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NEWSLETTER OF THE CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS Volume XXXII Number 4 November 2018



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have nearly finished another year of wonderful things at Clayton. We have been informed and educated by lectures and presentations by the library staff and invited speakers. We survived the after-effects of terrible weather events, and came out on the other side.

The Clayton Library Friends Board has been quietly going about doing the work you have charged us to do on your behalf. We have purchased hundreds of new books for the shelves of the library, represented Clayton Library at The National Genealogical Society Conference and the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference to inform and bring new patrons to our glorious library.

In July, the Board held a+ Strategic Planning Meeting+ to try and determine the direction we want to be moving forward with. There were Board members, Houston Public Library members, community members, as well as general members of CLF attending. We were looking for new and innovative ways to draw more attention to Clayton Library and for CLF to support those goals. A few of the items we identified were:

- More member involvement -- We want to get you more personally involved with the programs and events at Clayton Library. Iqn sure you all know that several of the stations at the library, the micro-print area and Clayton House, are manned by volunteers. We are always in need of new people to help with these areas.
- Increase membership -- As we are well aware, the average age
 of our membership keeps going up and there is nothing filling in
 at the bottom age ranges. Have you considered asking your
 children and grandchildren to attend our meetings and to help
 you with your genealogy research? Do you know of a youth
 group we could invite to the library to let them know of our
 facilities? Do you belong to a group that might need a speaker
 for one of their meetings so we can inform them of our vast
 holdings?

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clayton Library Friends, Inc.

Statement of Activities January 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018

Revenue Unrestricted Contributions 9,271 \$ **Temporarily Restricted Contributions** 2,455 Membership Dues 3,700 Other Income 52 **Total Revenue** \$ 15,478 **Expenditures Current Programs** \$ 48,622 Administrative & General 12,527 **Total Expenditures** \$ 61,149 Net Operating Revenue (Loss) (\$ 45,671)

Statement of Financial Position As of September 30, 2018

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Bank Account	\$ 97,800
Other Current Assets	1,593
Fixed Assets	14,605
Total Other Assets	1,238,523
(Investments, of which \$826,90	
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President's Message --

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- We want to partner, but not compete, with other Houston area genealogy societies to advertise their programs and keep the genealogy community informed of what is available for further educating us in our work. We want our webpage to be the %dearing house+for local information about all things genealogy.
- Beginning in 2019 we will be more involved with the activities of the library, such as a scheduled Beginners Class+for people who are just starting out, or who need to brush up on some of the old but forgotten methods for research. We will also be assisting with the monthly Orientation programs held by the library staff.
- We want **YOU** to be more involved and help us in these endeavors. We, the Board, can**q** do these things alone. Please let one of us know if you have any ideas or want to be part of the team to help with any of these things.

Sue Yerby, CLF President

CLF Editor's Apology –

This November issue of *The Clayton Advocate* is extremely past due. \pm if eqhas interfered with \pm he editorq getting it done . my inability to say \pm noqto people when they ask me for help in other matters. My resolution for 2019 is to return to meeting deadlines, and let someone else take on the extra projects. I used to be able to say \pm noq. I resolve to do it again.

Thus, I am in the midst of wrapping up the November 2018 issue, and completing the February 2019 issue. When you receive the announcement that this newsletter is available on the CLF website. it should be for both issues.

Thanks for your patience,

Pat Metcalfe, CLF Editor

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.

Clayton Library Friends General Meeting

Genetic Genealogy, Its Past, Present, and Future!!

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2018 Time: 10:30 am - Noon Place: Clayton Library Carriage House 5300 Caroline, Houston, Texas 77004



Speaker: Bennett Greenspan

Bennett Greenspan founded Family Tree DNA which was the first American company to offer genealogical DNA testing directly to the general public. He is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Family Tree DNA and he is also the managing partner of Family Tree DNAøs parent company, Gene by Gene. Mr. Greenspan is also the project

administrator of several surname DNA projects, and regularly lectures on the use of genetics in genealogy.

Founded in 2000, FamilyTreeDNA pioneered the field of genetic genealogyô the use of DNA testing to establish relationships between individuals and determine ancestry. As leaders in the industry, they provide advanced technology for users to gain further insight into their family historyô all with a simple swab of DNA. Over 2 million people have tested with FamilyTreeDNA, resulting in the most comprehensive DNA matching database in the industry.

