

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The William Clayton Summerhouse as it looks today.



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. 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.

We wish to thank those who have earned their "wings" by donating funds for Angel Subscriptions for 2008.

Mrs. Karen L. Acker donation for "Georgia Settlers" or other Angel subscription.

Georgianne Bigam donation for "Ohio Records and Pioneer Families" in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Delorme Waggoner.

Norma and Wally Davenport renewal of *"Houston History"* in memory of Richard E. Davenport.

Mrs. Marjorie J. Lowe donation for the "Goingsnake Messenger" (Oklahoma).

Mrs. Paula R. White donation in honor of Franklin "Darlin" Broderick for "Argyll Colony Plus" and "The Times". Renewals for 2008.

Kathleen M. Williams renewal of "Arkansas Family Historian", "Georgia Settlers", and the "Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter".

Liz Hicks donation to Angels program in memory of Rev. Cecil Little, genealogist of Chilton County, Alabama.

Angel sponsors are still needed for these periodical subscription renewals:

American-Canadian Genealogist (French Canadian, Franco-Amer. & Acadian Gen.)\$50 Bluegrass Roots (Kentucky) \$25 Carolina Herald and Newsletter (South Carolina) \$8

Chicago Genealogist (Illinois) \$20 Family Tree Magazine (British Isles) & CD monthly \$95

Foothills Inquirer (Colorado) \$15 Greenville County Genealogical Society Journal (South Carolina) \$21

Idaho Genealogical Society Journal \$19 Indiana Genealogist \$30

Kith 'n Kin (Sandusky, Ohio) \$10 Lifelines (Northern NY American-Canadian) \$30 Branching Out (Marissa Historical and Gen. Society) \$15

Mississippi River Routes (Vicksburg Gen. Society) \$25

Montgomery Genealogical Society Quarterly (Alabama) \$12

Redbone Chronicles (Kentucky) \$12 Ross County Gen. Society Newsletter (Ohio) \$15 St. Louis Gen. Society Quarterly (Missouri) \$28 Upper SC Genealogical and History \$20

Please contact Liz Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX, (713) 944-1118 or email: erootrot@usa.net, if you wish to become an Angel by donating funds for one or more of the subscriptions for Clayton Library listed above.

CLAYTON HOUSE RENOVATION

GENERAL - Progress has seemed slow since Work began back at the beginning of July. However, the remaining investigative processes when the project began are now completed - to the best of our knowledge - and each unknown situation has been addressed and solved. With completion of demolition, we thought that the majority of the "surprises" have been found; See "site utilities," below. Construction activity will be increasing and much visual progress will be made once the structural steel arrives on site – currently scheduled for late March.



- The City has replaced the Project Manager on the Project. Senior Project Manager Morgan Porter is still keeping an eye on this Project and will avail himself as necessary. The new Project Manager, Joel B. White, has a construction background as a job superintendent. He is used to problem solving.
- The City has yet to contract with the architect for the second phase of the Project. I am told now that HPL has committed \$800,000 to this part of the project. That is NOT in writing. It is substantially closer to the City's contractual obligation of "up to one million dollars" than their previous discussions. Thank Nick's memo.
- The City is requiring the contingency fund to be increased from 10% to 20% of the total. While the exact amount is yet to be finalized, it will require an additional \$200,000 to \$250,000 from CLF to cover these costs. This is consistent with what was reported at the December 2007 Board Meeting.
- While the elevator foundation was prepared and installed, an equipment conflict appeared which caused an entire re-design of the elevator shaft. The information provided by the elevator manufacturer during design was not entirely complete or accurate and when construction submittals were made the conflict showed. This is

