



# THE Clayton Advocate

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Why are you so interested in dead people? I am pretty sure that is a question that all genealogists have heard at some time or another. We have seen the eyes of those uninitiated into our passion glaze over when we gleefully exclaim over finding an elusive record. Who cares about a bunch of old names and dates, anyway?+

Those are very good questions, and I have been pondering my response. Is there value in genealogy? Why do we do it? What motivates us to continue? How much room do I have in this newsletter? Here are just a few of my thoughts ã

Do you remember history class in school? If yours was like many (not all) of mine, it was a mind-numbing memorization of chronologies and lists. It wasn't meaningful to me in any real way until a teacher took the time to share the stories of people living in those times. Biographies and books like *Johnny Tremain* awakened my curiosity and piqued my interest, because they brought the past to life.

That's what good genealogy does. It brings the past to life . not just any past, but our own personal past. We can begin with names and dates to establish the skeleton of our research, but, while it is honestly quite rewarding to find that often-elusive information, the best part is putting meat on the bones, building up a picture of those people's lives. But again, why bother?

First, and obviously, there is the love of the hunt, the challenge of the puzzle to be solved. Most genealogists have at least a touch of the sleuth in them. This puzzle solving often requires cleverness, knowledge, and lots and lots of tenacity. When we solve a hard problem or break down a metaphorical brick wall, we feel a justifiable sense of accomplishment. It's genuinely rewarding!

A family mystery can also be a great motivation. What happened to great-great-grandpa? He set off on a trip and never returned. The family mourned him as dead, but was there any proof? Maybe he decided to start a new life elsewhere. (Not unheard of!) Or, maybe Grandmother mentioned that her parents would converse in a

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clayton Library Friends, Inc.

### Statement of Activities April 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014

#### Revenue

Unrestricted Contributions	\$ 1,306
Temporarily Restricted Contributions	780
Membership Dues	1,570
Seminar Ticket Sales	350
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 4,006</b>

#### Expenditures

Current Programs	\$ 112,242*
Administrative & General	4,611
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 116,853</b>

**Net Operating Revenue** **\$ -112,847**

### Statement of Financial Position As of June 30, 2014

#### ASSETS

##### Current Assets

Bank Accounts	\$ 229,238
Other Current Assets	63
Fixed Assets	230
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 229,531</b>

**Total Other Assets** **\$ 1,105,530**  
(Investments, of which \$824,007 is the  
Permanently Restricted Endowment)

**Total Assets** **\$ 1,335,061**

#### LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

**Total Liabilities** **\$ - 700**

**Equity** **\$ 1,335,761**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** **\$ 1,335,061**

\* An unused gift for Clayton House Renovations in the amount of \$100,000 was returned to the donor.

**Resa Nichols Hennings, Treasurer**

## President's Message

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strange language that they did not teach the children. (She did, you know.) Where were they from, and what was the language? There is a never-ending supply of mysteries to intrigue us when it comes to our families' pasts.

Deep down, we all want to know ~~who~~ we are, ~~+~~ and genealogy helps us in that quest. There is a great satisfaction in learning things that help us to understand the events that may have shaped our families. Did they lose everything in a war or a drought ~~o~~ or did they make a lucky investment that brought them financial security? Did they grow up in a large, extended family, or were they orphaned and dependent upon the charity of strangers? What was their cultural or ethnic background? What educational opportunities did they have? What were their religious beliefs? What are the things that helped to make *your* family unique?

These are just a few of the reasons that came to my mind. I know there are many more, maybe nearly as many reasons as there are genealogists! Why are *you* interested in genealogy? We ~~o~~ love to hear your responses! Visit us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ClaytonLibraryFriends>) and share your thoughts. While you ~~o~~ are there, be sure to ~~like~~ ~~+~~ our page and invite your friends to do so as well!

