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President's Report



It is hard to imagine how things could be better.

When we first started on our journey down the

long and winding renovation road, there were those who doubted both CLF's ability to complete, and its wisdom in even beginning, such a difficult journey. It was easy to be a skeptic. Never before had CLF attempted a project of this magnitude. The successful completion of such a project would require us to solicit and obtain more than \$7,000,000 in donations, to borrow \$1,000,000 (when our bylaws prohibited the borrowing of money), to negotiate contracts with the City of Houston (COH), with architects, and with contractors, and to oversee a long and complicated construction process. The task did seem a bit daunting.

I am happy to report that the construction is well underway and is on schedule. We have encountered more than a few surprises along the way and have successfully resolved all of them. CLF has made its final payment under its contract with COH and has no further financial obligation under that contract. The \$1,000,000 loan has been paid down to \$310,000 and it is supported by \$400,000 in outstanding pledges, which is more than enough to pay the remaining principal and all accrued and unpaid interest over the next two years.

We have now begun the work of designing, selecting, and purchasing the furniture, fixtures, and equipment. This is,

itself, a significant undertaking. We are working closely with the City of Houston and the Houston Public Library. To date all has gone well and they have been cooperative, accommodating, and helpful. As part of this process we hope to replace the sidewalks around Clayton Square, repave the parking lot, and clean the exterior of the main library building. All of this, together with the new landscaping, will give the library the look of a facility which is well cared for.

The one objective we have not yet achieved is the establishment of a "maintenance" fund or endowment to

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Danny Trudo

Clayton Library Friends Statement of Activities As of January – June, 2008

Income	
Endowment Distributions	5,462.43
Membership Contributions	10,315.00
Membership Dues	13,660.00
Other Income	28.23
Portfolio Value Change	-26,942.82
Temp Restricted	810,199.32
Total Income	\$ 812,722.16
Expenses	
Acquisition Spend	29,109.94
Administrative Spend	6,586.15
Fundraising Spend	50,214.23
Project Renovation Spend	679,511.83
Public Relations Spend	2,465.89
Total Expenses	\$ 767,888.04
Net Income	\$ 44,834.12

Clayton Library Friends Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2008

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	509,144.06
Accounts Receivable	342,269.00
Other Current Assets	756.75
Total Current Assets	\$ 852,169.81
Fixed Assets	0.00
Other Assets	867,153.34
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,719,323.15
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	3,779.62
Other Current Liabilities	301,015.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 304,794.62
Total Liabilities	\$ 304,794.62
Equity	1,414,528.53
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 1,719,323.15

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

provide a source of funds which could be used to supplement the maintenance, repair work, and capital expenditures by COH. COH performs routine maintenance and repairs on a regular basis. However, because COH has so many facilities to maintain, it has established a schedule for major maintenance items such as roof repair and significant renovation work. Given the current needs and budget projections, COH is able to get to each library once every 20 years. When the dust settles and the ribbons have been cut, we expect to have about \$200,000 available for this maintenance fund. To properly serve its purpose over the next few decades, the amount of that fund should be between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000. So we have some work to do on that front.

We have had some difficulty with the CLF website. Some features that we announced would be ready last January have not been installed. We worked patiently with our web provider without any improvement. By May we hired a new web provider. Ruby Dusek, chairman of our website committee, is working closely with the new team. We are expecting great things.

We have also have had some difficulty with our distribution of the CLF Newsletter. Sometimes, when you change the way things are done in order to improve the process, things go wrong. However, we have worked out the kinks and future issues of the CLF Newsletter will be mailed on time.

We recently moved our membership drive from the Fall to the Spring and that is going well. In May, Susan Garwood hosted an afternoon reception for CLF members at her home in River Oaks. She and her family live in the historic Will and Susan Clayton summer home which was one of the first homes built in River Oaks. We appreciate Susan's kindness in opening her home to CLF members. We had a great turnout.

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 our annual acquisitions.

