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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2017!!

This will be an exciting year for Clayton Library Friends. We have two big events this year. The Clayton House celebrates its 100th birthday, and Clayton Library Friends is celebrating 30 years of support for Clayton Library. Please be sure to stay tuned in+so you will know how we plan to celebrate these two great milestones.

The Texas State Genealogy Society will be meeting in Houston this year and we will be involved as one of the lead support societies for this fall event. We will need all the volunteers we can get to make Houston and CLF look like the best partners they can ever imagine.

As your new President, I want to introduce myself to any of you who may not know me. I have been a member of the Friends for many years and have enjoyed it more each year. It seems that the more involved I become with the organization, the more I see additional needs that could be filled for the library. I became a Board member as Director of Grants and Endowments. The Board positions were revamped and I moved to Director of Programs in 2015. I will now have the pleasure of serving you as President for the next two years.

I have some fun and interesting new initiatives I want to propose in the upcoming two years to enhance and improve our service to Clayton Library and to you as members. If you have any wonderful ideas for the Friends please let's talk about them. All members are invited to the CLF Board meetings and, with a submitted request, you can address the Board. Our next Board Meeting will be on April 28, 2017 at 10:00am in the Clayton House (upstairs). Please come and see what we are doing on your behalf.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clayton Library Friends, Inc.

Statement of Activities

October 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

Revenue

Unrestricted Contributions	\$ 1,392
Temporarily Restricted Contributions	4,080
Membership Dues	1,020
Seminar Ticket Sales	205
Other Income	755

Total Revenue **\$ 7,452**

Expenditures

Current Programs	\$ 22,478
Administrative & General	2,048

Total Expenditures **\$ 24,526**

Net Operating Revenue **-\$ 17,074**

Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2016

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Bank Account	\$ 167,397
Other Current Assets (Prepaid Expense)	2,008
Fixed Assets	33,191
Total Other Assets	1,129,265
(Investments, of which \$826,907 is the permanently Restricted Endowment)	

Total Assets **\$1,331,861**

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Total Liabilities (credit card)	\$ 1,178
Equity	\$ 1,333,039

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY **\$ 1,331,861**

Resa Nichols Hennings, Treasurer

President's Message –

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In case you are not aware, CLF performs many functions for Clayton Library such as volunteers for the desk at Clayton House, shelving books, indexing record collections, and various special projects. In the last few years CLF has purchased two new reader/copiers for microfilm and microfiche as well as the new photo duplicator (upstairs in the copier room). We have assisted Clayton Library with several events that they have sponsored, like the reception for the Allen brother statues that were later installed in downtown Houston at the city hall.

Thank you for your membership in Clayton Library Friends. Let this be the year that you expand that membership into something even larger.

Sue Yerby
President

New/Returning Members

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

**Timothy Acker,
Pearl Valentine Becht,
Trudi Coston Becht,
Jerry and Martha Dove,
Frank & Patricia Hosinski,
Kelli King-Jackson,
Dutch Keen,
Shirley Renfrow,
Cathy Todd, and
Hope Villarreal-Acker.**

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.

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, February 11, 2017, 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 General Meeting on Saturday, February 11, 2017 for a presentation, *Genealogy Tips & Tricks: Creatively Finding Your Ancestors*, by Irene Walters. Sign-in begins at 10:15 am (coffee provided). The program will begin promptly at 10:30 am. Members and visitors alike are welcome to attend this free presentation.

Genealogy Tips & Tricks: Creatively Finding Your Ancestors



Irene Walters has a secret bag filled with tips and tricks

and will share this information with us.

You may know names, dates, and places where ancestors lived

but still need more information.

In this talk, you will learn various tips and tricks for

searching around known family information

to unlock the unknown.

Irene Walters, is one of the Yankee Librarians at Clayton Library. She is originally from New York State and has her Master of Library Science degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Irene came to Clayton in September 1997 and is currently the liaison between Clayton and the Houston Public Library cataloging department. She started her own genealogy research as a teenager.

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Also mark your calendar for:

CLF meetings on May 13, August 12, and November 11 in the Clayton Carriage House,

Clayton Library presentations – February and March schedules are on page 9, 10, and 11.

Manager's Message



Hello Everyone, and Happy New Year!

