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NEWSLETTER OF THE CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now, as the second quarter zooms by, I feel only a little advanced in the quest to continue to find those lost ancestors while serving the needs of our membership. Technology continues to lead the way as you can now register online. Sue Yerby, CLF Program Director, has scheduled Fidel Ramirez who will present a program on "Mobile Genealogy Apps" at our next General Meeting on Saturday, August 8 at 10:15 am in the Carriage House.

Your Board continues to support new equipment at the library. The two ScanPro units are now in operation, and other technology is being considered. This is in addition to all of the ongoing addition of books and periodicals that our library provides. We will be represented at the Angelina Conference thanks to the leadership of Director Randy Pace who provides a wonderful presence for Clayton Library.

I hope you read the excellent article, "U.S. Census Records and Their Clues," in the July issue of the online *Clayton Town Crier*. It was insightful and useful.

Thanks again to all of our volunteers and staff,

Les Fullerton,
President, Clayton Library Friends

EditorsqNote:

As this newsletter was going to print, word was received that the above mentioned Genealogy Conference at Angelina College had been cancelled.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clayton Library Friends, Inc.

Statement of Activities

April 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015

Revenue

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Unrestricted Contributions | \$ 2,750 |
| Temporarily Restricted Contributions | 235 |
| Membership Dues | 575 |
| Total Revenue | \$ 3,560 |

Expenditures

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Current Programs | \$ 4,074 |
| Administrative & General | 5,115 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 9,189 |

Net Operating Revenue \$ -5,629

Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2015

ASSETS

Current Assets

| | |
|---|------------|
| Bank Account | \$ 223,022 |
| Fixed Assets | 23,396 |
| Other Assets | |
| (Investments, of which \$825,907 is the | |
| Permanent Endowment Fund) | 1,104,762 |

Total Assets \$ 1,351,180

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Total Liabilities \$ 634

Equity \$ 1,350,546

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Resa Nichols Hennings, Treasurer

Welcome New and Returning Members

Clayton Library Friends would like to extend a warm welcome to these twelve new and returning members who have joined CLF since our last newsletter.

We're glad that you've discovered (or re-discovered) Clayton Library Friends and hope that you'll also join our group of volunteers that provides support to the library in so many ways.

Bridget Denise Demby, Jeffrey Lamar Dobbs, Suzanne Gay, Jacquelyn & George Griggs, Laurie & William Hammons, Jackie Huckabay, Sarah Lynne LeCanu, Susan & David Moyer, Barbara Sitzman, Caroline Vetterling.

Special Donations

Recent donations to Clayton Library Friends were made **In Memory Of:**

**Elizabeth Ann Hill,
Joseph Harris Huggins,
Judge Howard Robert Kaufman,
Betty Ring,
Emma Louise Smith,
Mary Glenn Smith,
Betty Lou Suman**

Donations were received from the Chevron Matching Employee Funds, and the ExxonMobil Cultural Matching Gift Program **In Honor Of:**

**Stephen Price,
Thomas Jones**

Donations made to the CLF Angel Program are acknowledged in the *Angel Report* on page 8 of this newsletter.

Mark Your Calendar -- And Join Us

Saturday, August 8, 2015, 10:15 am – 12:00 noon
Carriage House Meeting Room at the Clayton Library Center

Clayton Library Friends (CLF) of Houston, Texas, warmly invites everyone to their next General Meeting on Saturday, August 8, 2015 for a presentation by Fidel G Ramirez, a Microsoft certified professional. 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.

Genealogy to Go – Mobile Devices and Apps



Speaker:

Fidel G Ramirez
Social Media & Technology Director,
Clayton Library Friends

Learn about the many available applications for electronic communication devices that everyone uses today. Our devices not only help us for social media purposes, but they can also be used to assist us in genealogical investigations and pursuits as well.

Fidel Ramirez, a native Texan, is a graduate of the University of Houston. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Management Information Systems and a minor in Spanish. Although his interest in genealogy started as a teenager, Fidel now has expanded his genealogical knowledge and experience with his computer skills in the areas of web and social networking as well as working with many computer platforms. Come join us and learn how you too can use the latest "technology" to pursue those elusive ancestors.

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Also Mark Your Calendar for –

Saturday, August 22, 2015 10:00 am . 3:00 pm

CLF Symposium – Speaker: Deborah A Abbott, PhD

Details and Registration Form are in this Newsletter and on our website.

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Saturday, November 14, 2015 10:15 am . 12:00 noon

Annual Meeting . Elections . Speaker

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Manager's Message ó



New Fiscal Year, New Programming!!

In the last issue of this newsletter I mentioned the new microfilm scanners that the Clayton Library Friends have purchased. In keeping with that theme, the theme of new year -- new things, I am very excited to let everyone know that we have revamped our program schedule to include some new and exciting things.

