

THE Clayton Advocate

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I begin my final letter before the holiday season, I have the same thoughts of gratitude for another year of working with a wonderful and talented board to serve our world class Clayton Library. I personally thank Pat Metcalfe who has been my trusted advisor and Elani Hantel, the hostess with the mostest!

We have had great programs and have added greater visibility to Clayton Library. Our pop-up exhibit is eye-catching at many meetings. Special thanks go to the exceptional Randy Pace and Sue Yerby and Sue Kaufman for Genealogy Roadshow!

Every board member has done their job so well and has my thanks. This has also been a challenging year with my time, but our members have continued to support all of the work and utilized the facilities, new technology, and material that CLF supports.

You will read about all of the great activities in this newsletter and on Fidel's website. Continue to expect an even better year as we elect a new board at the November meeting.

The best is yet to come in the 30th year of CLF (1987-2017)!

Gratefully and thankfully,

Les Fullerton,
President, Clayton Library Friends

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clayton Library Friends, Inc.

Statement of Activities

July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016

Revenue

Unrestricted Contributions	\$ 1,537
Temporarily Restricted Contributions	577
Membership Dues	550
Seminar Ticket Sales	6,360

Total Revenue \$ 9,024

Expenditures

Current Programs	\$ 16,258
Administrative & General	1,422

Total Expenditures \$ 17,680

Net Operating Revenue -\$ 8,656

Statement of Financial Position

As of September 30, 2016

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Bank Account	\$ 187,747
Fixed Assets	32,691
Total Other Assets	1,116,921
(Investments, of which \$826,907 is the Permanently-restricted Endowment Fund)	

Total Assets \$1,337,359

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Total Liabilities	\$ -0-
Equity	\$ 1,337,359

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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 eleven new and returning members who have joined CLF since our last newsletter.

Robby Alsbrooks, Andre Beaugh, Patricia Blair, Mary Lambert, Diana Loyd, Carolyn Maxey, David & Margaret McCollough, Cynthia Robbins, Pauline Swerdlin, and Kathy Tatmon.

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

Special Donations

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

**Irene D Beaugh,
LaNell LaRue Jackson,
Mary S Maxfield, and
Robert Lee Mullins**

In Honor Of:

**Sally Patterson, and
Mrs Joe Reynolds.**

If you work for, or are retired from, an organization that has a matching gift program we welcome your participation.

When donations are made to the CLF Angel Program, they are acknowledged in the *Angel* reports in the CLF newsletter.

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

Mark Your Calendar -- And Join Us

Saturday, November 12, 2016, 10:15 am – 12:00 noon
Carriage House Meeting Room at the Clayton Library Center

Clayton Library Friends of Houston, Texas, invites everyone to their Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 12, 2016 for a presentation, *Genealogy in Your Jammies, Part 2: Updates*, by Sue Yerby. Sign-in begins at 10:15 am (coffee provided). A very short business meeting and the program will begin promptly at 10:30 am. Members and visitors alike are welcome to attend this free presentation.

Genealogy in Your Jammies, Part 2: Updates



Sue Yerby, Professional Genealogist and Family History Consultant, has led numerous classes and seminars for the various organizations she has belonged to over the years. She will be addressing changes to FamilySearch.org since her last presentation to CLF in February 2015. Much has happened to improve this free site for researchers. These improvements will be explained so that FamilySearch will become a more user-friendly site for beginning and advanced researchers.

Sue has been working on her own family genealogy for over 40 years. She is someone who gives graciously of her time to encourage others. Sue is a member of the DAR, a former board member for the Texas State Genealogical Society, and a member of the National and Texas Association of Professional Genealogists. She currently serves as Clayton Library Friends Program Chair and has brought a great deal of collaboration and creativity to her job. She definitely "thinks outside the box" in her efforts to educate others on genealogy.

Sue is one of our bright and shining stars.

We welcome everyone to attend this program which is free and open to the public for anyone interested in genealogy.



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Also, mark your calendar for all of our 2017 meetings –

February 11, May 13, August 12, November 11

The second Saturday of the month in the Clayton Carriage House.

From the Library --

November 2016 -- Calendar of Events

Quickstart #2 –

Saturday, November 5, 2016 -- 2pm – 4pm

Join us for an introduction to the databases HeritageQuest and Fold3. This program will cover navigating the home page of these sources, and includes some tips and tricks for effective research. Presented by a Clayton Library staff member, reservations are required . 832-393-2600.