As you pursue your genealogy, I want to remind you not to get lazy! Too many researchers are only doing what research they can while sitting in front of a computer, missing out on very valuable resources that are not online. There are literally *thousands and thousands* of resources available at Clayton Library that are only available in a library. They have not been digitized and are not available online. Take advantage of this great resource! Attend some of the free classes, consult with a librarian, and make the most of this treasure we have right here in our city. We hope to see you at Clayton Library soon and regularly!

Tammy Frey  
President@ClaytonLibraryFriends.org

**Correction:** The Permanently Restricted Endowment amount was incorrect in the May newsletter; a typo by the Editor.

# **Mark Your Calendar -- And Join Us**

Saturday, August 9, 2014, 10:15 am . 12:00 noon  
Carriage House Meeting Room at the Clayton Library Center

Short business meeting . membership vote on Bylaws update (details on page 4)

## ***New Avenues in Genetic Genealogy***

**Speaker: Jeremy Balkin, Family Tree DNA of Houston**

Clayton Library Friends (CLF) warmly invites everyone to their next General Meeting on Saturday, August 9, 2014. Registration begins at 10:15 am (coffee provided), and the program begins promptly at 10:30 am.

Members and visitors alike are welcome to the free presentation.

Genetic genealogy has come a long way. In this relatively new field, FTDNA has pioneered the idea of applying genetics to the traditional practice of genealogy. People no longer have to rely solely on historical documents and family lore to trace their heritage and fill in gaps in their heritage. DNA testing for the purpose of genealogy has allowed for people to understand more clearly from where they came, to whom they are related, and what their overall ethnic makeup is. It has connected the entire world as one large genealogical community.



Balkin will help explain, in layman's terms, what getting tested involves, how the science behind the testing works, and how one can discover their own ancestry more clearly through a simple cheek swab.

Jeremy Balkin is an Information Specialist and mans his place in the pantheon of Family Tree DNA's Help Desk. He interprets genetic ancestral results for the expanding customer base, and is one of the voices that one will hear when calling FTDNA. One may find his signature on their email queries as well. Balkin graduated from the University of Houston with a B.A. in History and a minor in Communication.

While he is a relative newcomer to the relatively new field of genetic genealogy, he has been able to fuse his communication studies with his knowledge of history to provide ancestral analysis that anybody can understand. He learned from his personal Family Tree DNA Y-DNA test that his direct paternal line is essentially Eastern European as well as heavily laden with Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry. His Family Finder myOrigins results show that he is 88% Jewish Diaspora, 7% European and 4% Middle Eastern.

Aside from his work at FTDNA, Balkin is passionate about communications. He is a professional photographer as well as a professional writer. His photography has appeared in several publications, and he still photographs weddings and special events. As a "recovering" stand-up comedian, he tries his best to maintain his comic edge through a blog on which he is a staff writer.

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## **Also Mark Your Calendar for --**

Saturday, November 8, 2014 10:15 am . 12:00 noon  
Annual Meeting . Board of Director Elections

**Speaker: Andy Hall . *The Experience of Texas in the Civil War***

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## **Proposed Changes to the Bylaws --**

Two years ago the Clayton Library Friends membership voted to approve an updated version of the Bylaws. The three-member Bylaws Committee had addressed a number of areas that needed to be updated. Since then, the CLF Executive Board has identified a couple of additional changes that are needed.

The CLF Executive Board is recommending the following updates to the Bylaws.

### **Article IX, Section 9.1 -- Committees and Appointed Positions:**

The Board proposes to replace the titles/positions of ~~%Grants and Endowments,~~~~%Facilities and Grounds,~~and ~~%Library Service Volunteers and Docents~~ with the titles/positions of ~~%Social Media and Technology,~~~~%Correspondence,~~and ~~%Volunteers and Hospitality.~~

*These changes would take effect at the end of the term of the current director affected.*

The purpose of these recommended changes is to reflect the current needs on the Board.