Come early to sign-in at 10:15 am for free lecture and refreshments.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE FREE LECTURE

Manager's Message -



Sharing Stories...Making Memories...Creating a Family History

Who do you remember? Who will not be left when you are no longer here? How will you leave part of yourself along with your ancestors?

At the end of the year, we begin to reflect on how fast time is moving, how grown up the kids/grandkids are, and how much we did or didnot get done in the past 12 months. Many of us didnot even come close to accomplishing what was on our genealogy to-do list. It is important to discuss that genealogy to-do list. Does your list include writing your own story, putting together your documents, hovering over current family collections, people and places at a higher level making sure that

your generation does not get forgotten or, worse yet, ignored?

We dond want our families to say ‰e/she was really interested in family history, but they left nothing of themselves, only our ancestors.+ Of course leaving our ancestors is important to carry on the family history. However, our story is part of their story. I suggest to you that you begin to write YOUR story along with all the research on ancestor stories.

Where to begin? Well, just like historic family history research, break down your life into segments and create a %esearch plan+for telling about . high school, meeting your husband/wife/partner, growing up where you grew up, holidays celebrated, food loved/hated, summers, clothes, and much more.

To get things started to tell your story I can offer you some suggested prompts or ‰onversation starters.+ These simple ‰ell me about+requests are great for families to share, for individuals to ask, or for prompts when sitting around the table, taking a trip in the car, summer vacation on the beach....you get the idea. The take away is: Donq neglect US in our family history. We are important to the full family story, and our personal narrative will be the memories that live on.

Genealogy is names, dates and places. Family History is a part of our lives. Enjoy! Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

52 stories from your personal family history

https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/52stories/

The family dinner project

https://thefamilydinnerproject.org/conversation/conversation-starters/

10 family history conversation starters for the Holidays (or any day) https://www.familytreemagazine.com/premium/jan-2012-family-feast-feature/

As always, thank you for all your support and interest in the Library and in the Friends -

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 > Readeros Link > Welcome > Newsletters for All Interests > Neighborhood Library News > enter your contact information and select %PL Collections: Clayton+ and then £ign Up.c

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BE AN ANGEL

Angel Report and Donations Needed

These periodicals are ones Clayton Library wishes to receive on an ‰s published+basis, and that are in excess of their periodical budget. If you wish to earn your ‰ings+by donating for one or more of these periodicals, please contact: Liz Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030; phone: (713) 944-1118, or e-mail: erootrot@usa.net. All donations to the Angel Program will be acknowledged in the CLF Newsletter, unless otherwise requested. Memorial donations will be acknowledged upon request. Checks should be made payable to Clayton Library Friends, and mailed to P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078. Please write ‰ngel+on your check.

2019 Angel Subscriptions needing "Angels"

American-Canadian Genealogical Society \$50

Annals of Wyoming (Wyoming State Hist Soc) \$45

Argyll Colony Plus (NC Scottish Heritage Soc) \$30

Arkansas Family Historian (Arkansas Gen Soc) \$25

Carolina Herald and Newsletter (South Carolina) \$8

Carolinas Genealogical Society Quarterly \$18

Central Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly \$30

Ceske Stopy (Texas Czech Genealogical Society) \$25

Chicago Genealogist \$25

Chronicles of Oklahoma (Oklahoma Hist Soc) \$35

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

Collin County Chronicles (Collin County, TX) \$25

Connecticut Maple Leaf (French Canadian Genealogical Society) \$30

Families (Ontario Genealogical Soc-Canada) \$100

Family Tree Magazine (United Kingdom) \$100

Franklin County Genealogical Society Quarterly (Texas) \$20

Genie (ARK-LA-TEX) Genealogical Assn. \$20

Goingsnake Messenger (Goingsnake District Heritage Assn.-Oklahoma) \$15

Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly \$35

Illinois State Genealogical Society \$35

Indiana Genealogist \$30

Internet Genealogy \$32.95

Kin Hunters (Sandusky, Ohio) \$17

Journal (German-Texan Heritage Soc quarterly) \$40

Le Raconteur (Le Comite des Archives de la Louisiane) \$15

Les Voyageurs (German-Acadian Coast Hist. & Gen. Society) \$15

Leaves and Branches (Navarro County, TX Genealogical Society) \$15

Licking Lantern (Licking County, Ohio) \$14

Lifelines (Northern NY-American-Canadian) \$35

Maine Genealogist \$25

Montgomery Genealogical Society Quarterly (AL) \$25

Rhode Island Roots \$15

Rodziny (Polish Genealogical Soc of America) \$35

Shelby County (Alabama) Historical Society Quarterly \$20

South Dakota Genealogical Society Quarterly \$23

St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly (MO) \$40

Tap Roots (East Alabama Genealogical Society) \$25

The Times (Central North Carolina-several counties) \$20

Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly (KS) \$55

Vermont Genealogy \$25

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society \$30

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Angels

(Those who have earned their wings since the last newsletter)

