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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Since our last newsletter, the City of Houston has completed the repairs of the slab and walls in the carriage house. It is once again a lovely meeting facility and welcomes various heritage, cultural, and community based society meetings. We are assured that the repairs are permanent and the building will not suffer the ravages of Houston's shifting soils again. CLF extends our sincere appreciation to Issa Dadoush and the many other City of Houston employees who participated in a successful resolution.

CLF members will be pleased to learn that the memorial pavers will be delivered and installed in early June. Please come out to locate your personal and/or society paver in the median of the parking lot between the main library and the Clayton complex.

CLF board is dedicated to educating members through the presentation of programs on a variety of genealogy related subjects. In February 2010, we welcomed Heraldry expert David Appleton, who discussed the fine points of heraldry



Alice Braud-Jones and David Appleton

and coats of arms. David has studied heraldry for many years and annually attends professional seminars on the subject. He personally designed and published his own family coat of arms featuring, of

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Clayton Library Friends Statement of Activities

January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010

Income

Unrestricted Contributions	8,756.00
Temporarily Restricted	21,559.00
Renovation Project	250.00
Membership Dues	9,049.00
Interest and Dividend Income	139.00
Seminar Ticket Sales	4,365.00
Other Income	0.00

Total Revenue	\$ 44,109.00
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Expenses

Current Programs	17,866.00
Administrative & General	4,187.00

Total Expenditures	\$ 22,053.00
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Net Operating Revenue	22,056.00
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Clayton Library Friends Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2009

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank Accounts	489,213.00
Accounts Receivable	5,000.00
Other Current Assets	1,431.00

Total Current Assets	\$ 495,644.00
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Other Assets	844,606.00
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,340,250.00
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	2,530.00
Other Current Liabilities	770.00

Total Liabilities	\$ 3,300.00
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Equity	1,336,950.00
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 1,340,250.00
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Ed Harris

President's Message

course, beautiful red apples. Each section, charge, design, and insignia has specific significance and we enjoyed learning the nuances of heraldry.

On March 27, 2010, Clayton Library Friends presented noted genealogist and publisher, Richard "Dick" Eastman, founder of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter. Dick spoke to over 125 members and guests about "*Genealogical Techniques and Technology For the Next Decade and Beyond.*" Dick is up to date on virtually every electronic tool, blog, and website available for genealogical research, organization and data handling. All were pleased with his myriad of suggestions to simplify our processes and recordkeeping.

In early March, we were pleased to hear from our good friends, Fintan Mullan and Dr. Brian Trainor of the Ulster Historical Society. Planning a trip to the states in October, Fintan called to offer us first choice of seminar dates. We chose Saturday, October 16th for a follow-up seminar on *Finding your Scots/Irish Ancestors*. In planning this seminar, the gentlemen will consider topics of their presentation in March 2009 and build on broadening the avenues of research and skills enhancement. A few private sessions will be made available for those who are interested. More information will be forthcoming on the website and in future newsletters.

Other meetings in 2010 include the May 8th general meeting when CLF welcomes noted genealogist and speaker Richard Hooversen. He will present: "*Unblocking Writer's Block; What Genealogists Can Learn From Novelists When Writing Their Family History*". On August 14, 2010, Don Pusch, former CLF President & board member, and noted author, will describe his exceptional research techniques when "*Deciphering the Codes of Genealogical Data*". Don is hopeful of having his newest book published by that date. November 2010 will feature a representative of Houston's own FamilyTreeDNA, a local DNA research lab that "wrote the book" on family DNA studies.

We have a great year of meetings and seminars ahead. I hope you will plan to attend each and every one.

Unblocking Writer's Block: What Genealogists Can Learn From Novelists to Enhance Their Family Histories

Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Speaker: Richard L Hooverson

CLF General Meeting

Carriage House Meeting Room at Clayton Library Complex



Today's program will cover types of family histories, using historical context, points of view, plot structure, character archetypes, and some techniques that novelists use that are NOT appropriate for family histories.

