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NEWSLETTER OF THE CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We hope that you were able to make it through the recent Houston flooding with minimal damage. Houston is a wonderful place to live until we get a national disaster. The good news is that Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research suffered only minor damage. We are back up to speed already. The Houston Public Library decided to take this opportunity to adjust the hours of all the libraries to make them a little more uniform. This resulted in our evening hours changing from Wednesday to Thursday. If you are planning a visit soon, please check the schedule to be sure the library is open.

The Friends assisted with the October Genealogy After Dark again. We had great refreshments, and people were there to help with research problems. The best part of the event is the day of educational programs that are presented. There are libraries all over the state who come together electronically to provide us with great opportunities to learn how to march ahead with our personal research.

We will also be decorating the Clayton House for the holiday season soon after Thanksgiving. If you have not had the opportunity to see the Clayton library buildings decorated, come over to the House+after we have put up the decorations. You have really missed a great holiday experience.

Please join us for the Annual Meeting of the Clayton Library Friends on Saturday, November 11th. We will have a great speaker as well as a brief business meeting to elect our officers for next year.

There are some exciting things scheduled to happen next year at Clayton. Please continue to join us for meetings, events, and programs so you will be up to date on all the things you can learn, and become involved at Clayton Library and with the Friends.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clayton Library Friends, Inc.

Statement of Activities January 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017

Revenue

Unrestricted Contributions Temporarily Restricted Contributions Membership Dues Other Income	\$ 13,290 4,852 5,510 112
Total Revenue	\$ 23,764
Expenditures Current Programs Administrative & General Total Expenditures	37,274 13,260 50,534
Net Operating Revenue (Loss)	\$ -26,770

Statement of Financial Position As of September 30, 2017

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ASSETS

Current Assets Bank Account Other Current Assets (Prepaid	\$ 144,755 Expense) 2,008
Fixed Assets	21,243
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Thomas F Coughlin, Treasurer

New/Returning Members

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

Susan Graul, Celeste Lueck, Malcolm McCorquodale.

Weore glad that youore discovered (or rediscovered) Clayton Library Friends and hope that youor also join our group of volunteers that provides support to the Clayton Library in so many ways.

Special Donations

The following special donations were made to Clayton Library thru Clayton Library Friends since our August 2017 newsletter:

In Memory of:

Bette Barcus Carpenter, Phyllis Joy Dyer, Susie Sandlin Gay, Loren Martin.

<u>A Gentle Reminder –</u>

If you change your contact information (address, phone numbers, email address, etc) PLEASE let us know!!

Our last emails to the membership . the August CLF newsletter, and the announcement of the reopening of Clayton Library after Hurricane Harvey . did not reach 15 of our members because they had changed their email addresses.

Thank you.

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 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 Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 11, 2017 for a presentation on the Cuban Papers by Mary Anthony Startz. 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.



The Cuban Papers An Overview to Researching this Treasure of Spanish Colonial Documents from the 16th, 17th, and Early 18th Centuries

by Mary Anthony Startz

Many genealogists are not familiar with the Cuban Papers. If your ancestor was an early English Loyalist or American immigrant into the Spanish Colonies prior to 1821, you will want to look for them in a resource called the Cuban Papers!! In this presentation, Mary Anthony Startz will review the resource guides to delve into these reels of microfilm. Want to find out how the Spanish government activities helped the American colonists in their war of independence? Startz will discuss the variety of documents within the Cuban Papers, a collection housed at our own Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research.

For more Cuban Papers information, please go to: http://www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton/cuban.html

Mary "Anthony" Startz is a native of Pensacola, Florida. She has lived in Houston for more than thirty years. As an active member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), she is currently serving as a National Vice Chair for the Units Overseas Committee and is on the board of Lady Washington Chapter, NSDAR for a fifth term. She is also Texas State Chairman for the Spanish Task Force as well as twice past National Vice Chairman, Lady Washington Chapter, NSDAR. Anthony is a member of the Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez where she works to promote the history of Spainos role in the American Revolution. She is also a board member of this organization serving as National Secretary and Secretary/Treasurer of the Houston chapter.

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Also mark your calendar for:

CLF 2018 General Meetings in the Clayton Carriage House: February 10, May 12, August 11, and November 10.

<u>Manager's Message</u>



Serving on the Board --

Hello everyone -- it c election time again for the Clayton Library Friends. I would like to thank the current Board and all those nominated for serving or going to serve in positions that make a difference to us employed at the library, and to the genealogical community who uses the Clayton Library.