Barbara Foots -- renewal of Journal of the Afro-American Hist. and Genealogical Society.

Janice Hall -- renewal of *Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy and History*, *Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine*, and *The Genealogist* (American Society of Genealogists).

Virginia E. Hancock -- renewal of the Chicago Genealogist.

Jennifer R. Sansbury -- renewal of *Minnesota Genealogist*, in honor of her maternal grandparents, Warren Dale Tinseth, Sr., and Joyce Carol Walker Tinseth; and the *Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly* in honor of her paternal grandparents, George Ivan Sansbury and Virginia Byrd Sansbury.

Karen S. Schubert -- renewal of Irish Roots.

Maureen Singleton -- renewal of the *Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter* in memory of Henry Jeremiah Murphy, and the Murphy, McGarry, and Leavy families.

J. A. Williams -- renewal of *Tap Roots* (East Alabama Genealogical Society), *Connecticut Ancestry*, and *Ceske Stopy* (Texas Czech Genealogical Society).

Membership Renewal Time ---

Itos time to renew your membership for 2019. Dues are still \$20 for a single membership, \$25 for two people at the same address. Go to our website, www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org and youd find the familiar paper membership form is still available. However, we also now have the capabilities for you to renew/join and pay on our website . no paper to fill out, no postage to pay, etc.

If you wish to make an additional donation to Clayton Library Friends, to be used for % be 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.

Please . if you change any of your contact information (address, phone numbers, email address, etc) . weap like to know.

Thank you for your support of Clayton Library!

Pat Metcalfe, CLF Membership Chair

THE CLAYTON ADVOCATE deadline for the February 2019 issue is January 25, 2019. We welcome any articles related to Clayton Library and/or its collections. CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS NEWSLETTER STAFF Editor – Pat Palmer Metcalfe plpm@ix.netcom.com Editorial Assistance – Norma Davenport, Lesley Douthwaite

SLATE OF NOMINEES Election of 2019 CLF Executive Board members Annual Meeting on November 10, 2018

Clayton Library Friends members elected to the Executive Board at the Annual Meeting will assume office on January 1, 2019. The term of office for Board members (except the Treasurer) is two years.



Sue Yerby – President

Sueqs all-consuming hobby, own family research and often her obsession, is genealogy. 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, Director/Programs, and currently is CLF President.



Lynda Collins – 1st Vice President/Membership

Lynda, a native Houstonian, started researching her family history over 20 years ago, and began visiting Clayton Genealogical Library in 1999. She has been a CLF volunteer at the Clayton House since 2015, and she recently moved to the Microprint Desk. In addition to being a long time CLF member, she is currently a member of Houston Genealogical Forum, Texas Genealogical Society, and the Jones County Mississippi Genealogical and Historical Organization. She is able to devote more time to CLF and her genealogy research since her retirement in 2012 from a long career in health care . most recently as Director of Case Management and Social Work at The Methodist Hospital. She holds a BA in Psychology from University of Houston and an MSSW from University of Texas at Austin. She has served on health care and social work boards at the local, state and national levels



Wade Mayberry – 2nd Vice President/Ways and Means

Wade Mayberry is a registered architect with a mastercs degree in facilities management. Wade is a fourth generation Hoosier on both sides of the family. For the past three years, he unsuccessfully searched for the origins of his great great grandparents, Joseph and Eliza Mayberry. Wade feeds the library cat on Sundays.



Barbara J Richards – Secretary

Barbara is presently the Secretary for Clayton Library Friends. From 2013-2017 she volunteered at the Clayton House Welcome Desk. Presently she volunteers two hours each Friday at the Microprint Desk at the Clayton Library. She has a certificate in genealogical research from Boston University and is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the New England Historic Genealogical Society. She enjoys helping family members and friends with their genealogical research.