Professional genealogist **Richard L. Hooverson**, the owner

of Out of the Past™, is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, and has been a professional genealogist for 21 years. He wrote the "Musings and Gleanings" column in *Heritage Quest* and *Genealogical Helper* magazines for 12 years and has authored articles for *Family Chronicle*, *History Magazine*, and *American Genealogy*. He is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, a former two-term appointee to the Texas Historical Records Advisory Board, and a Fellow of the Texas State Genealogical Society. He has presented over 300 lectures nation-wide, including summer seminars of Lawrence University and major conferences of the National Genealogical Society and Federation of Genealogical Societies. His special interests are ethnic settlement patterns, and social history.

Mr. Hooverson's great-grandfather emigrated from Norway to Wisconsin Territory in 1847 and he has traced this family line to 1560 and made two trips to the ancestral farm.

By-Laws Change To Be Voted On At The May 8th General Meeting

Until a few years ago our Membership year was the calendar year, with membership considered delinquent on March 1.

At the November 2007 Annual Meeting the Membership year was changed to April 1 through March 31 with the delinquent date then becoming May 1. Because of the bookkeeping problems that this created, the CLF membership approved returning the membership year back to the calendar year (February 2009 meeting). That by-laws motion neglected to include returning the delinquent date of membership back to March 1.

This vote will correct the remaining problem and return the delinquent date to March 1.

Article III – Membership

Section 3.2:

*Dues shall be set by the Executive Board. Dues for renewal of membership shall be due on April 1 of each year. Such dues not received by **May 1** shall be considered delinquent.*

Change to: [effective immediately]

*Dues shall be set by the Executive Board. Dues for renewal of membership shall be due on January 1 of each year. Such dues not received by **March 1** shall be considered delinquent.*

Manager's Message



CHANGE OF LIBRARY SERVICE HOURS

Thank you all for the support you have given regarding the hours reduction within the HPL system specifically related to Clayton. There is a deep understanding among the genealogical community

regarding the need for the reduction, the issue is the day of the week chosen.

Please know that your voice is being heard. However, as with all decisions, time needs to play out to see how the decision impacts and affects the issues that revolve around it.

I believe that you know that the researcher is the most important person in the Clayton world. It is my job to monitor the change and report back to the HPL Administration. This was an official City of Houston decision, and as such we move forward as part of the City.

Nonetheless, your comments are welcome and needed to accumulate as an evaluation of the changes. As users of Clayton Library, I would hope you feel how responsive the staff and I are to our users, and we will continue to be in all ways possible.

Please feel free to call me or stop by if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Thank you for your support, your comments, your patience, and your understanding.

OTHER NEWS – MAIN HOUSE

As of 1 May 2010 the Main House will be completely functioning in the intended plan.

The LDS microform rental affiliate program will be housed there. A collection of print Texas city

directories, duplicate books from the library collection, staff workspace, and the Clayton Library Friends office are all part of the house. The house is completely run by volunteer staffing, so we are relying on our Friends to come and join us in the culmination of many years of waiting...be part of the House! For more information on House and other volunteer opportunities, contact Steven Bychowski at 832-393-2600 or steven.bychowski@cityofhouston.net

Other teams include a preservation photocopying team, an indexing team, shelving and shelf reading teams to name a few of the groups we are hoping to form. Join us!

TEXAS ROOM / HMRC

The Texas Room and the Houston Metropolitan Research Center re-opened on 5 April 2010. There is a beautiful new reading room, new staff space, and new archival storage space. The second phase of the project continues and is expected to finish in 2011. You should stop down and see how beautiful it is. As an idea, search the HPL online catalog for research sources applicable for your Texas search. There are gems in the Texas Room that Clayton does not own. If you would like help identifying some of this material, please feel free to ask one of the staff to show you how to discern this on the online catalog.

VISITING US

As we move forward please know, as always, that the researcher is the most important person in the Clayton world and the staff looks forward to seeing you at Clayton. Visit our webpage www.houstonlibrary.org for our programming...come out for a program and research!

See you at the Library –

Susan Kaufman

Clayton Library Friends is a tax exempt, non-profit organization under IRS Code 501(c)(3). Its purpose is to enrich the resources and facilities of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, a unit of the Houston Public Library.