The new and improved 3rd Saturday of every month Clayton Library orientation now covers not only information about the fantastic collection we have at the library and the utilization of such, but also includes a best practices for getting started on your family history research section. This might be also called beginning genealogy research. We found that many people that had been attending our orientations were not only new to the library, but also new to family history research. We invite anyone who is interested in attending our orientation to do so. It is now held from 2:00pm . 4:00pm the third Saturday of each month.

Other changes include going to quarterly full-day programming rather than our once a month sessions. Our first quarterly programming is **18 September 2015 . Colonial Research Day**. This Saturday event will present Colonial Religions, Colonial Military Research, and Convicts to the Colonies. Want to learn more about our programming? Make sure you are signed up for both of the Clayton Library electronic newsletters, *Clayton Town Crier* and *Clayton Extra*. Visit: <http://houstonlibrary.org/learn-explore/readers-link/newsletters-all-interests> Click on the sign up link in the first paragraph, and keep current with what is going on at Clayton!

Bring someone who is new to genealogy, introduce them to one of the best research collections in the country, and share your excitement! We enjoy seeing all of you at the Library.

Sue Kaufman
Manager, Clayton Library

CLAYTON LIBRARY CENTER FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Library Hours:

5300 Caroline, Houston, TX 77004-6896
832-393-2600
www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton

Tuesday. 10 am . 6 pm
Wednesday -- 10 am -- 8 pm
Thursday. 10 am . 6 pm
Friday . 10 am . 5 pm
Saturday -- 10 am . 6 pm
(Closed on Sunday and Monday)

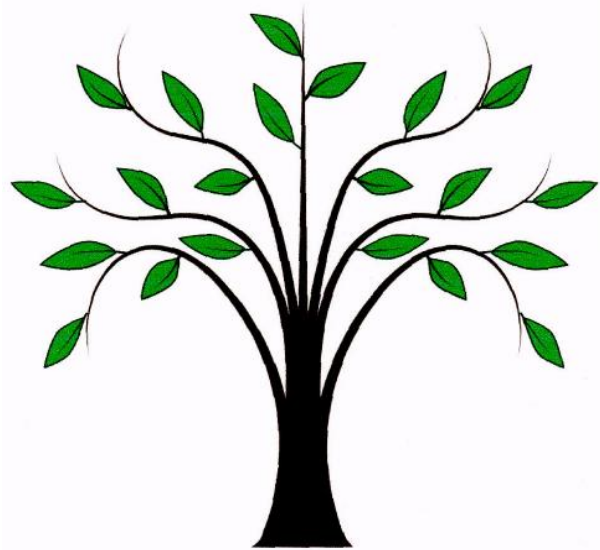
Clayton Library Friends 2015 Symposium

Saturday, August 22, 2015

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Registration 9:30 am

**Asia Society Texas Center
1370 Southmore Blvd.
Houston, Texas
(2 blocks from Clayton Library)**



Nationally recognized genealogy speaker

Deborah A. Abbott, Ph.D.

will present four sessions:

Cluster Genealogy: Finding Your Lost Ancestor

Using Manuscript and Oral Collections for your Research

*Researching African Americans Prior to 1870:
What Records Exist?*

*Critical Thinking in Genealogy Research:
A Case Study Using Oral History*

\$35 Members, \$45 Non-Members

After August 1, \$45 Members, \$55 Non-Members

Register at www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org

Lunch available for preorder on Registration Form



Biography ó Deborah A. Abbott, Ph.D.

Deborah A. Abbott, Ph.D., is a genealogist specializing in African American research, genealogical methodology, and manuscript collections. She is an adjunct faculty member at both the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh. She currently serves as a Trustee on the Board of the Ohio Genealogical Society and is an associate with the Kentucky-Tennessee Associates based in Springfield, TN. Dr. Abbott is past president of the African American Genealogical Society and a retired professor of Counseling from Cuyahoga Community College. She holds both the Bachelor of Science and Masters of Education degrees from Tuskegee University in Alabama, and the Ph.D. degree from Kent State University.

Dr. Abbott has presented lectures and workshops at a variety of national and state genealogical conferences, as well as local societies, businesses and libraries. During the 2011 Federation of Genealogy Societies Conference held in Springfield, Illinois, she delivered the James Dent Walker Memorial Lecture entitled *"Slave Research: A Closer Look at Freedom"*. One of her major research projects that traces an African American family from slavery in Kentucky to freedom in Illinois was highlighted in *The Cleveland Plain Dealer* under the title of *"Six Volumes to Amplify a Family History."* She also has had articles published in the Ohio Genealogy News and Family Tree Magazines.