Tracing Your Native American Bloodline

Saturday, November 12, 2016 – 1:30pm – 3 pm

Learn how to trace your Native American ancestor with guest speaker Crystal Dowdell. She will cover available tools and records, how to locate Tribal Headquarters for all Native-American tribes, and how to obtain vital statistics records. Examples will be given from a case study in finding a Cherokee ancestor. Reservations are required . 832-393-2600.

Clayton Library Orientation

Saturday, November 19, 2016 – 2pm – 4pm

In Clayton Library's monthly orientation we cover the process of research and discovery in the beginning steps of a family history project. Following this brief introduction, we examine the resources available at the Clayton Library and the organization of these resources, as well as how to plan an effective visit to the Library. No reservations required.

Learn about the happenings and special presentations at Clayton Library by subscribing to the FREE Clayton Library electronic newsletters . *Clayton Town Crier*, and *Clayton Extra*. To sign up for these genealogy newsletters, visit www.houstonlibrary.org > Learn & Explore > Readers' Link > Newsletters for All Interests > second paragraph > sign up for +

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Library Hours:

Tuesday. 10 am . 6 pm

Wednesday -- 10 am -- 8 pm

Thursday. 10 am . 6 pm

Friday . 10 am . 5 pm

Saturday -- 10 am . 5 pm

(Closed on Sunday and Monday)

Clayton House Hours:

Tuesday thru Saturday -- 10 am . 4 pm

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BE AN ANGEL

Angel Donors Are Needed for 2017 Periodical 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 include acknowledgement information with your donation.)

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.

Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine \$15
American-Canadian Genealogical Society (French Canadian & Acadian Genealogy) \$50
Annals of Wyoming (Wyoming State Hist. Soc.) \$45
Argyll Colony Plus (North Carolina Scottish Heritage Society) \$30
Arkansas Family Historian (Arkansas Genealogical Society) \$25
Carolina Herald and Newsletter (South Carolina) \$8
Carolinas Genealogical Society Quarterly \$18
Central Georgia Genealogical Soc Quarterly \$30
Ceske Stopy (Texas Czech Genealogical Soc) \$20
Chicago Genealogist \$25
Chronicles of Oklahoma (Oklahoma Historical Society) \$35
Clarke County Hist. & Gen. Society Quarterly (Alabama) \$30
Collin County Chronicles (Texas) \$25
Connecticut Ancestry \$35
Der Blumenbaum (German Genealogy) \$30
Families (Ontario Genealogical Soc-Canada) \$100
Family History Capers (Washtenaw County, Michigan) \$10
Family Tree Magazine (United Kingdom) \$120
Flint Genealogical Society Quarterly (Michigan) \$20
Genie (ARK-LA-TEX Genealogical Assn.) \$20
Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly \$35
Goingsnake Messenger (Goingsnake District Heritage Assn.-Oklahoma) \$15
Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly \$35
Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly \$35

Indiana Genealogist (Indiana Genealogical Soc) \$30
Internet Genealogy \$32.95 (2 yr subscription \$54)
Irish Roots \$37
Journal of the Afro-American Hist. & Genealogical Society \$45
Journal (German-Texan Heritage Society) \$40
Kith 'N Kin (Sandusky, Ohio) \$12
Licking Lantern (Licking County, Ohio) \$17
Lifelines (Northern NY-American-Canadian) \$35
Maine Genealogist (Maine Genealogical Soc.) \$25
MASSOG & Past Times (Massachusetts) \$25
Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History \$25
Minnesota Genealogist (Minnesota Genealogical Society) \$35
Montgomery Genealogical Society Quarterly (Alabama) \$25
Navarro Leaves and Branches (Texas) \$15
Old Newberry (Newberry County, So Carolina) \$20
Rhode Island Roots \$15
Rodziny (Polish Genealogical Soc. of America) \$30
South Dakota Genealogical Society Quarterly \$23
St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly (Missouri) \$40
Tap Roots (East Alabama Genealogical Soc.) \$25
The Times (Central North Carolina-several counties) \$20
Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly and News & Views (Kansas) \$55
Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter \$30

Those who have earned their "wings" since the last newsletter:

Barbara J Richards, renewal of *Vermont Genealogy*, in memory of Elizabeth Barrell Richards from Hartland, Vermont.

Thank you Angels for your support of Clayton Library!