Already time is flying, and it just goes faster every year. As I write this, I am in Salt Lake City at the Institute for Genealogical Research in the *Using Social History for Genealogy* course. We are learning about sources beyond the names, dates, and places of our research, creating the stories of our ancestors and our lives. I would like to thank the Clayton Library Friends for financially supporting the continuing education of the Clayton Library staff. This allows not only me, but other staff members, to bring back knowledge to our customers and to you in the form of presentations and ideas for materials. I look forward to developing presentations for you in the coming year from information learned during this week in Salt Lake.

Continuing education is not only important for those of us that provide customer service from behind the reference desk, it is important to further your research ability too. To that mission, I would like to mention that there are many, many FREE webinars available to view. The Illinois State Genealogical Society, the National Archives, and many other societies and organizations offer fuzzy slipper educational opportunities. Don't forget about the *Get help* button at www.familysearch.org and utilize the *Learning center* of offerings of online courses, help, and more to learn, learn, learn. Try a Google search for *free genealogy webinars* to discover more.

Special Note: The Texas State Genealogical Society is holding its annual conference right here in Houston 20-22 Oct 2017!!! The conference is being held at the Omni West Hotel at Eldridge and I10. Although you can't attend (or you might get a few looks) in your jammies and fuzzy slippers, the Clayton Library Friends are going to play an instrumental role in support of this conference. I invite you to visit www.txsgs.org for more information, and watch for emails and the Clayton Library Friends website for calls for support help. I am very excited to be the 2017 conference chair and to bring this conference to Houston.

As always, thank you for your support to the Library and Friends. See you at the Library!

Kind Regards,
Sue Kaufman
Manager, Clayton Library

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* +

THE CLAYTON ADVOCATE deadline for the May 2017 issue is April 24, 2017.

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

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

Editorial Assistants – Lesley Douthwaite, Jack Metcalfe, Barbara Richards



BE AN ANGEL

Angel Donors Are Needed for 2017 Periodical Subscriptions

There are still some 2017 periodicals subscriptions that have not been renewed for Clayton Library. You can earn your wings+by donating for one or more of the following periodicals. Non-specific donations are always welcome. 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. Please write %Angel+on your check.

Periodicals needing an "Angel"

American-Canadian Genealogical Society pub \$50
Annals of Wyoming (Wyoming State Hist. Soc.) \$45
Carolina Herald and Newsletter (South Carolina) \$8
Carolinas Genealogical Society Quarterly \$18
Chicago Genealogist \$25
Clarke County Hist. & Gen. Society Quarterly
(Clarke County, Alabama) \$30
Der Blumenbaum (German Genealogy) \$30
Families (Ontario Genealogical Soc.-Canada) \$100
Flint Genealogical Society Quarterly (Michigan) \$20

Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly \$35
Indiana Genealogist \$30
Journal of the Afro-American Hist. & Gen. Soc. \$45
Journal (German-Texan Heritage Society) \$40
Leaves and Branches (Navarro County, Texas) \$15
Lifelines (Northern NY-American-Canadian) \$35
Maine Genealogist \$25
Mississippi River Routes (Vicksburg Gen. Soc.) \$25
St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly \$40
Wisconsin State Genealogical Soc. Newsletter \$30

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

Tom Coughlin - renewal of *MASOG* and *Past Times* (Massachusetts Society of Genealogists) in memory of his great-grandfather, Dennis J. Lonergan.

Betty H. Dunquez - renewal of *Chronicles of Oklahoma* (Oklahoma Historical Society) in memory of Raymond %Ray+Dunquez.

Glenda Hayes -- renewal of *Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History*, *Old Newberry* (Newberry County, South Carolina), and *Tap Roots* (East Alabama Genealogical Society).

Jackie Leinert Huckabay -- renewal of *Le Raconteur* (Le Comite des Archives de la Louisiane) and *Les Voyageurs* (German-Acadian Coast Hist. & Gen. Society) in honor of Mr. Winston DeVille.

Marjorie Lowe -- renewal of the *Goingsnake Messenger* (Oklahoma), published by the Goingsnake District Heritage Association.

Rosemary P. Mullin -- renewal of *Arkansas Family Historian* in memory of Tommie Sue Mullin.

Cynthia Millis -- renewal of *Minnesota Genealogist* and the *South Dakota Genealogical Society Quarterly* in memory of Marcid J. Johnson Stanley Millis.

Barbara Padgitt -- renewal of *Collin County Chronicles* (Texas); and renewal of *Kin Hunters* (Sandusky, Ohio).