Dr. Abbott is a member of the National Genealogical Society, the Association of Professional Genealogists, and the Genealogical Speakers Guild, as well as other state and local genealogical societies. She teaches a monthly class entitled *"Using Ancestry.com in Genealogy Research"* to patrons at the Lakewood Public Library in Lakewood, Ohio and coordinates the *"Genealogy and Family History Clinic"* for the Cleveland Public Library.

A Cleveland native, Dr. Abbott is a graduate of Cleveland Public Schools and an active member of Antioch Baptist Church.

A Brief Introduction to the Asia Society Texas Center – location for this Clayton Library Friends Symposium

Located two blocks north of the Clayton Library, at the corner of Caroline and Southmore, the Asia Society Texas Center was designed by Japan-born, Harvard-educated **Yoshio Taniguchi**. Its 40,000 square feet is spread over two stories and basement, resulting in a low-slung profile that fits comfortably into its residential surroundings. Yet the building immediately draws the eye . first by the grace of its lines, then by the materials and workmanship that went into its making.

The Asia Society purchased a 2.3-acre building site in 2003, and the following year the block-size property across the street was purchased for parking. Construction on the \$48.4 million building was complete by the fall of 2011.

For his first freestanding building in the United States . previously he was best known in this country for his expansion and renovation of the Museum of Modern Art in New York . Taniguchi combined graceful design with stunningly beautiful stone, wood and glass to give Asia Society Texas Center its distinctive character.

For more information about this beautiful building and other events that are held at this location, visit www.AsiaSociety.org/Texas

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A Case Study Using Oral History***

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

_____ I would like to join CLF now, and have attached my Membership Form and **dues** payment, together with this Symposium registration based on the member rate:

Individual -- \$20 dues per year; Family (with all residing at same address) -- \$25 dues per year.

| <u>Symposium</u> | If Registration fee received | <u>before August 1</u> | <u>after August 1</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Member | | _____ @ \$35 each | _____ @ \$45 each |
| Non-Member | | _____ @ \$45 each | _____ @ \$55 each |

Lunch (by preorder only) - \$13 each

how many? _____ Sandwich - Roasted turkey, chips, fruit salad, cookie, and beverage

how many? _____ Salad . Chef Salad, roll, fruit salad, cookie, and beverage

Membership Dues \$ _____

Symposium \$ _____

Lunch \$ _____

Gift to CLF \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ Ck # _____ or cash? _____

Mail this form and your check made payable to %CLF+(and Membership Form, if applicable) to:
CLF Symposium, P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078.

OR you may register with credit card online at: <ClaytonLibraryFriends.org>.

Any special needs? _____

Note: Walk-ins accepted if the maximum capacity has not been reached; no guarantee of a Syllabus.



Periodical subscription program for Clayton Library

Angels Still needed for 2015 subscriptions for Clayton Library

You can earn your “wings” by donating for one or more of the following periodicals requested by Clayton Library. Non-specific donations are always welcome. All donations to the Angel Program will be acknowledged in the CLF newsletter, unless otherwise requested. Memorial donations will be acknowledged upon request.

Please contact: Liz Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030, phone: (713) 944-1118, or e-mail: erootrot@usa.net for questions. Checks should be made payable to Clayton Library Friends, and mailed to: P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078.

2015 periodical subscriptions NOT yet renewed for 2015 for Clayton Library:

American-Canadian Genealogist (French Canadian & Acadian Genealogy) \$50

Central Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly \$30

Clarke County Hist. & Gen. Society Quarterly (Clarke Co., AL) \$30

Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly \$35

Illinois State Genealogical Soc. Quarterly \$30

Indiana Genealogist \$30

Kin Hunters (Sandusky, Ohio) \$17

Journal of the Afro-American Hist. & Genealogical Society \$45

Minnesota Genealogist (Minnesota Genealogical Society) \$35

Montgomery Genealogical Society Quarterly (AL) \$25

Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly (Kansas) \$35

Donations made to the Angel program since the last newsletter:

Wallace Wally and Norma Davenport (who have earned their wings several times over).
Donation for *Houston History*, *Collin County Chronicles*, and *Mississippi River Routes*.

Clayton Library Friends is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization -- 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.

Acquisitions Committee --

This summer the Acquisitions Committee continues to be actively acquiring new materials for Clayton Library. We always get excited when we can purchase materials at a discount. Phyllis Selby, from Selby Publishing, is liquidating her publishing company, and is offering her remaining stock at 50% off. So, we were able to order over \$1,000 worth of books for the Library at a cost of only around \$500.

We are always glad to hear from our CLF members when they learn of new publications that their local genealogy societies have printed. Either leave the information in the CLF Acquisitions folder at the front desk at Clayton, or email me the information at lwdouth@aol.com.

