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I know that any time now we'll begin scheduling outside activities to the "cooler hours" of the day, but haven't we had a lovely spring thus far? The Clayton

Center Historical Gardens are already filled with colors. Our original Clayton iris bulbs are back and thriving, and everything promises to be a fragrant and beautiful addition throughout our long, hot summer. Enjoy!

CLF will be utilizing this month to gather and place volunteers in committee/support positions for the upcoming Texas State Genealogical Society convention this November. (3rd, 4th, 5th) It is a very prestigious and anticipated convention and CLF (host) is determined to make the TSGS visit to Houston unforgettable. In May we will be contacting societies near and far, and CLF members soon after that. This will be a good opportunity for us to network. I'd love a personal invitation to visit or connect with each other. Please contact me if your societies haven't received notice by the end of May and do make every attempt to attend this wonderful event. We want you represented and with us. Remember that vendor tables and advertising will be available.

We are offering a wonderful array of speakers for the summer months. Back by popular demand for our General Meeting in May is Emily Croom. So much information and fun! August will bring you two opportunities to improve your understanding and researching capabilities. Our August General Meeting will offer Stephen Sloan with a program on the Library of Congress' Oral History Project. This is something for all of us. Then, on August 27th we are so happy to present Arlene Eakle from Utah for a seminar on Migration. Please register early. Details and

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Clayton Library Friends Statement of Activities

January 1, 2011 to March 31, 2011

Income

Unrestricted Contributions	10,225
Temporarily Restricted	12,159
Membership Dues	13,475
Other Income	10

Total Revenue	\$ 35,869
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Expenses

Current Programs	25,544
Administrative & General	2,139

Total Expenditures	\$ 27,683
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Net Operating Revenue	8,186
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Clayton Library Friends Statement of Financial Position

As of March 31, 2011

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank Accounts	461,209
Accounts Receivable	0
Other Current Assets	838

Total Current Assets	\$ 462,047
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Other Assets	922,289
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,384,336
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0
Total Credit Cards	-966
Other Current Liabilities	406

Total Liabilities	\$ -560
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Equity	1,384,896
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 1,384,336
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Jim Knight

President's Message continued

information for all of the above may be found in this newsletter.

I'm sure you'll be receiving a Clayton status report from Sue Kaufman. You won't be surprised to hear that it does not look great. State, county, and city status reports just won't be good for awhile. Won't even mention "nation", not enough newsletter to comment.

What IS good is the status report on the CLF and the Clayton Center. Our Acquisition committee is constantly adding impressive collections to Clayton, and Leslie Douthwaite is our newest addition to that team. She may be enjoying her retirement, but her loyalty to Clayton is obvious.

Our library volunteers sometimes spend the day at Clayton. They come in teams and all are providing assistance to Clayton, in addition to getting in research hours on a semi-regular basis. Our Clayton House volunteers are providing the public with guidance and information and I have received so many good reports about them from our visitors and researchers.

This isn't news to me – our volunteers have always been a constant strength to Clayton. We're a real "Mutual Admiration Society" and will always support this complex. The attention we all gave in the last several years has now placed Clayton as a national destination. We've never had so much to offer this community. We will not see it less or neglected again.

So, in spite of the upcoming "status reports", CLF will offer our best efforts to secure a long and strong future for our library complex and staff. Please double check your calendar (one day a month?) and answer the call. You'll never be sorry.

I look forward to seeing you all at our May meeting. Please bring along your convention ideas, society contact information, some friends/family, and spend the morning with Emily.

Claudia M. Grafton

CLAYTON LIBRARY FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

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Mark Your Calendar - Splitting the Blanket: Divorce in America

Saturday, May 14th at 10:15 a.m.

Speaker: Emily A Croom

CLF General Meeting

Carriage House Meeting Room at the Clayton Library Center

For generations, couples in America have gone their separate ways, sometimes creating problems for their genealogists. Since no national law governs divorce, researchers are faced with the laws of each state and changes in the laws over time, from no divorce but legal separation to legislative divorce and ultimately to the broader laws and judicial process of today. This presentation illustrates changes in the laws and the process over time and demonstrates the use of these records in genealogy.