Jen Sansbury -- renewal of the *Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine* in honor of George and Virginia Byrd Sansbury; and the *Minnesota Genealogist* in honor of Warren and Joyce Walker Tinseth.

Linda and Carlos Vega -- renewal of *Family Tree Magazine* (United Kingdom), and *Irish Roots* in honor of the Wheat and Turner families.

Thank you Angels for your support of Clayton Library!

Thank you 2016 Volunteers!!

Volunteers continue to be the lifeblood of the library in so many important ways. I sometimes get to see the inner workings of the CLF Board when I get copied on their emails, and it is always encouraging to see their creative ideas and attention to detail in bringing acquisitions, programming, and publicity to our library. Similarly, the volunteers who help out as shelvers or desk assistants or indexers are always very communicative in offering suggestions that can improve the service we provide at the library on a daily basis.

Equally important to all of this is the positive attitude and enthusiasm that everyone brings to their individual tasks. It is my privilege to work alongside such dedicated and caring people. As we begin a new year, I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge all those who have volunteered their time in 2016:

Mary Alvarez
Virginia Blalock
Sharline Boykin
Nick Cimino
Louisa Collett
Lynda Collins
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Tom Coughlin
Amanda Cowan
Norma Davenport
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Lana Sullivan
Marilyn Weaver
Sandy Wilbourn
Sue Yerby
JoyceZongrone

In appreciation to all of you, and to anyone not mentioned who works quietly behind the scenes to improve our library: **THANK YOU!**

Steven Bychowski
Clayton Library Volunteer Coordinator

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Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon January 30, 2017



2016 Contributions and Donations

We wish to acknowledge and express our appreciation to the following individuals and organizations who, during the calendar year of 2016, have generously made financial gifts to Clayton Library Friendsq ongoing goal of enriching the resources and facilities of Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research.q

Contributor (\$1 - \$49)	\$1,755. 'Contributor' total
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Donor (\$50 - \$99) \$2,485. 'Donor' total

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Total Contributions for 2016 --\$20,287.24

Special Donations –

The following special donations were made to Clayton Library thru Clayton Library Friends since our November 2016 newsletter.

In Memory Of:

**Barbara Lee Babbit
Cynthia Anne Farlow Crigler
Andrea Hanhausen
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In Honor Of:

**Jamie Crump Davis
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**Fidel Ramirez
Sue Yerby**

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

Donations made to the CLF Angel Program are acknowledged in the *Angel* reports on page 5.

Evening Reception with Guest Speaker Ari Wilkins

Friday, February 24, 2017 – 6:30pm – 8:30pm

join us at the

African American Library and Archives
Gregory School, 1300 Victor St, Houston, TX 77019

(See page 10 of this newsletter for information on her Saturday, February 25th presentations at Clayton.)

CLAYTON LIBRARY CENTER FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

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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

CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

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From the Library --

February 2017 -- Calendar of Events

Hispanic Genealogy Research Help

Saturday, February 4, 2017 – 12pm – 2pm

Need help finding your Hispanic family roots? Members of the Hispanic Genealogical Society of Houston will be available for consultation and research help to guide you on the path to finding those roots. No reservations required.

DNA and the African-American Experience

Saturday, February 11, 2017 -- 2pm – 3:30pm

Have you taken a DNA test but find the results confusing? Or are you considering taking one and don't know what to expect? Join Clayton Library staff member Franklin Smith for an introductory presentation covering test providers, types of DNA tests, and how to analyze test results. Learn to navigate provider sites and discover the benefits of GEDmatch.com. Gain tips and strategies for overcoming DNA challenges facing African-Americans. For Beginners. Reservations required, please call 832-393-2600. Adults/Teens.

Clayton Library Orientation

Saturday, February 18, 2017 – 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 their organization, as well as how to plan an effective visit to the Library. No reservations required. Adults/Teens.

Celebrating African-American History Month

Saturday, February 25, 2017 – 10:30am – 3:45pm

Join us at Clayton Library for a day of research sources and methods celebrating African American heritage. Reservations required, please call 832-393-2600. Adults/Teens.



Presented by Ari Wilkins from Dallas, Texas

Apprentice Records for Free People of Color 10:30am – 11:30am

Explore apprentice records, laws, and circumstances surrounding free children of color. Learn how to find, use, and analyze these documents.