Clayton Library Hours To Be Reduced, and Closed Fridays

05 April 2010

To Members of the Genealogical Community:

On Thursday, April 1st, 2010, Dr. Rhea Lawson, Director, Houston Public Library, presented a report to the City Council concerning a required reduction of operating hours in all Houston libraries (including special collections) due to drastic budget cuts city-wide. This proposal had already been approved by Mayor Parker prior to its presentation to council.

Effective April 17th, 2010, open hours at Clayton Library for Genealogical Research hours will be:

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10-6;

Wednesday 10-8;

Saturday 10-5;

Library CLOSED on Friday and Sunday

For some time now, there has been a hiring freeze in the HPL system, therefore, adjusting the total number of hours that Clayton Library will be open does not seem to be a negotiable possibility – even though **Clayton operating hours are being reduced from 60 to 41 hours per week**. However, CLF has significant issues and concerns regarding Friday closures. Out of town genealogists, especially societies, planning a research trip to Houston, often opt for combined Friday / Saturday research days. **We are therefore requesting your support in notifying HPL that if the library MUST close on a weekday, it should be on Monday rather than Friday.** Patron sign-in data reflects that Friday is a heavy-use day by Clayton patrons, and Mondays have fewer patrons. CLF believe a domino effect, including an adverse impact on tourism could result from Friday closings. In a time where family history interest is at a peak based on recent television programming such as “**Who Do You Think You Are**”, access to the Clayton Library’s collection is paramount to continued library growth and funding.

Some will remember an HPL cost-saving hour-cutting proposal in the spring of 2002 when the Clayton Library Friends negotiated an arrangement to furnish volunteers to perform duties that did not require professional library training. Those duties continue to be performed and last year totaled over 3,000 volunteer hours. However, the current problem is the dwindling number of Clayton library staff positions, security concerns with reduced staff and necessary available staff to provide the professional services to Clayton patrons.

Please take a moment to send comments regarding the reduction of access hours to the Clayton Library’s unique, reference, non-circulating collection to: **Ms. Meller Langford, Houston Public Library, Deputy Director of Public Services, 500 McKinney, Houston, TX 77002**. Comments should also be made to your individual City Councilperson in support of Clayton Library and the fact that **Clayton Library is not like other regional and neighborhood libraries where books/records can be checked out for use at home**. Limiting the hours the Clayton Library is open unduly restricts records and research access. Comment forms may also be obtained at the library for your convenience.

Online comments may be made at: <http://www2.houstonlibrary.org/services/comments.html>

If you are not a member of Clayton Library Friends, you are encouraged to join. Dues are used to enrich the Clayton collection www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org

To volunteer at the Clayton library, contact Clayton library volunteer coordinator Steven Bychowski at steven.bychowski@cityofhouston.net

Alice Braud-Jones, President
Clayton Library Friends

Books Just Arrived from Cataloging / Processing

Albania

Albanians: a modern history

German

Städte in Rheinland-Pfalz

GR BRT

Book of British villages: a guide to 700 of the most interesting and attractive villages in Britain

USA

The farmers' frontier, 1865-1900

Gathering of Zion: the story of the Mormon trail

Travel notes, visiting Polish settlements in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas

War the women lived: female voices from the Confederate South

Alabama

People and Places of Conecuh County, Alabama 1816-1860

Arkansas

Historical report of the Secretary of State 1998

Historical report of the Secretary of State 2008

History of Columbia County, Arkansas

Colorado

Stepping out: a Colorado living history, Boulder County volume 2

Illinois

Index to the "Fieldhouse" transcription of the 1850 federal census Jo Daviess County

Records of the Olden Time; or, Fifty years on the prairies

Indiana

Atlas of Gibson and Pike counties from actual surveys under the direction of B N Griffing

Four histories of Warrick County, Indiana

History and directory of Posey County, Indiana

Index to estates Boone County, Indiana

My town, your town, LaGrange, 1836-1986

Old Fauntleroy home

Our people of Pike County, Indiana 1978

They came to Warrick County, Indiana, volume III: Revolutionary War soldiers and patriots