Emily Croom, one of CLF's most popular speakers, is a native Houstonian and a 6th-generation Texan. Her academic training in history (BA and MA) and eleven years of teaching high school history give her a solid background for the genealogical research she has been doing since 1969. She has been on the faculty for the Angelina College Genealogy Conference in Lufkin, Texas since 1999, and speaks for genealogical, historical, and lineage society meetings, workshops, and seminars.

Emily is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, and various local, state, and regional genealogical societies. In addition to being a contributing author to Family Chronicle magazine, she is the author of four books currently in print: *Unpuzzling Your Past*, *The Genealogist's Companion & Sourcebook*, *The Sleuth Book for Genealogists*, and *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your African-American Ancestors* (with co-author Franklin C Smith).

Her website is www.unpuzzling.com

Also Mark Your Calendar for:

Saturday, August 13th CLF General Meeting 10:15 a.m. -- Stephen Sloan from Baylor University will present a program on the Library of Congress' Oral History Project. Learn how to interview your relatives for perpetuity.

Saturday, August 27th CLF Full Day Seminar 10:30 – 3:30 – Arlene Eakle Details and a registration form are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday -- November 3, 4, 5 -- TSGS State Conference in Houston with CLF as the host.

Saturday, November 12th CLF Annual Meeting 10:15 a.m. – Nick Cimino will present *Finding Your Italian Ancestors*.

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.

Manager's Message



Hello CLF!

Thinking back to when I was younger, I can remember how I wanted time to go by quickly so I could “get older” or “drive a car” or “move out on my own” or to “go to college” or even “take a trip on my own without my parents in THEIR car!!” Time always moved so slowly when I was younger.

Well it sure doesn't now. In fact this month, April, marks my 6th year with Houston Public Library, and I am coming up on my 5th anniversary of managing the Clayton Library. Where does the time go? So many things have happened in the past few years. We have renovated. We have educated. We have continued to purchase materials. And we have continued to offer the best genealogy reference service to many many family history researchers. Most importantly, we have enjoyed the continued support of the Clayton Library Friends.

We know that there are changes facing the City of Houston. Layoffs are on the table for city employees. Libraries will have to focus on continuing to offer library service to the citizens of Houston. Here at Clayton we are ready to face the opportunities created by change, and to continue to offer the services and collections we are known for.

Because of the uncertainty of the future, I ask that

you as members of the Clayton Library Friends consider volunteering. The strongest need we have is for shelving volunteers, especially on Saturdays. Shelving is a basic function of the library.

I know most of you are very proud of the library. You are proud of the staff, the collection, the historical property, and the library building. As genealogy becomes a more popular hobby, we are having more visitors to the library. The hours we are open fly by.

As we continue to keep up with the current and new researchers, we have less time to do the “stuff” that “needs” to be done, like shelving, labeling, shelf reading and other functions that are necessary, but cut into many other job duties, such as highly effective customer service, our hallmark.

As we move into the future, and remember that time flies, I ask that you consider becoming part of the volunteer team that helps with day-to-day activities in the library. Please contact me susan.kaufman@houstontx.gov, or Clayton Library volunteer coordinator Steven Bychowski steven.bychowski@houstontx.gov, or by phone at 832-393-2600, or Patricia Phillips pPhillips0225@sbcglobal.net, the Clayton Library Friends volunteer coordinator.

Volunteering is a great excuse to come to Clayton to research. Piggybacking volunteer hours is easy!!

Thank you all for all your support –

Sue Kaufman

Landscape/Facilities Report

Since the last report we have hired an outside landscape service to supplement the city's upkeep around the Clayton Center. The City of Houston is in a very challenging economic phase at this time and for the foreseeable future. We believe that this action is necessary in order to maintain the property to the standard we expect for this historical site.

Our first use of both services was for a wedding on March 12th. The comments we received on the property and the landscaping were outstanding. Moss Landscape works at other HPL sites within the city, so they are familiar with all of the insurance and permits

needed to work on a City property. They were also endorsed by Susan Clayton Garwood.

We have talked with the Houston Public Library Administration concerning regular maintenance items on the Clayton House. A list of our concerns and photos will be forwarded to the appropriate persons at HPL.

Design work is underway to complete the signage phase of the renovation. We will present the sketches to the Board when completed.

Hank Wenzler

Saturday, August 27th – 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Clayton Library Carriage House

Speaker – Arlene Eakle

Donation -- \$25.00 for CLF members / \$35.00 for non-members.
ONLY 60 Reservations will be taken.

