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President's Message



In the last newsletter I talked about the importance of a strong, dedicated Board and volunteers to the long-term success of CLF. It is time to begin the process of ensuring that Board continues its important work. This effort begins at the May 8 meeting by electing a Nominating Committee to develop a slate of candidates for

several board positions. The Board election occurs in November for service in 2022. When the Nominating Committee reaches out for Board candidates, I hope you will consider serving.

Part of a strong board is planning ahead, including succession planning for key positions. The board only has 11 members. Most of our more than 200 members never get the chance to participate at that level. However, several board positions have committees which provide support and opportunities to learn more about the responsibilities of that position. We want to encourage member participation by reinvigorating the use of those committees. Serving on a committee can be a way to get involved and give input.

You might not have the time to commit to serving on the Board, but would you be willing to serve on a committee? Because of Zoom, it's very easy to serve on a committee—even if you don't live in Houston.

Key areas seeking help from members right now are Nick Cimino, Director of Programs to support Genealogy Face2Face, and Randy Pace, Director of Publicity, to help develop our social media presence on Instagram and YouTube. Liz Hicks, who leads our Angels Program and handles periodical subscriptions for placement in Clayton Library, would love to find a member to help with this program.

In the near future we will be reaching out to you to provide more information about opportunities to serve on committees. Some of these
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**Join us via Zoom -- CLF General Meeting
10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 8th**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clayton Library Friends, Inc.

Statement of Activities

January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021

Income

Unrestricted Contributions	\$ 2,927
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 535
Membership Dues	1,070
Other Income	569

Total Revenue \$ 5,101

Expenses

Current Programs	\$ 10,361
Administrative & General	-239

Total Expenses \$ 10,122

Net Operating Income (Loss) \$ (5,021)

Other Income –

TD Ameritrade Investment Account

Interest & Dividends Income	\$ 7,411
Unrealized Gains	\$ 100,841

Other Expenses \$ - 3,242

Net Other Income \$ 105,101

Net Income \$ 99,989

Statement of Financial Position

As of March 31, 2021

Assets

Current Assets

Bank Account	\$ 74,813
Fixed Assets	\$ 1,359
Total Other Assets	\$ 1,397,141

(Investments, of which \$828,004 is the permanently restricted Endowment)

Total Assets \$ 1,473,313

Liabilities and Equity

Total Liabilities (VISA card)	\$ 2,663
Equity	\$ 1,470,650

Total Liabilities and Equity \$ 1,473,313

Resa Nichols Hennings, Treasurer

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positions are needed now while others will be needed next year. To be clear, you don't need to be nominated for or elected to a committee, you just have to be a CLF member and willing to volunteer.

We also plan to send a survey asking about your interests for guidance in the future direction of CLF, giving you the opportunity to tell us about your skills and expertise that would benefit the organization

I hope you will join in supporting Clayton Library through service to Clayton Library Friends.

Lynda Collins, President

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

Note: Statement of Activities will now include Other Income and Other Expenses from our TD Ameritrade (TDA) investment account (based on the Endowment) managed by Goodman Financial Corporation. Goodman's quarterly fee is shown as Other Expenses. The Other Income-TDA is not to be confused with Other Income, above, which falls under **Income**. That income is from the sale of duplicate books, flash-drives, etc. The TDA inclusion will result in a **Net Income** figure (below), beyond just (the above) **Net Operating Income (Loss)**:

Donated-Duplicate Book Sale –

Books donated to Clayton Library that the library already owns or does not need are listed on our Clayton Library Friends website for sale at \$5 - \$10 - \$15 per volume.

If you wish, we will mail your selections via Media rates – you pay book and postage costs by check. List(s) are updated regularly.

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.' We always welcome donations to further our purpose.

Hogsheads and Hog's Heads: **Heading Towards and Using Local Court Records**



Speaker: Michael John Neill

Clayton Library Friends General Meeting

Saturday, May 8, 2021

10:30 a.m. CDT

Zoom meeting

Register in advance for this meeting at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwudeqqgTkrE9Thum7SketFglTLHUekstLm>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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A brief business meeting will be followed by our speaker, Michael John Neill.

This intermediate-level presentation assumes that the attendee has a basic understanding of court terminology and manual search approaches. The presentation will discuss, through use of several examples, analysis and interpretation of loose court papers including depositions, subpoenas, orders, etc. Use of court records to expand the knowledge of the family-kin network, writing up a summary of the court action, and using the information in a court case to develop additional problem-solving strategies will be discussed.