Warrick County, Indiana bible and family records, volume II

Kentucky

Historical atlas of Kentucky and her counties, 1824 Graves County 1974,

That last boat in the evening: a profile of Rochester, Skilesville and the Mud River country

Louisiana

Pointe Coupee families in Colonial Louisiana: abstracts of civil records 1771-1782

Michigan

Place of the Pike (Gnoozhekaaning) a history of the Bay Mills Indian Community

Missouri

1870 Jasper County Missouri census

1870 Newton County Missouri census

Iron County, Missouri naturalizations, 1871-1906

Iron County, Missouri register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1887

Iron County, Missouri register of deaths, 1883-1887

Mississippi

Stone County, Mississippi, W.P.A. Manuscript & 1920 Census

New Hampshire

Old maps of rural Hillsborough County, N.H. in 1892

New Mexico

New Mexico baptisms: Jemez, 1852-1899

New Mexico baptisms: La Junta (Watrous) August 1873-September 1905

New Mexico baptisms: Mora 1861-1878; 1879-1899

New Mexico baptisms: Our Lady of Sorrows, Las Vegas, New Mexico

New Mexico baptisms: Pecos, October, 1862-April, 1904

New Mexico baptisms: San Jaun de los Caballeros, January 10, 1871-December 30, 1900

New Mexico baptisms: St. Joseph's Parkview, New Mexico, Jan 21, 1883-December 31, 1900

New Mexico marriages: Belen, New Mexico, 1 February, 1856-1 December, 1900

New Mexico marriages: Bernalillo, January 1863 to December 24, 1900

New Mexico marriages: Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tome, New Mexico [1856-1900]

New Mexico marriages: Cimarron and Ocate, 1872 to 1894

New Mexico marriages: El Rito, New Mexico, December 8, 1869-December 1, 1900

New Mexico marriages: La Junta (Watrous) September 1873-April 1908

New Mexico marriages: Manzano, New Mexico, December, 1874-December, 1913

New Mexico marriages: Mora, January 1, 1876 to December, 1895

New Mexico marriages: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Taos, Taos County Marriage

New Mexico marriages: Our Lady of Sorrows, Las Vegas, New Mexico

New Mexico marriages: Pena Blanca Marriages, January 13, 1863-December 29, 1926

New Mexico marriages: San Agustin, Isleta, New Mexico, August 29, 1857-December 27, 1910

New Mexico marriages: San Antonio of Penasco, Aug 1866-Aug 17, 1904

New Mexico marriages: San Felipe de Neri, Albuquerque, New Mexico, January 1855-December 14, 1900

New Mexico marriages: San Jose de la Laguna, 1777-1892, Nuestra Senora de los Dolores...

New Mexico marriages: San Juan de los Caballeros, August 6, 1857-December 18, 1900

New Mexico marriages: Santa Cruz de la Canada, 1850-1899

New Mexico marriages: Santo Tomas, Abiquiu, New Mexico, July 30, 1854-November 26, 1910

New Mexico marriages: Sapello, Our Lady of Guadalupe, January 31, 1860-December 4, 1882

New Mexico marriages: Springer, September 1895-July 1935

North Carolina

1880 Henderson County North Carolina census

History of Tabernacle United Methodist Church, Henderson Point Road, Townsville

Images of America Mitchell County

Ohio

History of Adams County, Ohio, 1797-1889

Ohio area key

TAD (the ancestor detective) idea guide for Champaign County, Ohio

Oklahoma

Births, marriages and deaths from the Indian Citizen Atoka County Oklahoma July 1890-June 1893

Drumright: the glory days of a boom town [Creek, OK]

History of Nowata County

History of the First Baptist Church, Enid, Oklahoma 1894-1960

Pennsylvania

Civil War and Pike County

Crawford County, Pennsylvania area key

Locations and origins of the cemeteries of Beaver County, Pennsylvania

Westfall Township, gateway to the west

South Carolina

Abstracts of South Carolina Plats Vol 3-7: Books 7-19 (1784-1787) and Georgia Grants in SC, & oversized plats

South Dakota

Brookings County history book: in the year of the South Dakota State Centennial,

First 100 years in Codington County, South Dakota, 1879-1979

Hyde heritage

Some historic homes of Yankton, D.T.