Optional Lunch - \$10.00 (not included in the price of the program)

Topics:

- Migration Patterns from the British Isles to the Southern United States Before 1850. Includes People Differences: English, Irish, Scots, Welsh
- Appalachian Triangle: Eastern Tennessee, Northwestern North Carolina, Southeastern Kentucky, Southwestern Virginia
- Naming Patterns: Your Key to Ancestral Origins in the Southern United States
- Tracing a Southern Pedigree — Research strategies, finding aids, indexes, and under-used sources to by-pass burned courthouses

Registration form: enclosed with mailed newsletters and available on the CLF Members' Website.

Arlene Eakle is the president and founder of The Genealogical Institute, Inc. in Tremonton, Utah and a professional genealogist since 1962. She is an expert in tracing ancestors from the southern states including the Appalachian Triangle – southwest Virginia, northeast North Carolina, southeast Kentucky, and east Tennessee. Her research for Scots-Irish and Native American pedigrees from this Triangle, although difficult to document, is especially successful. She is experienced in New York research, tracing ancestors from New England and New Jersey across New York into Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Tennessee. And, she is skilled in researching English, Scottish, Irish, and Swiss German ancestors.

Arlene was one of the founders and original trustees of the Association of Professional Genealogists serving as president, 1980-1982, and as editor of the APG Newsletter and Green Sheet, 1982-1985. She currently edits four serials: *Research News*, *Immigration Digest*, *Virginia Genealogy Notebooks*, and *Researching Your Roots in New York* (with Linda E. Brinkerhoff).

Welcome New Members!

Clayton Library Friends would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members who have joined since our last newsletter. We're glad that you've discovered the Clayton Library Friends and hope that you'll also join our group of volunteers that supports the library in so many ways.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie J. Black, Mary Ann Boyd, Ellen Janice Breitschmid, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Cormier, Lucinda Freeman, Sandra M. Garza, Linda J. Hobbs, Dale Wesley Howe, Karen A. Julien, Marie M. Krnavek, Imogene Macias, Jacqueline C. Melancon, Zanetta Perry, Connie Pine, Mr. and Mrs. Stan L. Smith, Patricia Jean Stallman, Carol B. Stelling, Linda C. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Treynor, Robert Dwight Wilt, and Joyce J. Zongrone.



Angels Report

We wish to thank the new “Angels” who have earned their wings for 2011, and especially the repeat “Angel” donors who continue to support this program for Clayton Library.

Camille Faver Barmore *Central Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly* in memory of Richard Maury Lavender born Aug.13, 1877 Pike County, Georgia.

Annette A. Bowen Donation to Angels program in memory of Inez Hoover Bowen 1917-2011.

Raymond and Ann Cathcart Donation for multiple year renewal of *Vermont Genealogy*.

John L. Davis 2011 renewal for the *Clark County Historical Journal* (Arkansas).

Robert L. Gorden *Greenville County Genealogical Society Journal* (SC) renewal.

Mary Louise Gullett Donation in memory of James G.W. Clayton, ancestor of Kenneth Gullett.

Patricia Palmer Metcalfe Donation for renewals for the *Chicago Genealogist* in memory of Thomas Metcalfe 1830-1901, and the *South Dakota Genealogical Society Quarterly* in memory of her South Dakota homesteading grandparents, Revell, Molyneaux and Palmer.

Mary Springer Pearson 2011 renewal of *Georgia Settlers* in honor of her Springer and Whatley ancestors of Georgia.

The Polish Genealogical Society of Texas Renewal of *Rodziny*, publication of the Polish Genealogical Society of America.

Elsa M. Schmieder Donation for *Ross County Genealogical Society Newsletter* (Ohio) in memory of Oren Ross Schmieder.

David and Maureen Singleton Donation to Angels program, and renewal of the *Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter* in honor of Mr. Milford Patrick Murphy.

Carol Boyce Stelling Donation for the *Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly* in honor of Christopher Columbus Boyer family of Edgar County, Illinois.

Myron F. Steves In memory of Maria Louisa Benteen Steves, the donation of missing back issues of *Der Blumenbaum* (Volumes 21-27), and donation for 2-year subscription to *The Genealogist*, and 2011 renewal to *Lifelines* (New York) and the *St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly* (Missouri).