I began by stating that it is hard to imagine how things could be better. I will admit that there are a few things that could be better (and we are working on those things), but things are pretty darn good right now. 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

THE COLONIAL ARTISAN: HIS TRADE WAS HIS CALLING CARD



CLF PRESENTS:
Karen Avery Miller

TOPIC: Researching your honored ancestors in the Guild of Colonial Artisans and Tradesmen 1607-1783

From the first blacksmith in 1607, to skilled craftsmen that came on the Mayflower in 1620, to the wave of immigrants in the Great Migration of the 1630's, and on into the Revolutionary time-frame, America's trade economy was set into motion by a vast number of Colonial artisans who plied their trades and helped in a great way to form this country. They left behind amazing architecture, finely crafted furniture, artist

renderings, useful maps, basic tools, and a wide encompassing selection of items which we recognize and value today as historical artifacts. Each one of these crafts and trades was in essence the calling card of our artisan ancestors. The knowledge of our ancestor's trade can now present them in a whole new light. Finding our Colonial artisans is not as hard as one might think; it's just a matter of being aware of what you are looking for. With more than 250 Colonial trades having been identified by the Guild of Colonial Artisans and Tradesmen 1607-1783, we will look at some of the most common, and also the unique, then delve into how they may have created records that will help you spot these interesting ancestors and hopefully give you a new respect for their knowledge and skills.

About Karen Avery Miller

Karen Avery Miller was born in Chillicothe, MO, educated and reared in Carrollton, MO. She attended Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, MO. Karen and her husband, Clay, now reside in Dallas, TX. She is an avid genealogist with paternal ancestors in the North and maternal ancestors in the South.

Karen Avery Miller is a past president of the Dallas [TX] Genealogical Society and holds membership in the National Genealogical Society, Federation of Genealogical Societies, Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) and many other genealogical and historical organizations across the country.

Over the course of many years Karen has attended a great many of the National Genealogical Society (NGS), Federation of Genealogical Society (FGS) and GenTech national conferences across the states. She has completed the National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR) sponsored by the National Archives in Washington D.C., where she is also an Alumni Associate (NIGRAA); the Virginia Institute of Genealogical Research (VIGR), the former Genealogical Institute of Texas (GIT) held in Dallas TX and the Dallas Summer Institute. As a member of the Association of Professional Genealogist's (APG) Karen has been the guest speaker to a variety of groups across the country.

From 2000-2002, while living in the Washington D.C. area, she volunteered at the DAR Headquarters as a genealogist. Karen is currently honored with holding a national or state office in the following societies:

Founder and President General *Guild of Colonial Artisans and Tradesmen 1607-1783*

Co-Editor of the *Guild Gazette* Newsletter

Governor General, *Plymouth Hereditary Society*

First Vice President General, *Order of the First Families of Maine*

Registrar General, *Hereditary Order of Descendants of Colonial Governors*

Secretary General, *Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry*

Editor, *Armorial Herald* Newsletter

Publication Clerk, *National Society Descendants of Early Quakers*

Editor of the Quaker *Plain Language* periodical

Corresponding Secretary General, *The National Society Dames of the Court of Honor*

Honorary State President and current State Registrar *Texas Dames of the Court of Honor*

Marshall General, *Hereditary Order of the First Families of Massachusetts.*

Historian General, *Hereditary Order of the First Families of Connecticut*

National Lineage Book Chairman, *National Society Daughters of the American Colonists.*

Texas FirstVice Governor, *National Society of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims*

National Co-Credentials Chairman of the Society

Member of the Chivalry Order – *The American Society of The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem*

MANAGER'S MESSAGE



The hot summer months are upon us and I thought I'd share some of the activities that Clayton is involved in, along with a few inside opportunities we will be offering you to "beat the heat" and still progress in your genealogical research.

Clayton Library's new e-mail newsletter, "*Clayton Town Crier*" is up and active and will keep our dedicated genealogical researchers well informed about all the new tools Clayton offers.

To receive a free subscription, go to: <http://www.houstonlibrary.org/nextreads>, then select the newsletter you want and provide your name, e-mail and password. After you confirm your e-mail address, we will deliver the first issue to your inbox.

July and August will offer several Programs and Mini Education Sessions. Please call 832-393-2600 for details and reservations. October is Family History Month and we will, once again, have our semi-annual Family History book sale lasting the entire month.

Here is a status report regarding some ongoing projects at Clayton Library.

PARTNERSHIPS:

FamilySearch Digitization Project:

- The Memorandum of Understanding (agreement) for the FamilySearch / BYU / ACPL/ HPL project has been signed by HPL and FamilySearch and returned to FamilySearch.
- Timeline of the arrival of Cam and Ed Greenwood (the Missionaries) is toward the end of July.
- HPL IT has been advised regarding upgrades to the data lines, phone lines for the project, and the extra (2) computers HPL is providing.
- HPL Planning has been advised of the furniture needs
- We have run a search on pre-1923 materials housed at Clayton and the Houston Metropolitan Research Center. These materials are available for digitization. This 1923 date indicates material in

the public domain. The number of items run from our catalog is nearly 9000 items. Some of these most likely will be duplicates of items in partner collections. Nevertheless, we can make a significant impact on the project. The project also accepted another partner, the Mid-Continent Genealogy Center in Independence, MO.