Texas

Cemeteries in and around Somervell County, TX

Historic Lanham Mill community and cemetery

Houston, Harris County, Texas: Dawson Lunnon Cemetery Obituaries with Cass County connections, 1924-1932

Obituaries with Cass County connections, 1971-1974

Obituaries with Cass County connections, 1979-1982

Obituaries with Cass County connections, 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986

Old Bohemian tombstones, volumes 1-4, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989

Rev. Josef Hegar's funeral records

Sachse remembered, 1840-1940

Tales and trails of Bailey County: the first seventy years, 1918-1988

Texas naturalizations to 1906: Cameron County

Texas naturalizations to 1906: Dimmitt, Frio, Hidalgo, LaSalle, McMullen, Medina, & Zavala

Texas naturalizations to 1906: Kinney County

Texas naturalizations to 1906: Maverick County

Texas naturalizations to 1906: Starr County

Texas naturalizations to 1906: Zapata County

Victoria veterans talk

White Oak Cemetery, Porter, Montgomery Co., Texas

Virginia

Old Homes of Hanover County, Virginia

Only yesterday in Lexington, Virginia

Stonewall Brigade Band

We began at Jamestown

Vermont

History of Guildhall, Vt, containing some account of the place-of its first settlement in 1764

Wisconsin

Mineral Point: a history

Wyoming

Basque web [Johns, Wyo]

Big Horn pioneers, 1878-1900

Campbell County the treasured years

Homesteads cowboys coal mines: Lower Piney & Boxelder Creeks, 1876-1976

Jim Gatchell, the man and the museum [Buffalo, Wyo]

Peopling the high plains: Wyoming's European heritage

Pioneers of Crook County

South Pass 67ers: a Wyoming gold rush

Washakie: a Wyoming County history

Family

Ancestry of Alila May Miller (1881-1960) of Miller Place, Long Island, New York [Miller]

Arrington history, a unsanitized book: biographical genealogies of primary Isle of Wight

Bells of St. Andrews [Bell]

Burchfield Chronicles in America and their connections... [Burchfield]

Days long gone [White]

Decuir Family [Decuir]

Dorland enigma solved [Dorland]

Elder Bethuel Riggs of Morris County, New Jersey, and his family [Riggs]

Gibson Flournoy Hill and Mary Ann McDaniel, descendants and ancestors [Hill]

Homestead doctor [Hoadley]

In America since 1607; the Hollingsworth, Farmer and Judkins families

In search of John Dowell: a Dowell family history, 1620-2004 It's better to laugh than to cry: an immigrant journey through the twentieth century [Jacq]

Los Elizondo, edicion especial Octubre 2006 [Elizondo]

Massengille, Massengales and Variants 1472-1931

Presenting...the Creech family, 1608 to 2000

Red walls and homesteads [Rubottom]

Sir Robert Bell and his early Virginia Colony descendants [Bell]

Teter Nave: East Tennessee pioneer: his ancestors and descendants [Nave]

Acquisitions Committee Report

Since the beginning of the year, the Acquisitions Committee has been attempting to purchase books and microfilm to honor restricted donations and adding books for the Book for Every County project.

In the restricted donations category we have purchased the Texas Convict Ledgers and Indexes (20 rolls of microfilm) from the Texas State Library. We were able to locate and purchase a copy of *Hearne on the Brazos*, published in 1958, to satisfy a donor's request. We have ordered the books, *Reclaiming African Heritage at Salem, Indiana* and *Against the Peace and Dignity of the State: North Carolina Laws Regarding Slaves, Free Persons of Color, and Indians*, to honor another restricted donation.

A request was made to purchase thirteen rolls of Texas county microfilm with donated funds. Letters and permission forms required by the Utah Genealogical Society (UGS) were sent to the County Clerks of the six Texas counties that provided the original records for filming. Once these permission forms are signed and returned we will order the film from UGS.