SLATE OF NOMINEES

Election of 2017 CLF Executive Board members

Annual Meeting on November 12, 2016

Clayton Library Friends members elected to the Executive Board at the Annual Meeting will assume office on January 1, 2017. The term of office for all Board members (except the Treasurer) is two years. They may be re-elected to that position for one consecutive term, and are limited to serving on the Board to six consecutive years. Thus the CLF Bylaws ensures that more members will have the opportunity to participate in the direction of the organization.

Sue Yerby -- President



Sue Yerby's all-consuming hobby, and often her obsession, is genealogy. She has been doing her own family research for forty years. Her background as a legal assistant helped to sharpen her research skills. In 1999 she decided to take additional classes and become a Professional Genealogist, so she would have something to do, if she ever retired. Sue enjoys working for clients, but more importantly she loves to teach others how to do their own family history research. For over thirty years Sue has been a Family History Consultant for two different LDS Family History Centers. She has taught continuing education classes in genealogy as well as developing and orchestrating several full day genealogy workshops. She has served on the CLF Board as Director/Grants and Endowments and Director/Programs.

Pat Metcalfe – 1st Vice President/Membership



Pat Metcalfe served as CLF president in 1998 and 1999, and in several other CLF board positions. She was a proof-reader for the *CLF Newsletter* and *The Clayton Advocate* for ten years, and is currently the editor of *The Clayton Advocate* -- a position that is now appointed by the President (with approval of the Board). She is also a former editor of the *HGF Newsletter* and the HGF quarterly *The Genealogical Record*. Having retired from three professions (college teacher, counselor, and small business owner) Pat now has the time to be even more deeply involved in genealogy. Pat has just completed a term as 1st Vice President/Membership, and is eligible for re-election to that position.

Loren Martin – 2nd Vice President/Ways and Means



Loren Martin grew up in Kansas City, Missouri. He and his wife Mary are both graduates of the University of Missouri and have lived in the Houston area for nearly 40 years, currently in League City. They have been members of the Clayton Library Friends for almost 30 years, and are charter members of the Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS). Within BAGS, Loren has served as President, First Vice President, Treasurer, and various committee roles. He and Mary are very committed to genealogy research and have traveled to many distant libraries, courthouses, and state archives to uncover information regarding their New England, middle colonies, and Midwest ancestors. Loren has just completed a term as 2nd Vice President/Ways and Means, and is eligible for re-election to that position.

Barbara J Richards -- Secretary



Barbara grew up in Concord, New Hampshire, and has New England ancestors dating back to the 1600s, including the Mayflower. She moved to Houston in 1977 where she was employed by the UT/MD Anderson Cancer Center . working as Manager of Patient Business Services and trainer in the Patient Access Department. Barbara obtained a Certificate in Genealogy Research from Boston University, On-line Class Five. She has been active with the Houston Genealogical Forum as 1st Vice President/Programs, Webmaster, and Editorial Committee. She has written several articles for *The Genealogical Record* and has attended many genealogical seminars. She is an experienced genealogist and has been a volunteer at the Clayton House Welcome Desk since 2013. Barbara is also on the Board of the Braeburn Valley Homeowners Association.

Amanda Cowan – Treasurer



Amanda Cowan is a native Texan. Her father was a driller, so they moved when the rig moved. She attended multiple schools until her Dad became a District Superintendent in Fisher County. She received one of the first scholarships given to children of employees from her dad's employer, Texas Pacific Oil Company. She earned a BBA in Accounting from Texas Tech, and a Master of Liberal Arts from Houston Baptist University. Amanda is a Certified Public Accountant, and has worked in several fields including oil, electronics, steel, and public accounting. She was an international Vice President for Otto Wolff Steel Company. Amanda is active with several lineage societies and, until recently, was State Treasurer for the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Nick Cimino – Director/Volunteers and Hospitality



Nick Cimino is a Professional Genealogist researching in North America, Italy, UK, and Ireland. A native of California, he retired from the state of California as a facilities manager in 2010, and has moved to Texas. A Vice President of the Lone Star Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), he has a passion for genealogy that he expresses through consultations, presentations, and his weekly blog: AncestorPuzzles.com. Nick would like to help implement volunteer opportunities in conjunction with Clayton staff to develop a core team of volunteer leaders for volunteer projects such as group indexing, microprint desk, special event docents, and data entry. He is especially interested in developing interest and volunteers for programming and speaking.