- It was felt that the position of Grants and Endowments is somewhat redundant and is sufficiently covered by the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President . Ways and Means. In its place, the Board is recommending a much needed position for ~~%Social Media and Technology.~~
- By the time the term of the current Director of ~~%Facilities and Grounds~~ ends in December 2015, we hope to have completed the final remaining bit of our renovation commitment. At that point, this position will no longer be needed. A useful replacement position would be that of ~~%Correspondence,~~which would include gift acknowledgement.
- We recommend changing the title of ~~%Library Service Volunteers and Docents~~ to ~~%Volunteers and Hospitality,~~which more accurately reflects the duties of the position.

### **Article IX, Section 9.2 -- Committees and Appointed Positions:**

Delete the last sentence which reads, ~~%Special committees shall include, but are not limited to: Gift Acknowledgement, Hospitality.~~

This sentence would no longer be needed since both gift acknowledgement and hospitality are covered in the updated titles/positions included in the changes to Section 9.1.

### **Article VII, Section 7.4 -- Officers and Directors:**

Change the sentence which reads, ~~%the slate will be published in *The Clayton Advocate* newsletter no later than three weeks prior to the annual meeting in November.~~to read ~~%no later than ten(10) days prior to the annual meeting in November.~~

The Board recommends this change to make the timing consistent with that of the time requirement for Bylaws changes (Article XV). Since newsletters are now distributed to the membership by email, delays in mail delivery are no longer a major part of the notification.

**Please review these proposed changes and be prepared to vote on August 9 at the CLF General Meeting.**

# Manager's Message ó



Electronic Newsletters, blogs, podcasts . so many, so little time.

Everyone knows I am a huge proponent of family history research education. There are monthly genealogy society meetings, annual state conferences, national conferences such as the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference 27 . 30 Aug 2014 in San Antonio ([www.fgsconference.org](http://www.fgsconference.org)) along with social media links, blogs, podcasts, and electronic newsletters.

The Clayton Library Friends and the Clayton Library have two separate electronic newsletters. *The Clayton Advocate* is the newsletter of the Clayton Library Friends. It is this newsletter you are reading now.

The staff at the Clayton Library publish two electronic newsletters, one is quarterly . *Clayton Town Crier*; the other is monthly . *Clayton Extra*. The *Crier* offers research resource overviews, links to databases and hints in using them, and a list of our upcoming programming. The *Extra* is a once a month touch base update email newsletter announcing that month's programming, updates, or other timely information.

We invite you to subscribe to the *Clayton Town Crier* and the *Clayton Extra* by visiting the Houston Public Library website [www.houstonlibrary.org](http://www.houstonlibrary.org) and clicking on %eadersqlink+at the top of the page, following into %NextReads@HPL+subscribing to the %Genealogy+newsletters.

Overwhelmed by traveling to conferences? Not sure you want to invest a full day in sitting in a lecture, but still want to know what is going on; still want to learn about things? Visit [www.genealbloggers.com](http://www.genealbloggers.com) to search for a blog by topic. Want to listen to podcasts while doing something else? Visit CyndisList for a starting point to discover those - <http://www.cyndislist.com/podcasts/general/>

We invite you to read all you can and to visit Clayton Library to get educated to help you along with your research. *The Clayton Advocate*, the *Clayton Town Crier*, and the *Clayton Extra* are all designed to help you do that. There is so much more out there, come in and ask us about it!

See you at the Library!  
Sue Kaufman  
Manager, Clayton Library

## **CLAYTON LIBRARY CENTER FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**

5300 Caroline, Houston, TX 77004-6896

832-393-2600

[www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton](http://www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton)

### **Library Hours:**

Tuesday and Thursday . 10 am . 6 pm

Wednesday . 10 am . 8 pm

Friday and Saturday . 10 am - 5 pm

(Closed on Sunday and Monday)

## Acquisitions Committee Report –

During the second quarter of 2014 the Acquisitions Committee of the Clayton Library Friends has continued to purchase materials to enhance Clayton Library's collection. We work closely with the Clayton Library Collection Development Team to identify gaps in Clayton's collection, and to attempt to fill them where possible.