Many of us have served on plenty of Boards, in plenty of positions. Yes, it is a commitment of time and effort. That effort often goes without accolade. Serving

on a Board is an intrinsic reward, knowing that you are participating in something that is near and dear to your heart, something you believe in.

The CLF Board and all the members of the Friends are very important in the day-to-day activity of the Library. There are plenty of examples of how many times the CLF Board has given willingly to provide service and support: providing funds for library materials and equipment, volunteering for public service desks in the Clayton House and Main Library, providing support for special events such as Genealogy After Dark, promoting the Library through the CLF webpage, and much more.

These activities could not occur if it were not for the CLF Board. These positions include committees that help implement these activities. So, even if you dond sit around the table on the Board, you can be involved in projects and activities of the Clayton Library Friends. Stop by at a meeting and talk to one of the Board members and see how you can get involved. And if you are so inclined, add your name to become a board member. It is very important that new people become involved. New people bring new ideas, give the Friends and the Library new energy, and of course have a great time while participating in something you hold near and dear to your heart . family history and the Clayton Library.

Thank you all for your membership in the Clayton Library Friends and the support you already give the Friends and the Library.

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 > Find It > Readercs Link > Welcome > Newsletters for All Interests > Neighborhood Library News > enter your contact information and select %PL Collections: Clayton-I.

 THE CLAYTON ADVOCATE deadline for the February 2018 issue is January 24, 2018.

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

 CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS NEWSLETTER STAFF

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<u> A Clayton Library Treasure – The Cuban Papers</u>

By Anthony Startz

continued from August, 2017

Navigating 100 reels of microfilm can appear extremely daunting. However, it is possible. Here are a few examples of how to find information on an ancestor from the eastern seaboard of the United States that migrated south and/or west during the Spanish Colonial period. As a brief review, the British held North-West Florida at the end of the French and Indian War. Many British subjects migrated to this area which included Natchez, Baton Rouge, and Mobile. British West Florida included Alabama, Mississippi, and went all the way to the Mississippi River. During the first three quarters of the eighteenth century, there were very few Anglo-Saxons living in the lower Mississippi Valley. This fact was radically changed during and after the American Revolution. The Loyalists came first seeking protection; the new Americans arrived next seeking land and fortune. ¹

Using Roscoe Hillos index to the collection, you will find many documents that provide clues to these settlers. There are four censuses for Baton Rouge. These can be found under the subject Baton Rougeqin the index. The first two censuses are for the years 1782 and 1786 and they are in Legajo 192. The 1795 census is in Legajo 34, and the 1805 census is in Legajo 142. These documents have been previously published in several Louisiana periodicals. Seeing the original documents, in this case in French, and how readable they are is worth the time.

Scrolling through Legajo 2361 earlier this year, I came across a list of American and Irish immigrations to Natchez in 1788. They include arrivals from Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Cumberland, the Choctaw Nation, and Connecticut. I was very excited about this list and in a recent conversation with Winston De Ville, I mentioned finding it. Winston replied that he had previously published this. I went looking and found it in a March 1967 issue of the *Louisiana Genealogical Register*. That is more than 50 years ago! Winston said that his method of searching through the reels was much the same as I am doing now. He would scroll through a reel until he saw a date or name that caught his eye, and then stop and look. Winston said there are still many items that need to be retrieved. A list of De Villec Cuban Papers retrievals is in his *An Annotated Bibliography of Genealogical & Other Writings, 1959 to 2012.* I found that a list of British settlers in three sites on the Mobile River was not among them. These were settlers in May 1780 that declared their neutrality after Galvez captured Mobile. It was found in Legajo 2359.

One of the most interesting letters found dating from 1790, was from a James Morrison of Virginia, writing to Governor Estevan Miro in New Orleans. Mr. Morrison was working on a survey of an area of salt springs along the Rio Rouge. Morrison asked Governor Miro for an exclusive right to mine salt and develop a salt works. As soon as Mr. Morrison completed the survey he planned to return to Virginia and within six monthsqtime return with his family. This can be found in Legajo 121. An internet search for James Morrison revealed a great deal about his business activities along the Mississippi River. The Missouri History Museum holds a collection of Morrison family papers which includes information on the Salt Trade established by James Morrison and his brother Jesse. In about 1804 the brothers leased land near Franklin, Missouri and began producing salt in partnership with brothers Daniel Morgan Boone and Nathan Boone. At this time, the brothers were living in the Saint Charles, Missouri area.²

As these examples demonstrate, the informal title of this collection of microfilm, ±he Cuban Papersq does little to reveal the variety of historical contents held within.