Michael is a native of Hancock County, Illinois; and graduated with bachelor and master's degrees from Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois. He has been an active genealogical researcher since the early 1980s and has researched his or his children's families in most states east of the Mississippi River and in several European countries.

He has lectured nationally on a wide variety of genealogical topics, given day-long seminars, and regularly leads research trips to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. His research interests include methodology, land records, the immigrant experience, chain migration, and researching female ancestors.

Read more about Michael John Neill at his website <http://www.genealogytipoftheday.com>

Mark your calendar for:

CLF General Meeting -- August 14

CLF Annual Meeting – November 13

CLF Board Meetings – 11am Saturday, July 24, and October 23 – currently via Zoom. Members are invited to attend CLF Board meetings. Please let us know at least a week ahead of the meeting if you wish to speak to the Board – so we can add you to the agenda.

Manager's Message -



WELCOME BACK!!!

The day has come that all of us are waiting for!

Mark your calendar for 11 May 2021.

That Tuesday is the day that the library opens for browsing again!

Excuse me for all the exclamation points,
but my goodness all of us have been waiting for this day for 13+ months.

So, here are the details.

- Browsing hours are 10am – 4pm Tuesday thru Saturday.
- Walk-ins are welcome.
- Limited services will be offered.
 - “lite” reference service, meaning that we will answer quick questions but not work together on brick wall issues. If you are stuck in your research, please call us at 832-393-2600 during the same hours as above.
- We ask that you have a research goal when you come to the library. That means you know what geographic area you want to look at.
- The second floor will be closed, but microfilm will be available, you will just ask us to take you upstairs. The family history books will also be available, a staff member will take you upstairs and ask you to bring them back downstairs.
- Of course, the COVID-19 protocols will be in place, we will take your temperature, masks will be worn at all times in the building.
- When you come in, we will assign you to a table. Any books you touch in the stacks, please bring them to the table you are at. When you are finished with the books, we ask that you leave them on the table.
- There will be a few other things that we will need to work out before the 11th, but the most important thing is – we welcome you back!!!

See you soon 😊

Sue

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BE AN ANGEL

2021 Angel Subscriptions (periodicals) needed for Clayton Library

The list of periodicals below are ones that Clayton Library wishes to receive on an “as published” basis, and that are in excess of their periodical budget. If you wish to earn your “wings” 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 “Angel” on your check. Unspecified donations to the Angel Program are greatly appreciated.

Please go to <https://claytonlibraryfriends.org/angel> for a current/updated list of needed periodicals.

American-Canadian Genealogical Society \$50
Annals of Wyoming (Wyoming State Hist Soc) \$60
Carolinas Genealogical Society Quarterly \$18
Family Tree Magazine (United Kingdom) \$100
Foothills Genealogical Society newsletter (counties of Clear Creek, Gilpin, Jefferson, and Park CO) \$20
Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly \$35
Internet Genealogy \$32.95
Journal (German-Texan Heritage Soc quarterly) \$40

Leaves and Branches (Navarro County, TX Genealogical Society) \$25
Lifelines (Northern New York American-Canadian Society) \$35
Minnesota Genealogist \$35
Rhode Island Roots \$25
Shelby County (AL) Historical Society Quarterly \$20
South Dakota Genealogical Society Quarterly \$23
St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly (MO) \$40
Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly (KS) \$60

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

Norma and Wally Davenport -- donation to Angel program.

Natalie McLain -- donation for *Ceske Stopy* (Texas Czech Genealogical Society) in memory of Olinda Renz McLain.

Sondra Stevenson Rothe -- donation for renewal of *Rodziny* (Polish Genealogical Society of America).

Carolyn Shimek -- donation for *Ceske Stopy* in memory of Anthony Frank Shimek and donation for *Genie* (ARK-LA-TEX Genealogical Assn.) in memory of Jack Metcalfe.

Mary Anthony Startz -- donation for renewal of *Le Raconteur* (Le Comite des Archives de la Louisiane) and *Les Voyageurs* (German-Acadian Coast Historical and Genealogical Society) in memory of Jack Metcalfe.

David R Swenson -- donation for renewal of *Maine Genealogist* and the *Chicago Genealogist*.

Sue Yerby -- donation for renewal of the *Franklin County Genealogical Society Quarterly* (Texas).