Materials chosen by the Clayton Library staff and ordered through Houston Public Library are subject to certain time and budget constraints which don't necessarily apply to the Clayton Library Friends. We continue to purchase materials which would be difficult or impossible to order through HPL. We recently purchased several books in the British series *My Ancestor was...(a Woman at War, a Gentleman, In the Royal Navy)* which had to be paid for in pounds sterling . a very involved process as far as HPL is concerned, but one that CLF was able to accomplish very easily online.

We are also able to take advantage of special offers where speed is of the essence, and just recently were able to take advantage of a July 4<sup>th</sup> sale to purchase 30 books from the Genealogical Publishing Company, which saved us 30%, or around \$300 on our order. These titles include some recent publications, such as *Finding Your Ancestors in New York City* and *Abstracts of the Debt Books of the Provincial Land Office of Maryland (St. George's County)*, and a number of Native American books, such as the first ten volumes of Jeff Bowen's *Cherokee Intermarried White*, from the Dawes Rolls of 1906. Watch the new book shelves at Clayton over the next few months for these items to start appearing in the library.

As always, if you happen to hear about an interesting title that you think would be a good addition to our collection, please let any member of the Acquisitions Committee know. You can also leave a note at the Information Desk to be put in the CLF folder, or email me at [lwdouth@aol.com](mailto:lwdouth@aol.com).

Lesley Douthwaite

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## Welcome New Members –

Clayton Library Friends would like to extend a warm welcome to these 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 provides support to the library in so many ways.

**Ida R Diamond, Ginny Douglas, Crystal Yvette Granger, Marcy Heathman, Kathleen Kautzman, and George A Macke.**

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



# **Membership –**

Hello Members and Friends,

Get ready for another educational opportunity at the upcoming CLF General Meeting. The speaker, representing Family Tree DNA, is Jeremy Balkin. He will be speaking on "New Avenues in Genetic Genealogy." The Executive Board would love to welcome you at the Clayton Library Carriage House and introduce you to this new field of research.

For those of you who missed the announcement on the CLF Facebook page, all active members as of June 1, 2014 were automatically entered into a drawing to win one of two single-day registrations to the upcoming FGS Conference in San Antonio. The two winning memberships were Doris Kosub and Loren (or Mary) Martin. We congratulate the lucky winners! If you will be attending the conference, please plan to stop by the CLF exhibition table to say hello.

If you know someone who did not receive a copy of this newsletter in their mailbox or by email, their membership may have lapsed! Please remind them to renew now by completing the CLF membership form and mailing their payment to Clayton Library Friends, P.O. Box 271078, Houston TX 77277-1078. The membership form is available at the library or online at the CLF website ([www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org](http://www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org) >> Join/Renew tab). Remember that your support of CLF and your contributions put over 500 books on the library shelves in 2013!

As always, thank you for your continued support of Clayton Library through Clayton Library Friends.

Kathleen Dickerson

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# **Volunteer Opportunities –**

## **FGS Conference:**

For anyone attending the FGS Conference in San Antonio August 27-30, the CLF will have a Society Table and would like to have your help to man the booth. Hours are flexible and at your leisure. Any help would be appreciated. All are welcome!

The contact person for the Society Table volunteering: Elani Hantel at 281-460-6996

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## **Clayton House Welcome Desk:**

A brief training session for anyone interested in volunteering at the Clayton House Welcome Desk will be held on Monday, August 11 from 10am . 1pm. All are welcome! Volunteers are needed for the following shifts at the Clayton House Welcome Desk:

Tue 4-5:30

Wed 4-7:30

Thu 4-5:30

Fri 12-2

Sat 2-4:30 (on the 1st/2nd Saturdays of the month)

## **Clayton Library book shelveers:**

A brief training session for everyone interested in volunteering as a Clayton Library book shelveer will be held on Monday, August 25 from 10am . 1pm. All are welcome! Shelving volunteers are needed on all days for varying shifts (shifts are flexible).