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¹ *Migrants to Natchez* – 1788 Winston De Ville, *Louisiana Genealogical Register* Vol. IV, No. 2 March 1967 ² *The World of Hannah Chribbs Evans* Gregory Hancks, copyright 2012-2014, https://chribbs.wordpress.com

<u>A Clayton Library Treasure – The Cuban Papers</u>

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Pictured above is the list of arrivals at Natchez for December 21, 1788 signed by Carlos de Grand Pre, Commandant at Natchez. Notice the spelling of ±de la Nacion Chactaq Kontukyqand Pennsilvaniaqas a reflection on the slight variations of surnames that may occur in the document. As De Ville noted in his 1967 article, ±The researcher should remember that the scrivener was a Frenchman, commanding a Spanish post, trying to write Anglo-Saxon names.¹

¹ *Migrants to Natchez* – 1788 Winston De Ville, *Louisiana Genealogical Register* Vol. XIV, No. 2 March 1967

Proposed Changes to the CLF Bylaws –

In 2012, five years ago, the Clayton Library Friends membership voted to approve an updated version of their Bylaws. The three-member Bylaws Committee had addressed a number of areas that needed to be updated since the last revision many years ago. In 2014 the CLF Executive Board recommended a couple of additional changes and these were passed by the membership at the August 2014 CLF General meeting. Since then, a few more Bylaws adjustments have been recommended, and approved, by the CLF Executive Board.

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

Article VI, Section 6.3 – Executive Board:

The Board proposes to delete the requirement that voting members be % present in person+ at Board meetings. With today technology, the CLF Board has the technology to let members with time conflicts ± attendqBoard meetings via electronic means.

Article VII – Officers and Directors:

Section 7.1:

Change last portion to read: No officer shall serve more than two consecutive full terms in any one position except Treasurer. Delete *No* officer shall serve more than six consecutive years on the Executive Board.q This deletion is similar to the following change.

Section 7.2:

Delete <u>No</u> director shall serve more than two consecutive full terms, as a director, or more than six consecutive years on the Executive Board.q This would make it possible to retain enthusiastic Board members with particular skills suited for their Board positions . i.e. computer/website skills, acquisitions.

It will be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to maintain the flow of Board members and to make recommendations for replacements when necessary.

Article VIII, Section 8.1 – Duties of Officers and Directors:

Delete sentence I he President shall only cast a vote at Board meetings to break a tie.q This is in conflict with **Article VI**, **Section 6.2 – Executive Board** that states I he Board shall consist of eleven voting members: five officers and six directors.q

Also, the following minor ±housekeepingqadjustments need to be made:

Article VI, Section 6.1. change the last two words from ±he Bylaws.qto ±hese documents.q
Article VII, Section 7.3. line 2 -- change punctuation of ±board. Exceptingõ qto ±board, exceptingõ q
and punctuation of ±President inõ qto ±President. Inõ q
Article VIII Section 8.1. 3rd to last line. delete ±Vebmasterq. itcs now a Board position
Article VIII Section 8.2. line 3. change ±hisqto ±nq. to read ±n the event of an inability to act.q
Article IX, Section 9.1. delete ±acilities and Grounds (ending Jan 1, 2016). Directorq
Article IX, Section 9.4. delete ±Vebmasterq. itcs now a Board position

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BE AN ANGEL

Angel Donors are Needed for 2018 Periodical Subscriptions for Clayton Library

The following list is of remaining Angel subscriptions needing ‰ngel+donors for Clayton Library. You can earn your ‰ings+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.

Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine \$15 American-Canadian Genealogist, \$50 Annals of Wyoming (WY State Historical Soc.) \$45 Argyll Colony Plus (NC Scottish Heritage Soc) \$30 Arkansas Family Historian (AR Geneal. Soc) \$25 Carolina Herald and Newsletter (South Carolina) \$8 Carolinas Genealogical Society Quarterly \$18 Central Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly \$30 Chicago Genealogist \$25 Chronicles of Oklahoma (OK Historical Society) \$35 Clarke County Hist. & Gen. Soc. Quarterly (AL) \$30 Collin County Chronicles (Collin County, TX) \$25 Families (Ontario Genealogical Soc.-Canada) \$100 Franklin County Genealogical Soc. Quarterly(TX)\$20 Genie (ARK-LA-TEX) Genealogical Association \$20 Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly \$35 Goingsnake Messenger (Oklahoma) \$15 Illinois State Genealogical Society \$35 Indiana Genealogist \$30 Internet Genealogy \$32.95 Journal of the Afro-American Hist. & Gen. Soc. \$45