- construction. It happens. That's why there is a submittal process to catch problems on paper rather than in the field. This has impacted the schedule a yet to be determined time period by delays in ordering the steel. Steel was ordered twenty days ago, but takes six weeks for delivery.
- Demolition was completed on the Carriage House, as well as the framing for the interior walls and window conditions on the second floor.
 Mechanical rough-ins were completed and partial inspections requested and passed. Waiting on structural steel.
- Excavation for the new meeting room foundation was completed, and the slab poured. This part of the project, too, is waiting for the structural steel. Mechanical rough-in being worked on, with some difficulties that now appear to be have been corrected.
- Interior demolition is now also completed on the Main House. Structural repairs to the exterior wall clay tile units are being made. Several dimensional and structural issues have arisen and the Project team has, so far, been able to work out satisfactory solutions.
- Exterior carpentry and painting work, clearing and grubbing of the majority of the grounds is completed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 6.3:

The Nominating Committee shall have five members: one member shall be elected by the Executive Board at is meeting, and the remaining four shall be elected by the membership at the regular May meeting. Nominations for this committee shall be made from the floor. If only four are nominated, voting shall be by voice vote; if more are nominated, voting shall be by ballot. A plurality vote will elect. The Committee member elected by the Executive Board shall call the first meeting of the Committee, and at that time the committee will elect a Chairman.

It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to:

- contact possible candidates for each position,
- obtain a written résumé/curriculum vitae of each candidate
- provide each candidate with a description of duties and responsibilities
- determine a willingness by the candidate to serve for the specified term and regularly attend scheduled board meetings,

- recommended candidates based upon requisite qualifications, ability to attend meetings and willingness to serve,
- submit one nominee, along with biographical information for each office to be filled by September 15th of the respective year to:
 - the executive board,
 - the newsletter editor for timely inclusion in the newsletter,
 - the membership at the November Annual/General meeting

Nominations may also be made from the floor at the November Annual/General Meeting. No name shall be placed in nomination without the consent of the nominee. Nominees for the office of President shall have previously served as a member of the Executive Board.

The election of Officers and Directors shall be by ballot; however, if there is but one nominee for any office, then election for that office may be by voice vote. A majority vote of the members present and voting shall be required to elect.

CLAYTON HOUSE RENOVATION continued from page 10

- Work on site utilities has begun and another unforeseen condition has surfaced, literally. During excavation for the sanitary sewer line it was discovered that work was done by several different plumbers over the ninety year history of the house. A six inch line exits the house, and transitions down to a two inch line that somehow taps into the City's eight inch line. This isn't good. It won't pass inspections and needs to be remedied. It is being investigated as to the best way to make the repairs. A new manhole may be necessary in which case the cost would be approximately \$50,000 to \$60,000 which would come out of the contingency.
- The current date for substantial completion is 9 November 2008. It is expected to be extended as much as another 30 days beyond that for change orders. Time extensions will cost additional funds. Final Completion is always a minimum of thirty

- days beyond Substantial Completion in order to create and address the punch list items.
- It has come to my attention, after the fact, that there have been several requests for site visits by board members and donors. These visits MUST be scheduled through me. We have no contract with the General Contractor and requests must be made through proper channels, in addition to the liability issue. Additionally, the project is behind schedule, as well all know, and the superintendent is becoming very busy with the various on-site activities and does not have time to deal with spur of the moment tours of the project. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DIRECTLY SCHEDULE SITE VISITS WITH THE CONTRACTOR.

Charlie Gardes
CLF Renovation Committee Chair



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achieving organization of records and documents. Paper to Polished Prose – Writing a narrative history of your family and Kathryn Black-Morrow, Professional Genealogist - From Piles of Saturday - Nov. 15, 2008 trade protessions. Providing a new methodology tor your ancestral research. 167-1783 – Researching your ancestors who were engaged in artistic and Karen Avery Miller, Guild of Colonial Artisans and Iradesmen -Saturday — Aug. 9, 2008 America's history. reading of correspondence between these two great men who shaped **NOTE: DATE CHANGE** Mancy Hansen UHCL — The Adams and Jefferson Letters — A group Betty Crockford, Shirley Wettling, Ron Lohec, Walter Hansen &, Saturday - May 17, 2008 <u>Dαλ</u> Date **2beaker**

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