Please contact Steven Bychowski ([steven.bychowski@houstontx.gov](mailto:steven.bychowski@houstontx.gov)) to RSVP for either training session. To learn more about these volunteer opportunities, please visit the Clayton Library Friends website at [www.claytonlibraryfriends.org](http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org) and click the %olunteer+tab.

# How to Save Money Doing Genealogy

Well, you just paid your bills and that big annual fee for the genealogy database is due again, what to do, eat or genealogy? You decided you need to cut back on your genealogy hobby expense (it really is an obsession, not a hobby) and that means you need to drop that database.

Have I got a deal for you! Did you know that some of the biggest databases are available for **FREE** at Clayton Library? There are even some that you may not know about, we all know about Ancestry but there really are others. Clayton has **Ancestry (Library Edition)** that you can use for **FREE**. (in library use only) That can save you about \$300 a year.

Have you used **Access Newspaper Archive** before? This is the largest historic newspaper source dating as far back as the 1700s. You will be surprised what you can find in an old newspaper. They were the purveyors of news and gossip to our ancestors. Not only can you read about that ancestor that may have borrowed the neighbors' horses or made an unauthorized bank withdrawal, but you can find out about the birthday party that includes any number of out of town relatives that attended. My problem with newspapers is that once I start reading a particular newspaper I have to read the entire thing. I read the other articles looking for information about how my ancestors fit into their society and what the customs of that time period might be. You won't believe the advertisements in those old papers, corsets, snake oil, animal feed, calico fabric, estate sales, and a lot more. This database runs about \$200.00 a year . **free** in the library.

You know your ancestor lived in a certain county but you need to know who else might live there, who were his neighbors? The database **HistoryGeo** can help you out. Remember, when a young man decided to marry he looked over the fence and said "She looks like she can pull a plow and have lots of healthy kids." They didn't have online dating services in the 1800s. If they moved to another area you will also see that the neighbors are often the same people from the old neighborhood. Do you want a map of that area with the homeowner names printed right there for you to refer back to? This is a fairly inexpensive database; it is only \$59.00 a year . **free** in the library.

Do you have any ancestors who served in the military? **Fold3** has information taken directly from the National Archives on military personnel, you may have the unit your ancestor served in during the war, but do you have a list of all the battles they fought? There are pension applications that have not just the actual application but the affidavits that different people have submitted on your ancestor. This database also has data other than military, but they are the designated expert in this area. This one is also fairly inexpensive, only \$79.00 a year . **free** in the library.

The final database you might want to use is **World Vital Records**. This one is a Junior+Ancestry with a collection of different records than their competitor has. This one is only \$90.00 a year . **free** in Clayton library. They may have just the record you have been trying to find for the last nine years.

Now the best way to afford your hobby would be to cancel, or not renew your subscriptions and get down to Clayton Library in a hurry. The total you can save, just from these databases, is nearly \$728.00. That means you can go to dinner when they throw you out of the library because they need to close for the day.

Sue Yerby

**THE CLAYTON ADVOCATE deadline for the next issue is October 15, 2014.**

**We welcome any articles related to Clayton Library or its collections.**

**CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS NEWSLETTER STAFF**

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# **Genealogy Roadshow Seeks Family Stories and Mysteries**

By Randy Pace

GENEALOGY ROADSHOW (GR) on Public Broadcasting System (PBS) is seeking more family mysteries and fascinating genealogical stories to uncover for an upcoming season of the popular program! Part detective story, part emotional journey, GR combines history and science to uncover stories of diverse Americans. Each story links to a larger community, revealing the rich cultural tapestry of America. "GENEALOGY ROADSHOW is an engaging, innovative program that reveals the bigger picture of our nation's past, present and future," said Beth Hoppe, Chief Programming Executive and General Manager of General Audience Programming for PBS. "With a diverse mix of stories in each episode, GENEALOGY ROADSHOW appeals to Americans interested in learning about their family histories. It also shows that no matter one's heritage and background, everyone has a place in history."