SLATE OF NOMINEES -- continued



Fidel G Ramirez – Director (Social Media)

Fidel is an IT professional with the University of Houston. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Management Information Systems and a minor in Spanish. He currently serves on the Executive Board of the Clayton Library Friends as Director of Social Media and Technology. His interest in genealogy started early as a teenager and he has been researching his family history for over 20 years.

Randy Pace – Director (Public Relations)



Randy is a native of New Mexico with a history degree from Centenary College in Shreveport, and a PLT (Preservation Leadership Training) graduate, National Trust for Historic Preservation in San Antonio. He retired in May, 2011 after sixteen years as Historic Preservation Officer for the City of Houston. Prior to that, he was director of Preservation Programs for the Galveston Historical Commission. He is a preservation consultant, author, editor, and investor. He has been a juror for the Gold Brick awards, Greater Houston Preservation Alliance (1995-2001), Houston Heights Association (HHA) Community Improvement Awards (2002-2003), and he has restored many historic buildings and homes himself. Randy¢ hobbies include genealogy, antique postcard and photograph collecting, travel, reading, duplicate bridge, and research/writing.



Nick Cimino – Director (Programs)

Nick is a professional genealogist and blogger at www.ancestorpuzzles.com who writes stories about researching his own family, his clients and friends. His professional projects have included heir research for real estate developers, a biography of a mysterious 1940's cartoonist, a complete family tree for a children¢ book author, and a variety of presentations for genealogy societies. Nick currently serves on the CLF board as the Director for Volunteers and Hospitality. He is also the President of the Bay Area Genealogical Society and encourages you to visit their website at txbayareagen.org and join one of their activities which include speaker meetings, individualized workshops, and regular trips to the Clayton Library.

Elsa Schmieder – Director (Volunteers and Hospitality)



Elsa has found researching her and her husband families to be immensely rewarding. She has been avidly learning about genealogy and doing research since 2009. In 2011, she attended the FGS conference in Springfield, Illinois. Having joined Clayton Library Friends in 2010, she served one term on the Board as Director of Programs in 2013-2014. A native of Puerto Rico, Elsa graduated from Rice University and the University of Texas School of Law. Since 1995, she has worked for the U.S. District Court in Houston as a personal/legal assistant. Elsa and her husband enjoy traveling to National Parks, Civil War Battlefields, and other historic sites in the United States. Other interests include reading about current events and American history, Bible study, country western dance lessons, piano, watching the Astros, and figure skating.

CLF Executive Board members whose elected terms continue are: Tom Coughlin – Treasurer; John Dorroh – Director (Acquisitions); Glenda Hayes – Director (Correspondence)

<u>From the Library</u> –

January 2019 – Calendar of Events

From Shoeboxes to Clouds: Preserving Your Own Digital Archives Saturday, January 26, 2019 – 11am – 12pm

We create tons of digital files, and many of them arenq made for the long-term. But what about those that we do want to keep? How do we ensure they remain accessible over time? Join archivists from the Houston Metropolitan Research Center to learn about best practices for caring for your own personal digital archives. Reservations required. Please call 832-393-2600. Adults/Teens.

DAR Day

Saturday, January 26, 2019 – 10:30am – 4:30pm

Ever wonder how to join the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) or the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)? Join us on this special event day where representatives from both organizations will be at Clayton Library for consultation and research help in preparing lineage papers for submission to the DAR and SAR. As a special event, SAR representatives will be wearing Revolutionary War soldier uniforms. Bring the kids for photos! No reservations required. Adults/Teens.

February 2019 – Calendar of Events

African-American History Month Celebration

Saturday, February 2, 2019 – 10:30am – 3:30 pm

Clayton Library is pleased to welcome genealogist Sharon Gillins in celebration of African American History Month. A native of Galveston with ancestral roots in Louisiana and Texas, Sharon has been researching African American family history for over 25 years. She is a retired Associate Professor at Riverside City College and serves as a member of the adjunct faculty at The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research/ Georgia Genealogical Society in Athens, Georgia. Reservations required, please call 832-393-2600. Adults/Teens.