Journal (German-Texan Heritage Society) \$40 Kin Hunters (Sandusky, Ohio) \$17 Leaves and Branches (Navarro County, TX Genealogical Society) \$15 Les Voyageurs (German-Acadian Coast Hist. & Gen. Society) \$15 Licking Lantern (Licking County, Ohio) \$14 Lifelines (Northern NY-American-Canadian) \$35 Maine Genealogist \$25 MASSOG & Past Times (Massachusetts) \$25 Minnesota Genealogist (Minnesota Gen Soc.) \$35 Mississippi River Routes (Vicksburg Gen Soc) \$25 Montgomery Genealogical Soc. Quarterly (AL) \$25 Old Newberry (Newberry County, So. Carolina) \$20 Shelby County (AL) Historical Society Quarterly \$20 South Dakota Genealogical Society Quarterly \$23 St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly (MO) \$40 The Times (Central No Carolina/multi-counties) \$20 Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly (KS) \$55 Wisconsin State Genealogical Society \$30

Those who have earned their "wings" since the last CLF Newsletter are:

Norma and Wally Davenport -- donation to the Angel program

Kenneth R. Nelson -- Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly.

Mary Parent -- Arkansas Family Historian (Arkansas Genealogical Society); The Family Tree (United Kingdom) Barbara J. Richards -- Vermont Genealogy in memory of Elizabeth Barrill Richards

Joyce B. Rivette -- Le Reconteur (Louisiana); Irish Roots.

Sondra Stevenson Rothe -- *Rodziny* (Polish Genealogical Society of America) in memory of Jozef and Aniela Bielec Franiak.

Thank you Angels for your support of Clayton Library!

SLATE OF NOMINEES Election of 2018 CLF Executive Board members Annual Meeting on November 11, 2017

Clayton Library Friends members elected to the Executive Board at the Annual Meeting will assume office on January 1, 2018. The term of office for Board members (except the Treasurer) is two years.



Tom is a native of Worcester, Massachusetts. He is the recipient of a BS in Technology from the University of Houston and an Honorary Bachelor of Technology, for lifetime achievement, Wentworth Institute of Technology. Tom has been a volunteer at the Clayton Library since 2010 and has contributed over 800 hours of volunteer service. Tom volunteers at the Clayton House on Saturday mornings, and also shelves books at Clayton Library. He is a member of numerous genealogical and lineage societies including many leadership positions with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He was presented the Houston Public Library Most Dedicated Volunteer Award+in 2017. Tom was appointed to serve as Treasurer by the CLF Board in 2017 and now must be elected to this position.

Tom Coughlin -- Treasurer



Glenda Hayes – Director (Correspondence)

Glenda is a retired history teacher with a BA from Stephen F Austin State University, and a MA in History from the University of Texas at Arlington. She has been researching her family for 35 years and is a long-time member of the Clayton Library Friends. She volunteers at the Clayton House on Tuesdays, and is an Angelq sponsor for three periodicals. She served on the CLF Nominating Committee in 2015. Glenda is currently a member of the Houston Genealogical Forum (Corresponding Secretary 2015-16, Recording Secretary 2016-17), Texas State Genealogical Society (Nominating Committee 2015), the National Genealogical Society, East Texas Genealogical Society, Van Zandt County Genealogical Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.



John Dorroh – Director (Acquisitions)

John, a native of Houston, attended William and Mary College in Williamsburg, Virginia, University of Houston, SMU, and Uppsala University in Sweden. He has been a long-time active member of Clayton Library Friends. John served as CLF President in 1995 and 1996, and has served in offices on the Board in 1994, and 1990-2000. He has been a very active participant on the CLF Acquisitions Committee and is currently completing one term as Director of Acquisitions . helping to increase the selection of genealogical reference books in the Clayton Library collection. The Nominations committee recommends that he be re-elected to this position for a second two-year term.

CLF Executive Board members whose elected terms continue thru 2018

President – Sue Yerby 1st Vice President – Pat Metcalfe Secretary – Barbara J Richards Director/Volunteers & Hospitality – Nick Cimino Director/ Programs – Elani Hantal Director/Social Media & Technology – Fidel G Ramirez

<u>Volunteers at Clayton Library</u> –

As 2017 draws to a close, we start to look ahead to new opportunities in the new year. Are you interested in getting involved with the Clayton Library in 2018? We are currently looking to recruit new volunteers to assist visitors at the Clayton House ±welcome deskqand at the 2nd floor ±nicroprint desk.q If you have a good background in genealogy research, enjoy working one-on-one with customers, and are open to staffing the desk one day a week for 2 or more hours, please contact me, Steven Bychowski (volunteer coordinator) at steven.bychowski@houstontx.gov. I would be happy to help you find a volunteer opportunity that would fit your schedule.