A few Angels are still needed for the following 2011 periodicals for Clayton Library. These are periodicals the library wishes to receive, and are in excess of their periodical budget. In addition, we continue to receive notice from societies that they are discontinuing periodical exchanges due to rising costs.

Argyll Colony Plus (NC Scottish Heritage) \$30.00

Der Blumenbaum (German genealogical research) \$30.00

Foothills Inquirer (Colorado) \$20.00

Kin Hunter (Sandusky, Ohio) \$15.00

Marissa Hist. & Gen. Society (Illinois) \$20.00

Former exchanges needing an “Angel” sponsor:

Licking Lantern (Licking County, Ohio) \$14.00 & missing issue (Vol. 34 no. 1) \$3.00

Leaves and Branches (Navarro County Texas Genealogical Society) \$13.00

Minnesota Genealogist (Minnesota Genealogical Society) \$35.00 and \$44.70 for missing issues.

If any of you personally subscribe to any of the following, please donate the following missing issues to Clayton. These are NOT available from the society/publisher:

Reflections (Coastal Bend Genealogical Society) Any issues prior to 2006

Der Blumenbaum (Sacramento Genealogical Society) any issues prior to Volume 21

Internet Genealogy Volume 3, nos. 2 and 3 (2008/2009)

Donations for any and all the titles mentioned above will be greatly appreciated!

Please make check payable to CLF, and mail: Attn: **Liz Hicks**, Clayton Library Friends, P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078. Your donation may be made in honor of or in memory of someone(s) and acknowledged in the CLF newsletter and to the honoree or family of deceased. Upon request, a bookplate can be placed in the bound periodical(s) at the end of the subscription year.

For questions regarding the Angel Program, please contact Liz Hicks at e-mail: erootrot@usa.net, or phone: (713) 944-1118.

List of Items Returned from Cataloging/Processing January – March 2011

Michigan

1909 Death Records, Bay County, Michigan
Addendum to Rogers Township Presque Isle County cemeteries
Bay Breezes: excerpts from the Traverse Bay Progress [newspaper]
Birth records of Mackinac County...early 1900
Cemeteries of Mt Forest Twp: Bay County
Chiseled in stone: finding your past in Clare County...
Elm Lawn Cemetery, Bay City, Michigan
Green Ridge Cemetery, Bay City, Michigan
Headstone readings: ...Beaver Township, Bay County
Headstone readings: ...Garfield Township, Bay County
Headstone readings: ...Gibson Township, Bay County
Headstone readings: Apostolic Christian Cem, Kawkawlin Township, Bay County
Headstone readings: Calvary Catholic Cem, Kawkawlin Township, Bay County
Headstone readings: ...Monitor Township, Bay County
Headstone readings: St John's Lutheran...Pinconning Township, Bay County
Headstone readings: St Michael's & St Agnes Catholic...Pinconning Twp, Bay County
Headstone readings: ...Pinconning Township, Bay County
Hyatt-Ewald Funeral Home Burial Index 1897-2005, Bay City
Jewish Cemetery, Bay City
Lutheran Home Cemetery, Bay City
Montmorency County Cemeteries
Oak Ridge Cemetery, Bay City
Presque Isle County Cemeteries
St Anne's & Parson's Catholic Cemeteries headstone readings, Fraser Township, Bay County

Minnesota

Family maps of Pope County, Minnesota

Mississippi

Early Jefferson County Mississippi marriage Records 1800-1928
Fayette, Jefferson County...Fayette Chronicle, 1908 newspaper
Fayette, Jefferson County ... Fayette Watch-tower (1855, 1856, 1857) & Jefferson Journal (1857 & 1858)

Missouri

Family maps of Clark County, Missouri
Family maps of Clinton County, Missouri
Family maps of Dallas County, Missouri
Family maps of Gasconade County, Missouri
Family maps of Harrison County, Missouri
Family maps of Jasper County, Missouri
Family maps of Oregon County, Missouri
Family maps of St Clair County, Missouri
Family maps of Wayne County, Missouri

Nebraska

A Brief History of Sherman County, Nebraska
A History of Stanton County, Nebraska
Family maps of Blaine County, Nebraska
Family maps of Garden County, Nebraska
Family maps of Hooker County, Nebraska

North Carolina

Early Randolph County, North Carolina marriages, 1784-1869

North Dakota

Family maps of Barnes County, North Dakota
Family maps of Kidder County, North Dakota