- Visit www.lib.byu.edu/fhc to find digitized materials. Also note on the right hand side there is a link to Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research.
- Currently there is no material digitized from our collection at the site. I will be selecting one book to send to Provo to be digitized so we can have a prototype finished prior to the Greenwoods arrival.

Footnote.com

- We will begin our partnership with Footnote by lending them the Texas Convict Ledgers from the Texas Room. This set of 20 microfilm rolls housed in the Texas room will be packed up and sent for digitization. *Footnote.com* will be available in all library locations once we send off the film. Digitization of these materials should take less than a month.
- We will then begin to send other Texas related microfilm.

Other things:

- While at the National Genealogical Society conference in Kansas City in May, I made many contacts with speakers planning on our new programming space. Everyone I talked to is very excited about this space.
- These contacts included some of the major database vendors we currently subscribe to including ProQuest, NEHGS, and other database vendors who are very interested in offering educational sessions in Houston.

Thank you all for the support you have given me and the library!!!!

Susan Kaufman



Angels Report

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. Please remember donations can be made in memory or honor of someone(s) and acknowledged in the *The Clayton Advocate Newsletter*. A bookplate can be placed in the bound periodicals at the end of the year. Donations for binding are also welcome.

These CLF friends have earned their “wings” since the May Angels report:

Emile A. Bussemey -- donation for binding and a 2 year subscription to the *American-Canadian Genealogist* (Acadian, French Canadian, Franco-American Genealogy).

Wally and Norma Davenport -- renewal of the *Indiana Genealogist*.

Alfred (Al) Davis, IV -- donation to the Angels program.

John H. Hart -- donation for renewal of *Lifelines* (Northern NY American-Canadian).

Jeanine Dillenback Lawrence -- donation for binding *American-Canadian Genealogist* and *Lifelines* in memory of William Dillenback, a Civil War veteran born in 1848 in Canada and died in 1918 in Dayton, Liberty County, TX.

Toby Turner -- donation for renewal of *Upper South Carolina Genealogy and History*.

Is there a CLF friend who is interested in sponsoring any of the remaining “**orphan**” (unsponsored) Angel subscriptions? It will be regrettable if these periodicals are not sponsored for 2008, and create a gap in Clayton’s periodical collection. Please contact Liz if you’re interested in donating for the following:

Foothills Inquirer (Colorado) \$15.00

Idaho Genealogical Society Journal \$19.00

Kith ‘n Kin (Sandusky, Ohio) \$10.00

Ross County Genealogical Society Newsletter (Ohio) \$15.00

Donations are also needed for binding periodicals.

Please contact **Liz Hicks** at (713) 944-1118 or e-mail: erootrot@usa.net if you wish to become an Angel.

Make checks payable to
CLF, and mail to P.O. Box 271078,
Houston, TX 77277-1078.

CLAYTON LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS LUNCHEON

The May 6 Clayton Library Volunteers Luncheon was well attended by many of our great volunteers who have given their time in various ways to help make our library the first class research facility that it is. Clayton Library's volunteers perform a wide variety of important tasks, including shelving, shelf reading, taking book/map inventories, checking catalogs, providing reference desk support, writing thank you letters, coordinating volunteers, acquiring library materials, fundraising, editing the CLF newsletter, maintaining the CLF website, overseeing Clayton

Allyson Cook, Joy Cowen, John Coyle, Betty Crockford, Wally Davenport, Alfred Davis, John Dorroh, Ruby Dusek, Norma Eriksen, Cathy Fitch, Charlie Gardes, Claudia M. Grafton, Signe Hawley, Liz Hicks, Bruce Krewinghaus, Diane Larsen, David Lodge, Sam Lusk, Jean Mcleod, Audrey Middlebrooke, Pat Phillips, Judie Schroeder, Janice Shultz, Vanessa Smith, Rebecca Herder, Nick Sorenson, Ginny Toney, Danny Trudo, Winona Wilkinson, and Gary & Robin Willis.

I know there are others not listed above who have given time to the library in some manner or another. We welcome all volunteers to log their hours in the volunteer sign-in book so that they can receive the acknowledgement and recognition that they deserve. To all of our volunteers – thank you for everything you do!