Also, please stay tuned for upcoming announcements about our annual Clayton Library Volunteer Luncheon, planned for January 2018. This fun social event is a great way to meet other volunteers and find out how you can become more involved with the library. The staff helps host this event in appreciation of the many ways that volunteers contribute their time and talents to making our library one of the best in the nation. There will be games, door prizes, good food, and great people. I hope we will see you there!

Here's wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a joyful holiday season!

Steven Bychowski Clayton Library Volunteer Coordinator

It's Time to Renew Your Membership for 2018 -

November 1st marks the start of our 2018 Clayton Library Friends membership drive. This year we have two ways for you to renew (or join). Go to our website, www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org, and youd find that the old, familiar paper membership form is still available. However, wedre also moved into the 21st centuryqand now have the capabilities for you to renew (or join) in our website. no paper to fill out, no postage to pay, etc. The next page of this newsletter, page 11, will walk you through the process. We hope that you will renew your membership while you have it on your mind. (If you paid your 2017 dues twice, I will send you an e-mail this week. That duplicate payment will have been applied to 2018.)

If you wish to make an additional donation to Clayton Library Friends, to be used for **%b**e enrichment of the resources and facilities+of Clayton Library, you may do so at the Donation portion of the website, or on the paper membership form when you renew your membership.

Thank you for your support of Clayton Library!

Clayton Library Friends Online Membership Renewal

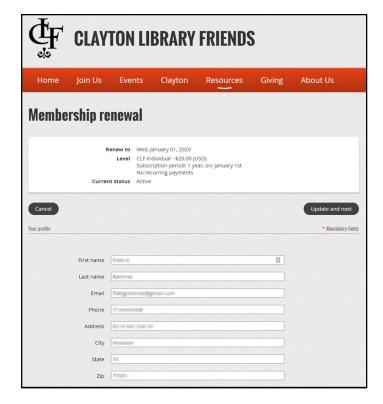
Visit www.claytonlibraryfriends.org and click on **Membership Renewal link** below the Welcome message.



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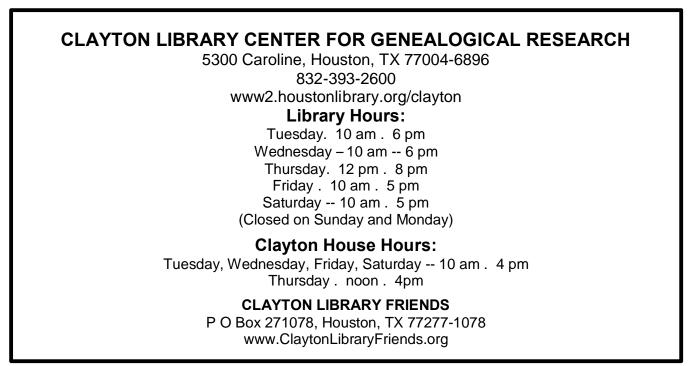
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On the Membership renewal page, please update your personal information (if necessary) and then click **Update and next** to pay online. CLF uses Paypal to process payments and accepts any major credit card.



From the Library --

The Houston Public Library has decided to standardize library hours throughout the system. The hours listed below are expected to be in effect at least until the end of November. We will try to keep you informed of any changes, but the Clayton Library phone number is listed below if you want to confirm the hours for your expected visit.



A New Research Convenience –

Have you searched for a digitized record at FamilySearch.org and received the notation that the information you wanted/needed was available . but you had to get it at a ‰amily History Center?+

Good news!! Clayton now has expanded abilities that will permit the viewing of most of those ±estrictedq documents. You can use the Clayton library computers, or you can use your own computer at Clayton connecting to the library wifi.

In Memoriam -

Sadly, since the last newsletter, we have lost two of our very special Clayton Library Friends members:

Loren Kemp Martin, was currently serving on our Clayton Library Friends Executive Board when he passed away August 19th. We greatly miss his calm, thoughtful, insight at the Board discussions. He was an avid genealogist, and also active with the Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS).

Milton G Gugenheim, passed away on September 14 at age 94. In addition to his membership in CLF, he was active in The Greater Houston Jewish Genealogical Society. Milton was a regular attendee at our CLF General Meetings.