Ohio

Blacks in Ohio, 1880...
Family maps of Allen County, Ohio

Family maps of Coshocton County, Ohio
Family maps of Guernsey County, Ohio
Family maps of Hancock County, Ohio
Family maps of Putnam County, Ohio
Family maps of Van Wert County, Ohio
Finding your family history in northeast Ohio
Selected Hamilton County, Ohio church baptism records, 1890-1899

Pennsylvania

Abstracts of administrations of Montgomery County...1822-1850
Abstracts of wills of Montgomery County...1824-1850
Acta Germanopolis: records of...Germantown, Pennsylvania, 1691-1707
Beyond the Blue Mountain: Bartholomew pastoral records:...Carbon, Lehigh, Schuylkill, and Northampton counties
Cemeteries of Conemaugh Township, Somerset County, PA
Cemetery readings (and burial lots) in southwestern Pennsylvania
Church records of Zion's Union Church,...St Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church...Schuylkill County...
Collected cemeteries of the tri-county region (Schuylkill-Columbia-Northumberland)
Colonial records of the Swedish churches in Pennsylvania
Death and burial records of the Miller Funeral Home,...Schuylkill County...1923-2004
Early landowners of Pennsylvania:...Washington County...
Early records of St John's Methodist Church, Hegins, Schuylkill County...
Early records of Zion's or Old Red Union Church...Schuylkill County...
History of Jefferson County
Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) cemetery:... St Clair, Schuylkill County...
Lehigh Valley, Pa deaths:...Lehigh Valley newspapers, 1847-1898
Marriages, deaths, obituaries, etc...Pittsburgh Gazette (1820, 1822-1825), Pittsburgh Post (1829-1833)
Proof of settlement certificates of northwestern Pennsylvania
Records of the Congregation of Trinity Reformed/United Church of Christ, Waynesboro...1828-1993
Records of St John's Lutheran & Reformed Church, Leck Kill:...Northumberland County...beginning in 1854
Records of St Paul's (Summer Hill) Lutheran & Reformed Church, Schuylkill County...
Records of Zion's Lutheran and Reformed Church (Union)...Schuylkill County...
Salem Church of Kissel Hill,...Lancaster County, ...
The Jewish quarter of Philadelphia: a history and guide, 1881-1930
Tombstones, burials, and cemetery histories of Jefferson County, PA
Venango County, Pennsylvania cemetery records and early church histories
Who, when, and where: Jefferson County, PA

South Dakota

Family maps of Clark County, South Dakota
Family maps of Davison County, South Dakota

Texas

Existing post returns for Nacogdoches, Texas July 1836-February 1870

Washington

Family maps of Asotin County, Washington
Family maps of Spokane County, Washington
Family maps of Walla Walla County, Washington
Family maps of Whitman County, Washington

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Acquisitions Committee Report

The Acquisitions Committee is happy to announce that **Lesley Douthwaite** and **Vanessa Smith** have joined our group. Other members are **Karen Acker**, **John Dorroh**, **Gay Carter**, **Ruby Dusek**, and **Charlene Wilson**.

The current status of Houston Public Library finances is directing the focus of our acquisitions support for the remainder of this year. At our last committee meeting with Clayton library manager, Susan Kaufman, it was decided that for the remainder of this year we will purchase items that the library has already identified as being materials they would like to have but will not have the funds to purchase. Members of the committee will work on determining current availability and cost.

We have continued to purchase material to satisfy our restricted donations and add some books for counties that were not represented. Pennsylvania material has been ordered and is arriving. We can now

The following family histories have been donated as a result of our request letters since our last newsletter. If you would like to purchase a copy of one of these family histories for your personal library, contact **Karen Acker**, at ackertk@gmail.com or 281-358-0893.

Descendants of John Cox of Abington, Indiana and Joseph Cox of Hampton, Illinois by Ruth Anna Hicks and William Jerome Utermohlen.

A Baird Family Reunion: History and Genealogy of Some Descendants of John Baird (ca 1675-ca 1738) by William D. Baird and Mrs. Jacqueline L. Baird.

George Family History, Family and Descendants of Col. John George (1603-1679) of Virginia, Volume I and Volume II by Marvin A. Grant, Jr.