The Books for Every County project is moving along. Oklahoma and Tennessee are also complete now. Missing counties in Kansas, Florida and Wisconsin have been identified, and there are many. So far we have ordered books for 22 Kansas counties and 8 Florida counties. While searching for these county books, we have located

some desirable materials that we just don't want to pass up. An example of this was the list of 28 Florida and 3 Georgia cemetery books published by the Baker County Historical Society in Florida. Clayton had none of these books, so with the approval of Clayton management, we ordered them all.

We have been busy and look forward to seeing our purchases on the shelves and available to Clayton researchers. We have currently spent \$3139.43 of this year's budget.

Our most recent family history donations received as a result of writing letters to the authors are:

The Story of the Ancestors and Collateral Families of Ronald O. Huntsman: A Book of Remembrance by Carolyn Joy Stoddard Huntsman

The Ancestry and Descendants of Joseph Dugan and Deborah Norman by Patricia Donaldson-Mills

Bussey Family Genealogy, Vols. II and III by Lynn Bussey

If you would like to purchase a copy of one of these family histories, which were generously donated by the authors, contact Karen Acker, at tkacker@aol.com or 281-358-0893, for the information needed to do so.

Karen Acker

Volunteer Corner

The Clayton House is finally re-opening after its extended period of renovation and remodeling! The House will be the central location for our LDS Microfilm Rental Program (our partnership with the Family History Library in Salt Lake City) as well as our new print collection of Texas city directories. We are also proud to introduce our William Lockhart Clayton historical exhibit, located in the main hall of the Clayton House and featuring the personal, business, and government life of the man for whom our library is named. We are very excited about all of this!

The opening of the Clayton House would not be possible without the dedicated support of the library volunteers who will be greeting and assisting visitors at the Clayton House welcome desk. The following individuals have offered their time and talents to this

effort: **Adrian Balch, Sharline Boykin, Oliver Cochran, Louisa Collett, Gloria Cooper, Joy Cowen, Wally Davenport, Norma Eriksen, Joan Evans, Sammie Graves, Liz Hicks, Ruth Lewis, Angela Mahmarian, Mary Martin, Jean McLeod, Pat Metcalfe, Chocolate Peipelman, Pat Phillips, Beverly Schaeffer, Joy Stevens, Susan Thompson, Virginia Toney, Marilyn Weaver, Winona Wilkinson, and Sandy Williams.** We thank all of them for their commitment to this effort!!!

The Clayton House volunteers join a diverse group of volunteers who help out with activities such as digitization, shelving, docent events, board and committee activities, special needs and special projects, and so much more. We are very fortunate to have each and every one of them on the Clayton Team!



Angels Report

Thanks to present and previous donations to the Angels Program, all 2010 periodical subscriptions have been renewed for Clayton Library.

The Angel Program was created in 1994 to provide funds for periodicals Clayton would like to receive, but that are in excess of their periodical budget. Anyone interested in becoming an “Angel” by donating funds for “orphan” periodicals (those with no sponsor/donor), and for missing back issues, please contact: Liz Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030, (713) 944-1118, e-mail: erootrot@usa.net. The Angel periodical program needs continue to expand as more and more genealogical societies cut costs by discontinuing periodical exchanges with CLF and Clayton Library.

Donations can be made ‘in memory of’ or ‘in honor of’ someone(s) and will be acknowledged in The Clayton Advocate (the CLF Newsletter). Upon request, a bookplate can be placed in the bound periodicals at the end of the year.

Those who have earned their “wings” since the last newsletter are:

Georgianne Bigham, *Ohio Records & Pioneer Families*

long time contributor to that county’s historical collections.

Alice Braud-Jones, *Tap Roots* (Gen. Society of East Alabama), in memory of James Nelson McCoy, Confederate hero; and donation of funds as needed for periodicals.

Sam Lusk, donation for which the following were renewed: *South Dakota Gen. Society Quarterly* (previous exchange), *Internet Genealogy*, and *Idaho Gen. Society Quarterly*

Steve Wesley Brown, *Carolinas* (previous exchange) and *Upper SC Historical and Genealogical Society Quarterly*

Myron Steves, *St. Louis Gen. Society Quarterly*, in memory of his Dockstader ancestors; and *Topeka Gen. Society Quarterly* (KS) (previous exchange), in memory of Maria Luisa Benteen Steves.