Special Donations --

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

In Honor of:

Elizabeth Heise,
Hardwick S Johnson,

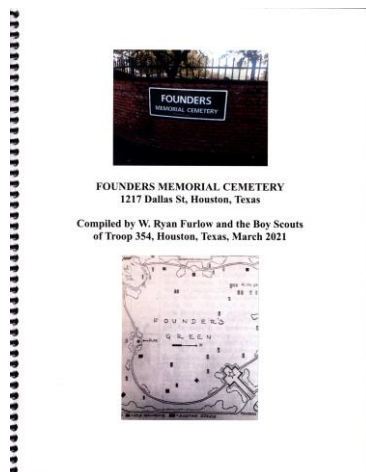
Sue Kaufman, and
Mary Anthony Startz.

In Memory of:

Patricia 'Pat' Craig,
Patricia 'Poppy' Linbeck Doyle,
Linda Gregg Fields,
Nellie May McManus Gainy,
Margaret Jean 'Marje' Harris,
Beverly Ann Kennon Huggins,
Ann Louise Manning,

Jack Metcalfe,
Susan Trovillian Salm,
Esther Johnson Simon,
Margaret Charlotte Standard,
Marilyn Johnson Mathews Van Way
and
Jimmie Florence Wooten.

Clayton Library Friends also received some special donations for the Clayton Library collection. Former Clayton Library Friends' President (1994) **Karen Daniel** is downsizing her personal library and sent a list of books that she wants to donate to the Clayton library if we do not already have them. It appears that we only had one of the books on her list, so we will be expanding our New Mexico collection in the near future. Thank you Karen for continuing to think of us!!



On April 15th William Ryan Furlow, Eagle Scout candidate from Boy Scout Troop 354, presented Clayton Library Friends' Acquisition Committee and Clayton Library copies of his Eagle Project – Founders Park Cemetery Photobook – a resource that did not previously exist.

For his project, Ryan coordinated the creation of this publication which includes GPS coordinates for the cemetery, and a list of all persons known to be buried in Founders Park, as well as an accompanying 62.4 MB database. It includes color photos of the gravesites and biographical entries for each. He also presented copies to Thomas McWhorter and Mark Ketchum of the City of Houston Parks Department and to Sharon Sandle at the Texas Supreme Court Historical Society.

Clayton library staff and volunteers often consult with Boy Scouts on their Genealogy Merit Badge, but it isn't often that we see the end product of the boys' efforts -- the Eagle Project. Thank you Ryan.

NGS BACK ISSUES ARE NEEDED -- Clayton Library is missing some back issues of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and the *National Genealogical Society Magazine*. We are sending out this message to our CLF membership. Clayton Library is missing the NGS Quarterly for March 2017 and June 2019, and we need the NGS Magazine for January 2017.

If you have these issues and are willing to donate them to Clayton library via CLF, please contact us at acquisitions@claytonlibraryfriends.org to coordinate your donation. Thank you in advance.

CLF Program Topics –

- **Genealogy Face2Face New Time and Dates: 1 PM on 1st and 3rd Thursdays**
- **Quarterly Meetings on 2nd Saturdays of Feb, May, Aug, and Nov**

Second Quarter

- Apr 1- **F2F** Top 10 Tricks for Using FamilySearch.org by Sue Yerby
- Apr 15- **F2F** Reuniting International Families by Nick Cimino
- Apr 29- The Eyes of Texans- Book by Melvin Edwards
- May 6 - **F2F** Finding Family History on eBay and Etsy by Jessica Collins
 - Jessica Collins, CLF Director of Membership and co-host of Genealogy Face2Face will demonstrate her techniques for locating heirlooms and other items related to her family history at online sales sites like eBay and Etsy.
- May 8- **CLF Quarterly Meeting** Hogsheads and Hog's Heads" Heading Towards and Using Local Court Records by Michael John Neill
 - Michael John Neill has been an active genealogical researcher since the early 1980's with research interests that include methodology, land records, the immigrant experience, chain migration, and researching female ancestor.
 - Michael's website is <http://www.genealogytipoftheday.com>
- May 20- **F2F** Using Card Catalogs on Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org by Sue Kaufman
 - Susan Kaufman, Manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research will explain how to access genealogical databases from the Card Catalogs at Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org
- Jun 3- **F2F** Focus on BAGS- An Overview of BAGS Programs by Lisa Smith
 - Lisa Smith is a Private Investigator and the 2021 President of the Bay Area Genealogical Society. Lisa will provide a profile of BAGS and review some of their most successful programs and services.
- Jun 17- **F2F** JSTOR by Gay Carter
 - JSTOR is an online library of hundreds of years of academic research. Use the rich JSTOR library to build out your family tree's historical, cultural, and social contexts. Gain the knowledge and details around places, times, and historical trends.
 - Gay Carter retired as the Government Documents Librarian at the University of Houston Clear Lake. She is a frequent presenter at genealogical events.