The Ball Family of the Potomac 1654-2004 by Doris LeClerc Ball and George L. Ball.

add Missouri to our states that have every county represented in the collection. Florida is only missing one county and, because of the diligent efforts of **John Dorroh**, Nebraska is getting closer to being complete. We were able to purchase 35 Family Map books published by Arphax and delivered by **Greg Boyd** when he was here for his seminar in March. That saved us postage and increased Clayton's holdings of these valuable early land record resources.

We have received in excess of \$900 in donations for the **Save Our Film** project, but we need more donations. This money will be used to have the acetate film records that are exhibiting vinegar syndrome duplicated on polyester film. So far 207 rolls of film have been cleaned and are ready to be copied. At the price of \$24.75 per roll that totals \$5,123.25. Please consider making a donation and indicating that it is for this project. Most of this film contains state records, and we need to preserve what we have.

List of Items Returned from Cataloging/Processing

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Wisconsin

American Indian marriage record directory for Ashland County...1874-1907
Family maps of Clark County, Wisconsin
Family maps of Crawford County, Wisconsin

More than one state

Confederate casualties of the War for Southern Independence
Give your family a gift that money can't buy: record & preserve your family's history
Lloyd's steamboat directory, and disasters on the western waters
Returns for U.S. military posts, 1800-1916 [microform]

Rooted in resources

Southern boots and saddles: 15th Confederate Cavalry C.S.A.: 1st Regiment Alabama & Florida Cavalry...

Family

The Gladding book: being an historical record and genealogical chart of the Gladding family, with accounts of the family reunions of 1890 and 1900, at Bristol, R.I., the Gladdings' American ancestral home

[The Family Maps series by Gregory Boyd includes homesteads, roads, waterways, towns, cemeteries, railroad, etc. of that particular county.]

Volunteer Corner

Hello Volunteers!

It has been a year now since the Clayton House reopened to the public. Many thanks are due to the many wonderful volunteers who have donated their time, week after week, to keep the Clayton House Welcome Desk covered. We simply could not have done it without you!

In celebration of National Volunteer Recognition Week, the staff is planning a special get-together in May for all currently active volunteers. This will be a chance for our staff to thank all of you for your hard work, for you to meet and mingle with fellow volunteers, and maybe pick up a few extra goodies. The date and time will be announced later. Stay tuned for more information in upcoming emails!

From time to time, don't forget to check the "Volunteer" tab on the CLF website. This is where you

will find the most up-to-date information about volunteer opportunities at the library. We expect to have a growing need for volunteers in the future, so please do check back often at www.claytonlibraryfriends.org.

Another item of business: All volunteers who work at the library should have an official volunteer photo ID badge to wear. If you don't have one yet, please let me know and I will arrange to get you one. Also, if your badge is due to expire in April, May, or June of this year, please let me know so I can get it renewed. I can be reached at steven.bychowski@houstontx.gov, or at 832-393-2600.

Thank you for everything that you do!

Steven Bychowski

We Need Volunteers!!!

"The greatest accomplishments in life are not achieved by individuals alone, but by proactive people pulling together for a common good".

John J. Murphy

At this time we need to pull together by volunteering, because Clayton Library expects the City of Houston to make another budget cut in staff. This will really leave a big void. If you can give us just two hours, it will help tremendously. If we can cover the shelving needs two hours at a time throughout the week, it would be like adding another staff person. (sort of) Please consider giving a couple of hours of your time to our favorite library once a week or every other week, or even once a month.

If you cannot take a regular time, perhaps you could be on a list to call when someone cannot come to their shift or when we have a bus load coming and we know there will be strain on the staff. Please call Steven Bychowski at 832-393-2600 or steven.bychowshi@houston.gov or Pat Phillips, pPhillips0225@sbcglobal.net with CLF noted in the subject, or 713-682-0496. Steven makes every effort to accommodate your schedule. Clayton Library needs you!!

We will also be asking for volunteers to help with the TSGS convention in early November. You'll hear more about this later.

Pat Phillips

Membership Report

Many thanks to those of you who have renewed your CLF membership for 2011! Your membership dues (and any additional donations that you have included) will help us keep the Clayton Library collections growing. Please encourage your friends to join or renew their memberships.

We need to spread the word to our friends with

genealogy interests, making sure they know about Clayton library (and the Friends). Many people are not aware that Clayton is one of the top rated genealogy libraries in the nation. They think of it as just another HPL branch library.