10:30am-11:30am – African Americans – Living Life in the Church: Researching African American Church Records

11:45am-12:45pm – The Hand and the Glove...Researching Ancestors in Wills, Land, and Property Records

12:45pm-1:45pm – Lunch Break

1:45pm-2:15pm – African American Resources at Clayton Library by Franklin Smith

2:30pm-3:30pm – Journey to Albania – My Slave Ancestral Home in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana

Clayton Library Orientation

Saturday, February 16, 2019 – 10:15am – 11:30am

In Clayton Librarys 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. Reservations required, please call 832-393-2600. Adults/Teens.

CLAYTON LIBRARY CENTER FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

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

Tuesday. 10 am . 6 pm Wednesday – 10 am -- 6 pm Thursday. 12 pm . 8 pm Friday . 10 am . 5 pm Saturday -- 10 am . 5 pm (Closed on Sunday and Monday)

Clayton House Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday -- 10 am . 2 pm Thursday . noon . 4pm

CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

P O Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078 www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org

<u>New/Returning</u> <u>Members</u> –

Clayton Library Friends extends a warm welcome to the following new and returning members who have joined/rejoined CLF since our last newsletter. We hope youd also join our group of volunteers that provides support to our library.

Maria Azios, Jessica Collins, June Dowdy, Amir & Candace Khan, Walker & Anita Ogden, Robert Olsen, and David Williams.

Special Donations --

The following special donations were made to Clayton Library thru Clayton Library Friends since our last 2018 newsletter.

In Honor Of:

Sue Kaufman

In Memory Of: Carl Swanson

In Memoriam -

Once again, we find ourselves mourning the loss of too many of our long-time genealogy friends and associates. Wade, Teana, and Carl were all loyal CLF members for over 20 years.

We have just recently learned of the passing of **Wade Callender** on April 15, 2018 at age 91. Born in Ohio, and a World War II veteran, he retired from Shell Oil Company in 1988 and became very involved in a variety of volunteer activities and hobbies. He was buried with military honors at Houston National Cemetery.

Constance Catherine 'Teana' Sechelski, peacefully passed away at her Houston home on August 23, 2018. Born in Houston in 1930, she was employed by Tenneco Oil Company for her entire career. Teana loved history, and her appreciation of her Polish heritage led her to become one of the co-founders of the Polish Genealogical Society of Texas. originally the Polish Genealogical Society of Houston.

Carl Alton Swanson, age 89, was born in Cadillac, Michigan. He was a successful Oil and Gas Exploration Geophysicist involved in the earliest exploration of the North Sea. He is survived by his wife Helen, and children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

We were saddened to learn of the death of **Dr Brian Trainor**, Emeritus Research Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation. He died peacefully at his home in Belfast on August 22, 2018. Many of you will remember when he and Fintan Mullan visited us and spoke to CLF several times. The latest was October 16, 2010. *Scots-Irish Genealogical Seminar*. CLF promoted their visit as *"The Irish Are Coming – Back."*

<u>CLF members have been busy</u> –

When Mary Anthony Startz attended the September 27-29th **Annual Texas State Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference** in San Antonio, she took the CLF Clayton Library exhibit. She reports:

‰had intended just to bring the 2 side panels, but inadvertently brought the big center one. It turned out to be the most impressive back-drop of the entire exhibit area. We appreciate being able to use it.+

Clayton Library**¢ Genealogy After Dark** on Friday, October 19th included a very successful Donated-Duplicate Book Sale on the 2nd floor of the Clayton House. We hope to make this an annual addition to the Genealogy After Dark program.

The Clayton Library Friends sponsored three tables in the Exhibit Hall at the **Texas State Genealogical Society** Annual Conference in San Antonio in early November. We filled three-fourths of the space with the Clayton Library Donated-Duplicate books, and found homes for more than half of what we brought. Look for us again in October 2019 when the TxSGS conference will be held in Houston.

Also at the TxSGS conference we were pleased to see our former CLF President (1994), Karen Stein Daniel, win 1st Place in the category of Books by a Professional/Family History.q Her book was titled, A German Immigrant Family in 19th century Texas: Johannes Gustav Grater, Christian Friedrich Grater, Gottlob Friedrich Grater, ancestors and Descendants. Karen generously donated her award check to CLF to purchase £eorgia materialsqin memory of her late husband, John Wayne Daniel, who passed away earlier this year.

Steven Bychowski (Clayton Library Volunteer Coordinator) reports that he had % preat volunteer response from the CLF membership for the **Duplicate-Books-Boxing-Project** at the Clayton House . which was completed quickly.+