John L. Davis, *Clark County Historical Assn. Quarterly* (Arkansas), in memory of Allen Syler, a

Shelvers Needed

We are currently in need of more shelving volunteers, especially on Saturdays. Saturdays at the library have become very busy, and with the Friday closure, we anticipate it getting even busier. We have half staff on each Saturday helping the customers, which does not leave much time to shelve, as most of the staff time is spent helping researchers. We particularly need help on Saturday from 2pm - 4pm. With the large influx of researchers on Saturday, the library needs shelvers to help put back all the materials. We are looking for two or three people each Saturday to fill this slot.

You do not need to commit to every Saturday. One Saturday a month is fine. We need the help desperately and will be happy to accommodate your schedule. In fact, we specifically chose the 2pm - 4pm hours so those that might be interested in getting some personal research done have an opportunity before volunteering.

If you can help us as a shelving volunteer, please contact Steven Bychowski, Clayton Library Volunteer Coordinator at 832-393-2600 or steven.bychowski@cityofhouston.net.

We appreciate all of your volunteer help!!!

The March 27th Seminar with Dick Eastman

Over 125 people gathered for a wonderful seminar with Dick Eastman. It would appear from his online newsletter that he enjoyed his Houston visit, and a tour of the Clayton Library by Library Manager Sue Kaufman. To quote him – “I had not visited the Clayton Library in years and must say that it has changed a lot, all for the better. If you have...not visited recently, I would also advise you to visit again soon.”



May Programs at Clayton Library

Reservations are required for all classes except the Orientation class. Call 832-393-2600

60,000 books you can find online: the BYU Digital Project

Saturday, 05/01/2010 3:00-4:00 PM

Familysearch.org is home to the Family History archives of the Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University. As a digital book project, the online archives provide access to over 60,000 digital books for the family historian. Join Doug Hamilton, the lead volunteer of the Clayton part of the project, to learn about this project, and how to search for items and ancestors including resources from Clayton Library. Adults/Teens.

Preserving your memories to keep you out of a jam

Tuesday, 05/11/2010 2:00-3:00 PM

Learn how to store your paper documents, books, and photographs and how to make simple repairs. Adults/Teens.

Preservation Road Show

Saturday, 05/15 /2010 1:00-2:30PM

Join archivists from the Houston Metropolitan Research Center for "Preservation road show". An overview of historical document preservation will be discussed with an opportunity to meet with the experts to discuss your specific preservation problem. Please bring one document for which you would like preservation suggestions. Adults/Teens.

Clayton Library Orientation

Saturday, 05/15/2010 10:30-11:30 AM

Learn about the vast resources and how to efficiently utilize genealogical research materials housed at the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. Meet at the Information Desk in the library.

This will be your LAST CLF newsletter if the address label shows '2009' above your name. It's time for you to renew your membership.

Membership Report

Our membership has never been more important than now. If you have not sent in your renewal or one for a friend, please take the time to do so now. Please don't let this be your last issue of the newsletter. Your membership is needed to help sustain our organization as we continue to enhance our collections for your research.

Check your mailing label to see if it has 2010 in the upper right corner. If it has 2009, you have not paid your dues yet.

Patricia Phillips

Welcome New Members

Clayton Library Friends would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members: **Judith W Bielstein, Jessica Brewer, Stephen C Bultema, Jana Shirley Burras, Tania DeJohn, Vickie Driscoll, Clare Farlow, Heidi Good, Joyce Harris, Beverly Huffman-Harms, Michael Harris, Claire Haynes,**

Billye Jackson, Alan R Leeds, Donna Gale Le Noir, James Le Noir, Tommie Sue Mullin, Suzanne J Parker, Donna Schultheiss, M/M Harold L Sides, Phyllis Stehm, Larry Youngblood.

And a 'welcome back' to former members who are returning to membership.

In Memoriam

We have lost two long-time friends and members of the genealogy community and Clayton Library Friends.