Do members of Clayton Library Friends have a family story or mystery that they would like considered for the show? Please ask yourself these questions! Is there a family legend you would like to explore? Is there a missing piece or person in your family tree you have always wondered about? Do you believe you might be connected to our nation's rich history and folklore? Do you think you have or have you discovered an ancestral link to a founding father or an American icon? Is there a family story passed down for generations you would like investigated and finally answered? It is suggested that you ask a succinct question or share a mystery rather than a long series of long-standing genealogical brick walls. Also submit a picture or two as anything that adds life to the story helps someone engage. The story does NOT have to relate to Texas history. If you missed the Houston PBS broadcast in 2013 you can view segments at <http://video.pbs.org/program/genealogy-roadshow> to get an idea about the show format and hear some stories that were revealed.

If you determine that you have a family story or mystery, then submit it directly to GR. First go on-line to <http://www.grcasting.com/> and review all of the questions asked. I suggest you compile all of your information in a separate document, and then go to the GR website where you can cut and paste the information into each respective section of the on-line form provided. When you complete the section about "How did you hear about GR" please enter "Clayton Library Friends Newsletter (Houston)." If you saw the first season of the show you can also indicate that you watched it on Channel 8 - PBS - Houston. I strongly suggest that you submit your stories no later than August 31, 2014 to GR for the third season. We also encourage you to email the same information to Clayton Library Friends at [info@ClaytonLibraryFriends.org](mailto:info@ClaytonLibraryFriends.org) - attention: Randy Pace so that we will know about the number of submittals from the Houston area. Apparently, GR has already chosen the stories for their second season as it takes them a great deal of time to select the stories, complete the research for those stories, select the city, and then film the segment in each city. The cities already chosen for the broadcast in the fall of 2014 so far are St. Louis, New Orleans, and Philadelphia.

If your story meets the criteria of GR, then their genealogy, history, and DNA experts use family heirlooms, letters, pictures, historical documents and other clues to hunt down more information. These experts also enlist the help of local historians to add color and context to the investigations, ensuring every artifact and every name becomes a clue in solving the mystery. Be prepared for what might be uncovered. One never knows what lurks in the archives about your family. GR unearths family and community secrets, reveals notable relatives, and discovers unexpected stories that connect the past to the present. Many answers are revealed on camera before a local audience, in a historic building relevant to the cities chosen and relevant to the histories of the participants.

Wouldn't it be great if a large number of members of Clayton Library Friends, as well as other residents of our area who are interested in genealogy, submitted enough fascinating and interesting stories that would result in those stories as well as our area being chosen as one of the cities to be selected for the program? If your story is selected and you are notified by GR, please also let Clayton Library Friends know via email at [info@ClaytonLibraryFriends.org](mailto:info@ClaytonLibraryFriends.org) (attn: Randy Pace). GR ultimately will choose the stories, the city, and the historic venue for the broadcast. Your own individual story might even be chosen for broadcast in another city of their choice. However, if enough stories are chosen from Houston area residents, and GR also selects

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## Internet Thoughts –

Do you have genealogy correspondents who only know you by your email address? Do you realize how completely we rely on the Internet? Try not being able to do any internet on your desktop computer for 6 weeks . a problem I had recently while getting my Earthlink DSL back on my AT&T phone line where it's been since 2003. I had no idea how much I depended on my internet for all sorts of things . from weather, to maps, to that midnight search for the answer to where g-grandfather was in 1870.

How often do you assume that your email has been received in a timely manner? Lately I have gotten in the habit of responding with a quick thanks to personal messages so people know that I got it and read it. Why? Because I learned that for two weeks messages to my email address from Clayton Library were being blocked by a network upgrade at HPL. I have my original email address that I've had since the 1990's -- @ix.netcom.com Apparently the library's newest upgrade did not like the two dots in my address. Two weeks later, another upgrade, and the problem was corrected.