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the next volunteer appreciation event: the annual "Halloween Lock-In", which is tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 31 at the Clayton Library. As in years past, the Lock-In offers volunteers the opportunity to enjoy refreshments and the company of fellow volunteers while getting in a little extra genealogy research after the library closes to the general public. It's always a fun event – we hope to see you there!

If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities available at Clayton Library, or if you need to update your volunteer contact information, please e-mail steven.bychowski@cityofhouston.net or call the library at 832-393-2600.

Steven Bychowski



building renovations, serving on the CLF Board, and many other special projects.

The staff of the library is grateful for the support of our volunteers, and the luncheon was just a small thank you for all the time and effort that our volunteers have contributed to the library. Our thanks go out to: **Karen Acker, Alice Braud-Jones, Rae Calvert, Alex Colvin,**



ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

The acquisitions committee has been working hard this year to acquire new materials for our library. With the help of Clayton's staff, we are currently in the process of identifying counties not represented in the library's book collection. With that information in hand, the search is continuing for available material and our hope is to have at least one book for each county in the U. S. Great progress is being made and you will know the results of this goal in the near future.

CLF has made two major purchases this year that will enhance Clayton's microfilm collection. The Georgia Confederate Pension Records, 498 rolls of microfilm, are currently being received. Clayton will

be one of the few facilities outside of Georgia to own this collection. We were able to purchase this film for \$22,400 which is substantially less than the initial purchase price of \$35,000, thanks to our excellent negotiator. The remaining funds will be used to help purchase the Alabama Confederate Pension Records.

Our second purchase is the Illinois state census records, 36 rolls of microfilm for \$720. The Illinois film is processed and available, and 100 rolls of the Georgia film has arrived. The rest is on the way and should be available shortly.

CLF Acquisition Committee

FAMILY HISTORY DONATIONS

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, tkacker@cebridge.net.

The Swartwood Sojourn II, 1575-2001
by Robert E. Swartwood

Morgan Bryan (1671-1763), A Danish-Born "Irish Immigrant" by McMurtry, Bryan and Weiss

Ancestral Families of Alison Cannady
by Bruce B. Cannady

The Paschen and Redd Families of Cass County, Indiana by Alfred Paschen

John Watts and Lucy Dalton of Albemarle County, Virginia, Their Ancestry and Descendants by Lori Watts Linnell

Acadian Descendants Vol. XV, The Genealogies of Jacques Hebert and Alexandre Hebert, Sons of Emmanuel Hebert and Andree Brun by Janet B. Jehn

The Drake Family of Washington County, Georgia by Charles E. F. Drake

History of Ascendants and Descendants of Jean Baptiste de Poret by John Robert Harrison

The Ancestries of a Furl Family and a Moe Family by Michael Furl

Karen Acker

NEW CLAYTON LIBRARY PROJECT

Virginia Simms Toney, known as “Ginny”, a founder and past president of CLF, is working on a new project for Clayton Library. She calls it “The Book for Every County Project”. She wants Clayton Library to possess at least one book for every county in the U.S. The project began with acquisitions from the original 13

colonies and is continuing to expand westward. John Dorroh (CLF acquisition committee) is working closely with the Clayton Library staff to make sure we get the proper counties and no duplicates. Ginny’s DAR chapter, Lady Washington, has donated \$500.00 to the project in her honor. The SAR, Alexander

Hodge Chapter, has also given \$100.00 toward the project. It is gratifying to see the support of this project for Clayton Library. Please contact John Dorroh if you have a book you would like to donate. If you wish to donate cash, please make your check to CLF and mark it “Book for Every County Project”.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to all of you who donated to the Clayton Library Friends in 2007.

In accordance with Board policy, all gifts are acknowledged regardless of the amount and during 2007; we mailed out thank you letters or cards to 454 contributors.

Wally Davenport - Director

MATCHING GIFTS

IBM, WILLIAMS, EXXON, BOEING and SPECTRA ENERGY donated \$1600 in matching gifts to Clayton Library Friends in 2007. If you work for, or receive retirement checks from any of the above companies,

please remember to submit a “matching gift form” with your donation to Clayton Library. Many other companies will also match your gifts so don’t forget to check with them this year.

EXXON/MOBIL also sent a nice check for the volunteer hours submitted by **Eva Cunningham**. Thank you again Eva Cunningham.

Wally Davenport - Director

DID YOU KNOW....