Elani Hantel – Director/Programs



Elani Hantel was born in East Texas and raised in Dallas. She graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in Marine Biology. Elani retired from Schlumberger Limited, after 11 years as Worldwide Environmental Manager. Her position included the preparation of presentations and curricula for environmental management, as well as world travel auditing facilities and dealing with government agencies. She is the person responsible for developing the Clayton Library exhibit that CLF has used to promote our library at various conferences. Her genealogy research is concentrated in the southern United States. Elani served CLF for three years as Director/Volunteers and Hospitality, and would like to continue on the Board as Director/Programs.

Slate of Nominees (continued)

Fidel G Ramirez – Director/Social Media & Technology



Fidel G Ramirez grew up in the Rio Grande Valley of south Texas. He moved to Houston to attend the University of Houston where he graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems degree and a minor in Spanish. He is a Microsoft Certified Professional, and has skills in the areas of web and social networking, networking, and working with many computer platforms. He has supervised and trained IT personnel, and managed IT projects. His interest in genealogy began early in life as a teenager. This curiosity was brought about by his parents' ability to remember the names of extended family members from great-grand-aunts to third cousins twice removed. He has taught classes in the use of technology in the aid of genealogical research. Fidel has just completed a term as Director/Social Media & Technology, and is eligible for re-election to that position.

CLF Executive Board members whose elected terms continue thru 2017

Director/Acquisitions
John Dorroh

Director/Correspondence
Mary L Martin

Volunteer Projects at Clayton Library –

Volunteers at Clayton Library have recently embarked on a new project to index the Harris County marriage license microfilm for the years 1931-1947. This period of years represents records that are not currently covered by any online indexing (Ancestry.com and Familysearch.org have indexes for 1837-1931, while the Harris County Clerk's website has an index for 1947 to present). Ten volunteers are currently going roll-by-roll, record-by-record through the microfilm collection to create a single, comprehensive index for this entire period.

Information being indexed from the records includes the names of the bride and groom, their ages, and the date of the marriage license. Once the index is complete, library patrons will be able to use it to quickly and easily find Harris County marriage licenses from this time period.

If you are interested in joining the volunteer effort to help index these records, please contact Steven Bychowski (Clayton Library Volunteer Coordinator) at steven.bychowski@houstontx.gov for more information on how to get started. Thanks!

Steven Bychowski
Clayton Library Volunteer Coordinator

CLF purchases Yizkor books --

Yizkor (memorial) books, mainly in Hebrew or Yiddish, were written after the Holocaust as memorials to Jewish communities destroyed in the Holocaust. They were usually put together by survivors from those communities (landsmanshaftn - mutual aid society, benefit society, or hometown society of Jewish immigrants from the same European town or region) and contain descriptions and histories of the community, biographies of prominent people, lists of people who perished, etc. They are often embellished with photos, maps, and other memorabilia.

Yizkor books can be valuable to anyone wanting to learn about Jewish life and culture in the communities that vanished in the Holocaust. Yizkor books are valuable to genealogists, since the books may include biographies or photographs of relatives, or may include family members in a list of people who perished. These books also give important background information about the history and Jewish life in a particular community.

Seven of the Yizkor books were recently purchased .

- (1) Memorial Book of the Jewish Community of Buczacz, Galicia
- (2) Dubossary Memorial Book
- (3) Memorial Book of the Jewish Community of Yurburg, Lithuania
- (4) Preserving Our Litvak Heritage (two volumes)
- (5) Protecting Our Litvak Heritage
- (6) Memorial Book of Podhajce, Ukraine

Thanks to John Dorroh and Max Heffler for the above information.

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Houston History Alliance meets at Clayton --

Organized by Dr. Debbie Z Harwell, managing editor of *Houston History*, the Houston History Alliance gathered at the Clayton Carriage House on September 14th to debut their latest magazine, *Houston History - Summer Sampler*, and to introduce the authors of the magazine articles. One of the articles, *Clayton House: Profile of a Home and the Family who Built It*, was written by Alex Colvin. Randy Pace, CLF Executive Board/Public Relations, wrote an "update" to the magazine article. You may view and read the article at: <https://houstonhistorymagazine.org/digital-issue/clayton-house-profile-of-a-home-and-the-family-who-built-it>



Author, Alex Colvin and CLF member, Barbara Richards

During the event, tours of the historic Clayton House were offered and attendees toured the home with volunteer docent, Barbara Richards, and Sue Kaufman, Manager of Clayton Library. It was a very enjoyable evening and attendees loved seeing the historic Clayton House and learning about the house as well as the Clayton family.