Using Southern Ante Bellum Plantation Records 11:45am – 12:45pm

Learn about the value of these records, how they are organized, and how to search this major collection.

Brown Bag Lunch Break – 12:45pm – 1:30pm

Mining the Slave Narratives: A Genealogical Goldmine – 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Slave Narratives are not just a rich historical resource but a genealogical goldmine of family history. Staff member Franklin Smith covers tips and strategies, including DNA research, for mining the precious gems of information these documents might contain about your ancestors and their communities.

African-American Resources at HPL's Houston Metropolitan Research Center and the African-American Library at the Gregory School – 2:45pm – 3:45pm

This presentation will highlight the types of records found in archival collections for African-American research that are housed at our sister Special Collection units.

March 2017 -- Calendar of Events

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Saturday, March 4, 2017 – 12pm – 2pm

Need help finding your Hispanic family roots? Members of the Hispanic Genealogical Society of Houston will be available for consultation and research help to guide you on the path to finding those roots. No reservations required.

Clayton Library Lecture Series -- featuring guest speaker Kelvin Meyers

Saturday, March 11, 2017 – 10:30am – 2:30pm



Join us for guest speaker Kelvin Meyers, forensic genealogist and author. After being employed for ten years in the Genealogy department of the Dallas Public Library, Mr Meyers now has a solo practice as a forensic genealogist serving clients that include probate attorneys, trust departments of banks, the U S Immigration Service, and energy companies. Reservations required, please call 832-393-2600. Adults/Teens.

Who cares Who Their Neighbors Were? You Do! That's Who! 10:30am -- 11:30am

Your ancestors did not live solitary lives. They lived, loved, hated, sued, and died all within a particular group of people. Examining this cluster of people may be the only way to get to your ancestors and the questions concerning them.

The Hand That Rocked the Cradle Could Rule the World – 11:45am – 12:45pm

Half of the people on your pedigree chart are female, and may be the most difficult to identify. With a basic knowledge of sources created about and by women, and how to locate these sources, finding the females in your family may not be so hard after all.

Brown Bag Lunch Break – 12:45pm – 1:30pm

Probate: More Than a Will – 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Most persons in the U.S. who lived to adulthood left some type of an estate to be administered. The records of probate can be some of the most fruitful records for genealogists. Wills, distributions, administrations, and inventories are all vital parts of the probate process and full of genealogical information.

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Membership –

A couple of weeks ago, did your mailman bring you a reminder to renew your 2017 CLF membership dues? If not, and you were a member in 2016, you have already paid your 2017 dues. Your dues and donations are the life-line that Clayton Library Friends uses to help keep the Clayton Library rated among the top genealogy libraries in the nation. Using membership dues and donations, the CLF Acquisitions Committee purchased 912 books for the library. Our support of the library is multi-faceted.

I do enjoy finding our CLF PO box full of membership renewals. You can also pay by Paypal if you prefer to use a credit card. I will be e-mailing reminders in a couple of weeks. I am hoping that the list of procrastinators will be short . because you really will want to stay on our list to be notified of upcoming events. This year is the 100th anniversary of the Clayton House, and our Clayton Library Friends 30th anniversary . so we plan on having some special events.

On the Road Again –

The Clayton Library booth in the exhibit halls at conventions last year (FGS in Springfield, Illinois, TxSGS in Dallas, and several other gatherings) was a fun way to introduce people to our wonderful facility. So far we have 2017 plans to represent Clayton Library with exhibit booths at the Texas State Historical Association (March 2-4, Hyatt Regency in Houston), NGS (May 10-13, Raleigh, NC), FGS (Aug 30-Sept 2, Pittsburgh), and of course TxSGS here in Houston October 20-22. Will you be attending any of these events? Would you be willing to help man the booth for an hour or two? If so, contact John Dorroh at jodorroh@usa.net. Having several people in the booth at the same time makes it possible for longer conversations with individual visitors. Thank you in advance!!

Coming Soon –

Soon Clayton Library Friends will have a solution for those patrons who get to Clayton library and realize that they have forgotten to bring their flash-drive. We have ordered a supply of flash-drives that will be available for purchase at the library Information Desk -- \$5 each . essentially an at-cost price. We are expecting the order to be delivered near the end of February.



Our Clayton House holiday decorating 'crew'

Outgoing President, Les Fullerton, drew the task of putting batteries in the candles for the windows. The House always looks so pretty with its decorations.