All of us that frequent Clayton Library are familiar with the boxes of note paper on each table. The idea came from CLF member Eva Cunningham. Eva Jean has

always been a devoted and loyal volunteer and has supported this library in so many ways. This clever idea has assisted the visitors and members with their future

findings and we owe it all to **Eva Jean Cunningham**. Thanks again,

**Clayton Library Staff
& C.L.F.**

CLF WEBSITE

By the time you read this our Web Service Provider will have changed. In the past several years we have had several web-masters. This spring, after some problems getting the timely responses and support that we had expected, we decided to make another change to a group that is well-recommended. With their assistance, we will then be able to do the things that we want to do on-line. The address will remain the same
www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org.

One of the major changes with the new provider is the ability to join CLF online with a credit card.

A “*Members Only*” section will have the names and contact information for all of our members. Everyone whose e-mail address is part of his membership application will have his User Name and a Password sent to him. After logging on there will be an opportunity to change the password to whatever is wanted. Members who have not given us an e-mail address will be contacted to see if one can be obtained.

This is the last newsletter that will be found in the “*public*” section of the website. Starting with the November newsletter, all

issues will be published in the “*Members Only*” section. Of course, those who have requested to have their newsletter mailed will continue to receive it that way. Online issues will be available to the membership sooner and in color, not to mention saving CLF money that can be spent on Clayton Library!

Again, we are very excited and anyone with suggestions or pictures please contact me at rdusek@pdq.net.

Ruby Dusek
Web Site Chair

MEET THE “NEWBIES”

DANNY TRUDO



Recently voted in as the new CLF treasurer, Danny Trudo has a passion for genealogy and a knack for accounting. He is first and foremost a husband to Margarita Trudo and a father to four beautiful children (Johnathan-11, Gabrielle-9, Anna-5, and Paola-2). If he is not working at home, then you will see him working with the Boy Scouts teaching inner-city kids. Danny has lived in Houston for 14 years, moving here from Galveston, Texas, but he claims to

be mostly from the Kansas Oklahoma/ Siloam Springs Arkansas area. His father is a native Texan living in San Angelo and his mother lives in Las Vegas.

Danny Trudo has an undergraduate degree in Finance from the University of Houston and a MBA from St. Thomas. He is the Budget and Financial Reporting manager at Baylor College of Medicine and he brings with him experience in non-profit accounting and financial reporting. Danny has already helped CLF move our accounting system to an online platform where multiple authorized users can log in and work at the same time. He will also be working with our new bookkeeper; reviewing accounting processes, revamping financials and helping us create an operating

budget. The finance team of Wally Davenport, Ruby Dusek, and Meg Tapp has been a great help to Danny and together they will help CLF move forward into the future.

MEG TAPP



CLF welcomes our first staff member. Meg Tapp joined CLF as a bookkeeper in May. She

works closely with our treasurer Danny Trudo. Her responsibilities include mail distribution, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and general banking duties. Meg’s services are being underwritten by a generous grant.

GREATER HOUSTON JEWISH GENEALOGY SOCIETY AND CLAYTON LIBRARY BENEFICIARIES OF HEFFLER RESEARCH

Greater Houston Jewish Genealogy Society member Max Heffler has many interests and special talents. Utilizing computer programming skills, Max made the organization's *Jewish Herald Voice* project possible and quite successful. In addition to his ongoing support of local efforts, Max has been an active JewishGen (the online resource for Jewish genealogists) volunteer. He has, for many years, provided invaluable services: name entry for the Dachau Prison records; City of Warsaw data entry; maintaining The Online World Burial Registry and Yizkor Book Necrology Databases; and the creation of thousands of web pages for the Yizkor Book project.

Yizkor (Memorial) Books, usually written in Yiddish or Hebrew, were developed by survivors from a particular town or area. The majority were written in the 1950's in Israel. They frequently contain, in addition to names of survivors and those who perished, town history and stories about individuals, families, businesses, and events. Today they are highly collectible, and very costly. Few Yizkor books have been written in English; Max has been an active coordinator of the Lite (Lithuania) translation project, and had created the web pages for this and hundreds and hundreds of other Yizkor Books, and has placed these unique translated material on line.