Randy Pace has been working with the Houston History Alliance since April. The Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research and Clayton Library Friends are now "community partners" with the Alliance. To view a list of the community partners, including local libraries, archives, and other organizations, as well as sources for research, please go to:

<https://www.houstonhistoryalliance.org/houston-research-resources>

For additional information about the history of Clayton House, which has been designated as a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark, as well as a Protected Landmark of the City of Houston, please go to:

https://www.houstontx.gov/planning/HistoricPres/landmarks/09PL78_Clayton_5300_Caroline.pdf

Clayton Family is showcased during Houston History Alliance Symposium

Clayton Library Friends, a community partner of the Houston History Alliance, was a participant in their Pop-Up Museum exhibit program during their 6th Annual Symposium. The event, entitled "The History of Houston's Musical Soul," was held on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at Match Theatre, 3400 Main Street, Houston, Texas. Clayton Library Friends had two tables and a wall display to showcase the Clayton family and their historic home, the Clayton house, built in 1917, which was deeded by the Clayton family to the City of Houston in 1966 for the sole purpose to be used as a genealogical library.



There is a wonderful "museum" collection of photos and archives on display in the foyer of the Clayton House. Several years ago Steven Bychowski, a Clayton Library staff member, had the idea to display photos and other memorabilia about William Lockhart Clayton and his family, and worked with Susan Garwood, their great-granddaughter, to assemble the collection. She is a member of Clayton Library Friends and a generous supporter of the Friends and Clayton Library. Part of that display was used in the pop-up exhibit for the recent event. Susan Garwood even brought "personal" items of Will and Susan (Vaughan) Clayton which were displayed in a table top museum case on loan from Greg Matthews.

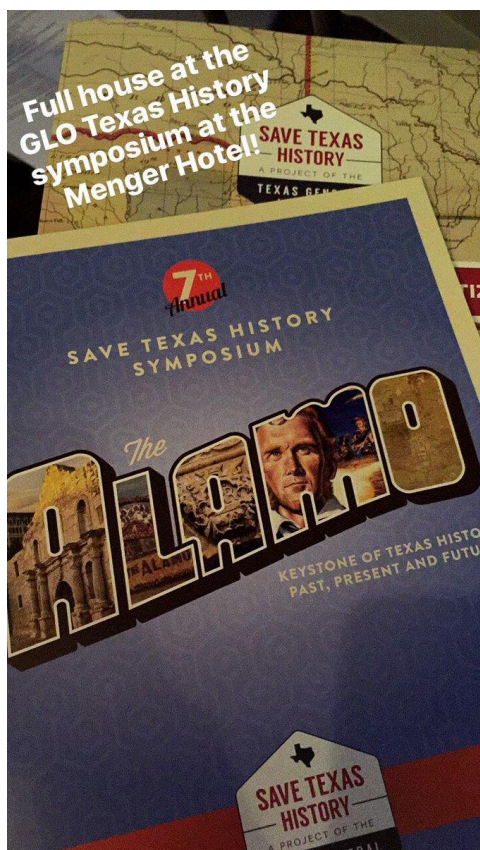
To make the event more "fun," Susan Garwood dressed in the period attire of her great-grandmother and Randy Pace donned attire to compliment Susan's costume. Barbara Richards helped install the display and was on hand with Susan Kaufman, manager of Clayton Library, to greet visitors, tell them about the Clayton family, and promote Clayton Library and Clayton Library Friends.

The theme of the event was music, so Susan Kaufman brought recordings of Cole Porter music to entertain visitors. To promote the importance and significance of the Clayton family, Randy Pace donated a book for a door prize entitled, "Will Clayton - A Short Biography" written by Ellen Clayton Garwood, Susan's grandmother. The winner of the drawing was Thomas McWhorter, a Board member of Houston History Alliance!

It was a fun event and well received by the enthusiastic, music-loving crowd.



Clayton Library Friends, Sponsor for the Save Texas History Symposium



Clayton Library Friends (CLF) was a Silver Sponsor at the 7th Annual Texas General Land Office's "Save Texas History Symposium" in San Antonio, Texas on Saturday, September 17, 2016. Created in 2004, the *Save Texas History* program is a statewide initiative to rally public support and private funding for the preservation and promotion of Texas history. The event was held at the historic Menger Hotel on the Alamo Plaza. The program was entitled, *The Alamo: Keystone of Texas History - Past, Present and Future.* The program consisted of many Texas historians speaking about the history and significance of the Alamo as well as work that is happening today and planned for the future.