Volunteers --

Microprint Desk Assistant Needed!

Do you like working with microfilm? Sure, we all do! Clayton Library is currently seeking a volunteer to provide customer service and basic research assistance at the Microprint Desk one Saturday per month. Training is provided for all desk duties, although a solid background in genealogical research is preferred. Desired skills include a willingness to work directly with customers/researchers, computer fluency including knowledge of and use of genealogical research databases and websites, and familiarity with microfilm readers and scanners.

Volunteers are requested to commit to one 4-hour Saturday desk shift per month. Currently available shifts include the **1st or 4th Saturday of the month, 11am – 3pm**. Substitutes are also needed and encouraged to apply.

If you would like more information about this volunteer opportunity, or if you have any other questions, please contact Steven Bychowski, Clayton Library Volunteer Coordinator, at 832-393-2600 or steven.bychowski@houston.tx.gov.

Thank you for your interest in volunteering!

Membership Committee --

We are pleased that Clayton Library Friends has added twelve more new and returning members since our May newsletter. Their names are on page two of this newsletter. When you see them, do welcome them to the organization. With the returning members, we're very glad you're back!

We hope you are enjoying your CLF newsletter, *The Clayton Advocate*, and learning about Clayton Library activities and what Clayton Library Friends is accomplishing at the library. In 2011 we started distributing the newsletter on-line in color, with some very favorable compliments. Those of you receiving a newsletter by mail, receive a black-ink-only copy that we print in our CLF office.

If you have friends that are interested in genealogy, bring them along to a meeting . and we'd hope that they enjoy it enough to join our group.

THE CLAYTON ADVOCATE deadline for the November issue is October 19, 2015.

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

CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS NEWSLETTER STAFF

Editor – Pat Palmer Metcalfe plpm@ix.netcom.com

Editorial Assistance -- Norma Davenport

Donated Funds Purchase New Technology –

Clayton Library Friends has donated funds which were used for the purchase of two new ScanPro3000 units for Clayton Library. These units are easy to use. These microfilm scanner/reader/printers are intuitive units that will not only scan to flash drives but will also print. They are icon driven and offer crisp and clear scans. The units come equipped with adjustment tools with capabilities of lightening and darkening images, spot sharpening, magnifying, and other enhancements. CLF purchased two units -- one is available for use in the main research library on the second floor and the second unit is available to use at the Clayton House. Next time you come to the Clayton Library, ask the friendly and capable staff to help you check out the latest, newest available technology. Stay tuned for more good news on the new technology for the libraryqfront !!!

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A Few Genealogy Notes -- Non-CLF Related –

Last fall, the DAR Library in Washington, D.C. dropped their entrance fee. They wanted to encourage usage by more people who were sometimes deterred by having to pay a fee to use the library.
credit goes to Eric Grundset

The U.S. National Archives has opened an **Innovation Hub** on the first floor of the National Archives building in Washington, D.C. One section is a citizen scanning room where researchers can scan the National Archivesq records with state-of-the-art equipment at no cost as long as they also contribute a copy of their digital scans for inclusion in the National Archivesqonline catalog. Thus the National Archives gets pieces of its holdings digitized at no additional expense beyond creating and stocking the Innovation Hub. (Paying someone to digitize documents normally is quite expensive.)
credit goes to Dick Eastman

Do be sure to ALSO support a genealogy society that is related to an area where your family lived. During the last few years most genealogy groups seem to be subject to decreasing membership . some more than others. Over the years, a number of groups will comment on the lack of volunteers to keep the group active, then they announce their publication (newsletter, quarterly, etc.) will decrease in size and then be discontinued, and not too long after, there will be an announcement that ~~their~~ organization is no longer active.q This announcement came this week from the West Central Kentucky Family Research Association.

All genealogy groups can contribute so much to increasing the information that is available, and in providing the resources that help people document their family history. If the documented information is easily available, perhaps there would be less ~~copying~~qand ~~accepting~~qof undocumented family trees.

CLF Editor\$ opinion

In Memoriam

Judge Howard Robert Kaufman, father of Susan Kaufman (Clayton Library Manager), passed away 29 May 2015. He was an enthusiastic member and donor to Clayton Library Friends. Through volunteering and mentoring youth, and sharing his wisdom, humor, and his zest for life, he left a mark on all he encountered.

*We are sorry to learn of the death of **Joseph Harris Huggins** on 18 May, 2015.*



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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Clayton Center Carriage House

Saturday – 22 August, 2015
CLF Symposium
10am – 3pm
Asia Society Texas Center

Saturday -- 14 November, 2015
Annual Meeting,
Election of Executive Board,
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