Again, we appreciate your membership and your loyalty!

Web Site -- One Way to Keep in Touch

Do you have a favorite website that has been a help to you in your genealogy research? I mean besides Google. When you have time, go to our website www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org and click on the Resources tab. There you will find two groups: Resources and Archived Newsletter Articles.

Resources: Here you will find many links such as Baptism of Slaves in New Orleans, Passenger Lists, Ships Pictures on which your ancestor may have traveled, Research Lessons from Family Search with printable handouts, Revolutionary War Pensions and Rosters, Map Collections, Irish Genealogy Databases, How to find dates for Easter through the years, the Mocavo database [“searching billions of names in tens of thousands of free sources”] and much more. I hope you look at it and get as excited as I have been working on it. While I was writing this I thought of another and just put it in. I’m sure by the time you get this newsletter I will have added more so keep checking. There is space for an unlimited number of subject headings and websites. Please send me links to whatever you have had good luck with.

A few of these links, after a few steps, connect with Ancestry.com. I’ve tried not to have too many of those

unless they gave some information before trying to get you to join. We do have Ancestry-the Library Edition accessible on the computers at Clayton. You also can access Footnote at Clayton. You can either use one of the computers there or bring your laptop and connect wirelessly.

Archived Newsletter Articles: There are about 50 great articles from earlier issues of our CLF newsletter. Some of these were written many years ago but are still useful with good information about some of our Clayton Library collections. Take a glance at them and I think you will see how they are still helpful.

As with anything connected to websites, what is a link today may be dead tomorrow. If you find something that does not work, please let me know at info@ClaytonLibraryFriends.org That is the same address you will use to send me your favorite genealogy websites. Happy Hunting!

Ruby Vigneaux Dusek
CLF Director – Website

“Clayton Has It – “

In 1998 I was involved in preparing the donor labels for a large collection of Vermont Vital Record microfilm. Raymond and Ann Cathcart had made a generous donation to Clayton Library Friends for the purchase. My reward for volunteer hours? I found information for a number of my Palmer ancestors -- descendents of my early Connecticut ancestors who spent a generation and a half in Vermont on their way to New York, Wisconsin, and a South Dakota homestead.

Now, fast forward to 2011. I have, over the last decade, identified many of the siblings and offspring, and now have some of the married names of the females. Although my direct line is complete, I have many Vermont residents without a marriage date, death date, burial location, etc. My Palmer family chart has a ‘Swiss-cheese’ look. Because so much time had passed since I used the microfilm at Clayton, and so many old vital records are on the Internet, I started looking late one night – hoping to fill in a few of the gaps. Not there – but I knew ‘Clayton has it.’

I had forgotten how extensive and how detailed the records were. As I kept finding more and more family members that I had missed the first time, I was glad that I had brought my digital camera. With the flash turned off, I got some very acceptable copies of the file cards.

Clayton has several very full drawers of *General Index to Vermont Vital Records* in File Cabinet 95. There are two collections of these films: 1760-1870 and 1871-1908. What is this collection? It would appear that in 1921, the state of Vermont prevailed upon the town clerks to create index cards for a statewide alphabetical card catalog. Although listed as an ‘index’, the cards contain details. The source of the information is clearly listed on each card – the name of the Town Book with number and page, the cemetery source, etc. The microfilm contains both front and back images of the cards.

Thanks to these films, I found more information than I could document in an afternoon at the Clayton Library. I’ll be back in a few days.

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Conference Activities

- Thursday, November 3, 2011 – A special writing workshop with Paula before the conference begins on Friday – sponsored by Clayton Library Friends
- Friday, November 4, 2011 – Conference begins -- A full day of multiple lectures each hour with a variety of experts
- Saturday, November 5, 2011 – A full day with Paula – 4 topics
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[Registration details and other information will be available soon. Watch the Clayton Library Friends website for updates. Be sure that your local organizations are aware of this special event.]

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Saturday – May 14, 2011
10:15 am General Meeting

Splitting the Blanket, Divorce in America
Emily Croom, Author

Saturday – August 13, 2011
10:15 am General Meeting

Library of Congress' Oral History Project
Stephen Sloan, Baylor University

Saturday – August 27, 2011
Seminar
10:30 am – 3:30 pm

Tracing Ancestors
Arlene Eakle, The Genealogical Institute