CLF had a table at the event to promote the Friends and Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. Volunteer and CLF member, Liz Hicks attended the seminar and "manned" our table with information and brochures promoting us and the library. Thanks, Liz!

Recognized during the opening comments, Clayton Library Friends was also listed in the Save Texas History Symposium program and on event signage, promotional messages, and on the savetexashistory.org website. CLF was also listed as a sponsor in weekly emails promoting different speakers. About 300 people attended the symposium representing major Texas historical groups and institutions. The Alamo always generates interest as it is known nationally and internationally. Currently, the Alamo Foundation, City of San Antonio, and the State of Texas are forming a master plan for the Alamo site and, when implemented, will result in even more awareness and visitation to San Antonio as well as Texas!

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In Memoriam

Virginia Lee Simms Toney, known as Ginny, died August 12th. She served on the Ad Hoc committee to start the Clayton Library Friends, which then led to serving as President and other jobs with the CLF. Ginny was an avid supporter of the library, and the originator of the *Book for Every County* project.

Bettye Estelle Moore Green, a charter member of Clayton Library Friends, aged 88, died August 22nd. She was an avid genealogist, researching lines to patriotic lineages.

Editor's note: Both obituaries request that, in lieu of usual remembrances, memorial contributions be made to the Clayton Library Friends.

THE CLAYTON ADVOCATE deadline for the February 2017 issue is January 23, 2017.

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

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The Clayton Library Exhibit has been traveling –



National: In early September we took the exhibit to the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Annual Conference in Springfield, Illinois for three days. Our booth was very well-received. The backdrop was complimented by everyone who walked by. Our full-page color ad was on the inside front cover of the daily program and looked outstanding.

Joy Oria, Clayton librarian, and Sue Kaufman, Clayton Manager, were great to have in the booth. Although Sue was busy with many of her other duties with FGS, she spent a lot of time in the booth. Joy is a very friendly, always smiling person who was answering a lot of different questions about the collection, and was definitely an asset for us.

John Dorroh, CLF Director/Acquisitions, was busy purchasing new titles for Clayton. He spent over \$4,000 of the CLF acquisitions budget on new books . including about sixty hard-bound county histories. One lunch-hour he and Sue Kaufman visited a used book store near the convention center and found ten great out-of-print titles for Clayton.

We had handouts for both Clayton Library and Clayton Library Friends, and a glass bowl of chocolate candies. Pat Metcalfe also brought several boxes of the ~~Donated Duplicate~~ books to sell, and found that this was excellent bait to get people to stay at the table longer, while we extolled the virtues of Clayton library.

This is the first time that we have done something like this on a national scale. The purpose of the booth and of the ad was to make more people aware of Clayton Library, and we definitely succeeded!

Local: On Saturday October 15th we took the Clayton Library exhibit and handouts to the 60th Anniversary celebration of Westbury . a 5,000+ home subdivision in southwest Houston. Again, we enjoyed telling folks there about our wonderful library, and explaining that Clayton was one of the top genealogy libraries in the nation and that its collections were national and international. Several people had the mistaken notion that since Clayton was a branch of the Houston Public Library you had to be looking for Houston or Texas residents to successfully use Clayton. Again, as we packed up the display we felt like it was an afternoon well spent.

State: We have just returned from three days in the Exhibit Hall at the Texas State Genealogical Society (TSGS) in Dallas. Again, armed with the exhibit, handouts, chocolates, and ~~donated duplicate~~ sale books, we told people how wonderful Clayton was, and had many of them promising to come visit. In addition, we sold 85 of our duplicates. People stood at the booth checking book indexes for their ancestors' names, and talking about their research. We are looking forward to seeing some of them at Clayton in the near future. And . next October the TSGS conference will be in Houston.

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2017 Membership Drive starts November 1st –

It's time to start thinking about next year, and paying your membership dues for the coming year. Membership forms are on the CLF website . www.claytonlibraryfriends.org Download a copy and send it with your check to our PO Box. You may also pay on-line using Paypal . information also on our website. Your dues and extra donations will be most welcome as we support and promote Clayton Library. Thank you!!