Dr. Bobbie Marie Morrow Dietrich died December 6th in Brenham. She and her husband, Dr Wilfred O Dietrich, were CLF members for many years.

Patrick Francis Cochran (1917-2010) passed away on March 16th. Pat was an avid researcher, a Director on the CLF board from 1988-1992, and a long-time CLF Angel donor – sponsoring the Orangeburgh, SC periodicals.

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What have you found at Clayton? We welcome any articles related to Clayton Library, or it's collections.

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City Directories

Many people are unaware of what wonderful resources city directories are. Often overlooked as an invaluable reference tool for genealogists and family historians, they have been around since the eighteenth century and are available in many libraries in different formats: hard copy, microfilm or microfiche, and more recently, digitized images available online. Because city directories were often published annually or at least every two to five years, they enable us to track down our elusive ancestors in those years between the censuses.

City directories, published by such companies as Polk, Morrison and Fourmy, the Johnson Publishing Company, and the Interstate Directory Company, contain a huge amount of information. An alphabetically arranged list of inhabitants is contained in most directories - often only the head of the household, though other adult males may also be included, as well as single working women and widows; in addition, the person's occupation, employer, place of residence, and also place of employment may be included. Most directories also include an alphabetical directory of streets in a city. A classified directory of businesses or professions is also included in most directories. Other useful background information such as facts about the different levels of local government, lists of post offices, lists of churches, miscellaneous organizations, and societies may also be included. Some of this information would be difficult to find anywhere else. The

1936 city directory for Kilgore, for example, tells us that the population of the city, 650 according to the 1930 Federal census, had risen to 12,324 in 1936, because of the growth of the East Texas Oil Belt. Morrison and Fourmy's 1886-1887 Waco city directory gives a huge amount of additional information: "the present state, county and city governments; a complete list of all county officials, post offices and money order offices in Texas; also, an index of societies, associations, churches, corporations, educational institutes, the full name and address of all residents, their occupations and pursuits, and a complete classified business directory, also a valuable street index or guide" all for the original sum of \$3.00.

The long-awaited opening of the Clayton House has given us the opportunity to expand our collection of hard copy city directories for Texas. The Houston Metropolitan Research Center, during their move to the new wing of the Julia Ideson Building at the Central Library, discovered that they had a large number of duplicate city directories, both for Houston and for other Texas cities. They graciously offered to transfer them to Clayton Library, so that they could be used by customers in both locations. (HMRC's own extensive collection of Texas city directories, in a variety of different formats, is again available since they reopened. Researchers there are asked to use copies on microfilm, where available, to preserve the print copies).

At Clayton Library, the print copies of the Houston city

directories which have been located on the second floor of the Clayton main library building, together with the additional volumes from the HMRC, have been transferred to a room on the first floor of the Clayton House. In addition, the few city directories which we already had at Clayton for Texas cities other than Houston, along with the additional volumes from HMRC, will be housed in the same area. We hope that this arrangement will provide our library patrons with added comfort and convenience. Tables and chairs have been provided to accommodate those using the oversized volumes, and copying facilities will also be available on the first floor of the Clayton House. Staff members and volunteers will be available to answer any questions you might have.

At the moment, there are no plans to relocate Texas city directories on microfilm or microfiche to the Clayton House. The only directories that have been moved to the Clayton House are those for Texas. We have a substantial collection of directories for other states in microfilm format, and a smaller number of print copies, which will remain in the main library building. The print copies can be found in the relevant state section on the 1st floor; the microprint collection is located on the 2nd floor.

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CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS MEETINGS

Saturday – May 8, 2010
General Meeting
Carriage House, Clayton Library
10:00 a.m.

Richard L. Hooverson – *Unblocking Writer's Block: What Genealogists Can Learn From Novelists* covers types of family histories, using historical context, points of view, plot structure, character archetypes, and some techniques that novelists use that are NOT appropriate for family histories.

Also member vote on correction to by-laws.

Saturday – August 14, 2010

Donald L. Pusch, Lt. Col. (ret.) –
Deciphering the Codes to Genealogical Data

Saturday – November 13, 2010
Annual Meeting

Representative of FamilyTreeDNA –
a Houston DNA research lab