In 2000, on a family trip to Philadelphia, Max had been able to purchase Volumes I and II of a rare 1951

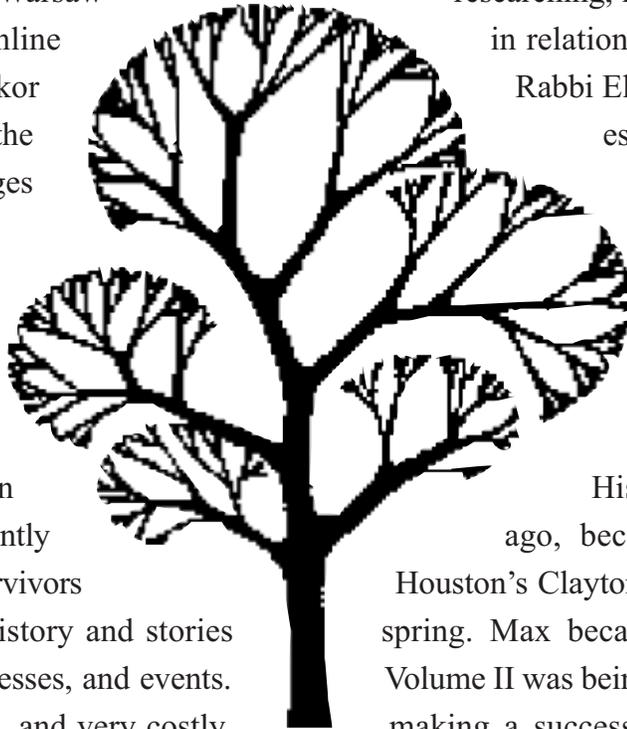
Yiddish language book entitled Lite {Lithuania}. It was part of a three volume set prepared by the Jewish-Lithuanian Cultural Society, Lite, Inc. of New York. Max's maternal grandfather was born in Joneskelis, and Max later learned that his great grandmother and the entire family, still in Lithuania, perished in the Zhadeyk Forest outside nearby Pasvalys. Max was able to recognize the Yiddish for Wasserman, the name of the family he was

researching, in the name index. This was in relation to an article written about Rabbi Elchanan Wasserman, not yet established as a relative. Max

began a translation project for this Yizkor Book. He has been creating the web pages for the translations, and they have been placed online.

His good fortune, eight years ago, became the good fortune of Houston's Clayton Genealogical Library this spring. Max became aware that a copy of Volume II was being offered for sale, and after making a successful bid, he purchased the book. A non-Jewish friend's desire to begin a Yizkor Book collection at Clayton and Library Manager and GHJGS member Sue Kaufman's interest in establishing a collection of Yizkor Books led to Max's donating this fifty seven year old volume to Clayton Genealogical Library.

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CLAYTON SUMMER HOME WELCOMES CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

A bright spring day greeted members of Clayton Library Friends at the original summer home of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Clayton; now owned by the Clayton's great-granddaughter, Susan Clayton Garwood. Ms. Garwood and her husband, Dr. George Peterkin, graciously welcomed each guest to the Friends' "garden party" with a small individual fan! Their beautiful grounds are a part of River Oaks' first residence.

Scattered throughout were tables covered with spring linens and

beautiful floral centerpieces. Tea sandwiches, desserts and iced beverages were offered by an attentive staff. Under a canopy of huge oaks, members of the Friends discussed the ongoing renovation of the Clayton Library which is scheduled to reopen in early 2009.

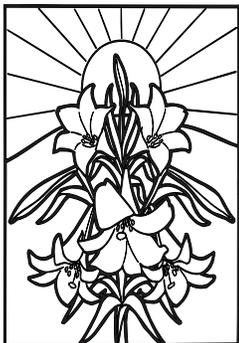
Many thanks to Ms. Garwood and her husband for hosting this special Friends event. Their generosity made it possible, and all of those in attendance had a glimmer of the hospitality the Will Clayton family and their summer home have long provided.

2008-2009 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This year's CLF nominating committee consists of Sam Lusk, Cathy Fitch, Ginny Toney, and Trevia Wooster Beverly. Our committee is well under way toward finding the most capable CLF members to fill the available positions on the CLF Board for next term. If any member is

interested in serving on our Board, or if you have a recommendation, please contact any member on the committee. We have an exciting year coming up and it should prove to be a wonderful time for Board members and volunteers to be involved with the new "Clayton Square".

FOUND AND LOST



Clayton Library Friend's charter member **Quenton Naumann** passed away Saturday, June 21, after a lengthy illness. He and Joyce were active members and participated in CLF up until he became ill about 10 years ago.

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CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS GENERAL MEETINGS 2008-2009

Saturday – Aug. 9, 2008
JUNGMAN BRANCH -
Houston Public Library
10:00 a.m.

Karen Avery Miller, The 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 – Nov. 15, 2008

Kathryn Black-Morrow, Professional Genealogist – From Piles of Paper to Polished Prose – Writing a narrative history of your family and achieving organization of records and documents