Do you correspond with people with a HAL-PC email address? Or have one yourself? The Houston Chronicle reported 6/28/2014 that the Houston Area League of PC Users (HAL-PC), once 6,500 members strong, is disbanding. The paper reports that there are (currently) between 900 and 1,000 members of HALNet, the Internet service provider operated by HAL-PC.+ Probably all of these people will be getting new providers and new email addresses.

Have you left messages on message-boards but there's that will never help connect to your relatives because you've changed your email address (maybe more than once) and that's the only information you've given to your genealogy contacts? Do they even know what city to look for you? And, how well do you remember everyone that you gave that email contact address to?

Pat Metcalfe

Visit Clayton Library Friends on Facebook.  
[www.facebook.com/ClaytonLibraryFriends](http://www.facebook.com/ClaytonLibraryFriends)  
You can view it without having a Facebook page.  
However, if you want to like something, you will have to register.

## Genealogy Roadshow

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Houston as a city for their program broadcast, then Clayton Library Friends can contact GR to promote our local genealogical facility as well as to offer our encouragement and volunteer support. What more perfect venue could there be for the program than our own historic Clayton House? After all, Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research, is one of the top research facilities in the United States!

The premiere season which was aired in September and October 2013 featured participants from four American cities . Nashville, Austin, Detroit, and San Francisco . who wanted to explore unverified genealogical claims, passed down through family history, that connected them to an event or a historical figure. These cities were chosen as American crossroads of culture, diversity, industry and history, with deep pools of potential participants and stories. Initially GR was a hit in Ireland, where national public broadcaster RTE commissioned the original format from producer Big Mountain Productions. It just hit a nerve,+ said Big Mountain executive producer Philip McGovern. Everybody wants answers to questions about their own histories to help make sense of their lives today. We've had a lot of interest in the format internationally and are delighted PBS picked it up.+

Please compile those stories and mysteries and send them today to GENEALOGY ROADSHOW! And, Good Luck from Clayton Library Friends!



**A conference for the nation's genealogists**

**August 27-30, 2014★San Antonio, Texas**

with local co-hosts  
San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society  
and the Texas State Genealogical Society

**FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES  
ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE  
IS COMING TO SAN ANTONIO  
AUGUST 27-30, 2014!!!**

Gather with the nation's genealogists in historic San Antonio, Texas for the Federation of Genealogical Societies 2014 Conference, Gone to Texas!

Come to San Antonio August 27-30, 2014 to experience four days of genealogical learning, networking and discovery, deep in the heart of Texas. The local co-hosts for the 2014 conference are the Texas State Genealogical Society and the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society. This is a fantastic educational opportunity, right here in our back yard!

This conference will be conveniently held in downtown San Antonio at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center which will host the conference's workshops, lectures, and FREE exhibit hall.

If you have never been to a national conference, this is your opportunity to come and learn from the best. From basic and introductory instruction, to methodology and problem solving techniques, ethnic research, migration and immigration, technology and southern and western regional topics, the choice is yours to focus on your specific interests.

Lectures are offered each hour and the variety of topics. The FREE exhibit hall highlights the latest and greatest in genealogy technology, books, societies, vendor demonstrations, and more! There are evening events to attend, lunches with presentations, plenty of networking and meeting new people and maybe even finding a relative, or getting through a brick wall!

Sessions at this year's conference include a wide variety of offerings from many of the nation's leading family history experts and genealogical organizations.

In addition to many topical presentations, each day the conference features a track, %Ethnic Origins,+ focusing on different ethnic groups. Love workshops? Topics include photos, self-publishing, DNA, and many more options. Workshops fill up quickly, so register soon!

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## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Saturday – 9 August, 2014**  
10:15am General Meeting/  
Bylaws Update  
Clayton Center Carriage House

### ***New Avenues in Genetic Genealogy***

Jeremy Balkin, Family Tree DNA of Houston

**Saturday – 8 November, 2014**  
10:15am Annual Meeting/  
Election of Officers  
Clayton Center Carriage House

### ***Experience of Texas in the Civil War***

Andy Hall