Third Quarter

- Jul 1 -**F2F** FamilySearch Wiki by Sue Yerby
 - The Family History Research Wiki provides handbook reference information, and educational articles to help genealogists find and interpret records of their ancestors. It is a free-access, free-content, online encyclopedia on a wiki, hosted as part of the FamilySearch site. Sue will tell us about her favorite features of the FS Wiki.
 - Sue Yerby is Past President of Clayton Library Friends and a FamilySearch Expert Trainer.
- Jul 15- **F2F** Linkpendium by Barbara Richards
 - Linkpendium.com is a 10,000,000+ resource directory to everything on the Web about families worldwide and genealogically-relevant information about U.S. states and counties. This website covers both free and subscription sites, with a strong emphasis upon free resources provided by libraries, other government agencies, genealogical and historical societies, and individuals.
 - Barbara Richards is CLF Director of Volunteers and Hospitality and the 2020-2021 President of the Houston Genealogical Forum.

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- Aug 5- **F2F** Wide World of Periodicals by Joy Oria
 - Underused and somewhat daunting, periodicals can actually yield rich rewards. Discover the genealogical gold hiding in magazines and journals and learn how to obtain articles for your research.
 - Joy Oria is a Senior Library Services Specialist and the Outreach and Programming Coordinator for the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research
- Aug 14 **CLF Quarterly Meeting** – Susan Kaufman
 - Our speaker will be Susan Kaufman, Manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. Sue will be presenting the Annual State of the Clayton Library Presentation 2021.
- Aug 19- **F2F** - Fold3 Search Basics by Jessica Collins
 - Fold3 features premier collections of original military records. These records include the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served in the military. Many of the records come from the U.S. National Archives, The National Archives of the U.K. and other international records.
 - Jessica Collins is CLF Director of Membership and co-host of Genealogy Face2Face
- Sep 2- **F2F**- Lineage Society Books: “You don’t have to be a member to use lineage society books.” By Melissa Hayes
 - Obscure, outdated, and defunct lineage society books can help you find your missing ancestor. Don’t pass up that lineage society book because you think only members will be listed. Come on, open the cover and sneak a peek. Melissa did!
 - Melissa Hayes, MLIS is the Assistant Branch Manager, Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research
- Sep 16- **F2F** The Texas and Local History Collection (TLHC) of the Houston Metropolitan Research Center (HMRC) by Joanna “Jo” Collier
 - Like Clayton, the books, periodicals, maps, and vertical files in the TLHC do not circulate. Many of these materials are not duplicated in the Clayton Library collection and can help you contextualize the events that took place in the lives of your Texian ancestors.
 - Jo Collier is the Collection Development Librarian at HMRC.

Fourth Quarter

- Oct 7- **F2F** Historic Preservation and Genealogy by Randy Pace
 - Historic buildings reveal many stories about the people who have lived and worked in them. Documents are often available which tell us about the former occupants and the architectural details of the building.
 - Randy Pace was formerly the Manager of Historic Preservation for the City of Houston and currently serves as the CLF Director of Publicity and Public Relations.
- Oct 21- **F2F** Overview of Houston Genealogical Forum Programs by ???
- Nov 4- **F2F**
- Nov 13 - **CLF Annual Meeting** Proving Long-Lost Family the Indirect Way: Finding the Ancestors of F. N. Raymond by Patti Gillespie
 - Sometimes we must go all the way around before we can prove what is right in front of us. This presentation is full of records and research with a resolution to a mystery that has been misunderstood for decades. This presentation demonstrates the use of “long way round” research strategies while offering hope for those with direct brick walls.
 - Patti Gillespie, B.A., M.S. is a Professional Genealogist and Personal Historian with over 30 years of experience. She is the owner of Family Lines & Stories and specializes in Wise County, Texas and U.S. research.
- Late November and all of December- Holiday Hiatus

New and/or Returning Members –

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

**Shirley Aikin,
Kim Birtcher.
Agnieszka Davis,
Ronald Evans,
Lori Fortner,
Mercedes Harris,
Hispanic Genealogical Society of Houston,**

**Darla Jones,
Diana McKenney,
Carol Pena,
Herbert D Simons and
Mary Torres.**

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

In Memoriam -- Clayton Library Friends has once again lost some very dedicated genealogists.

Judith Martin Hatcher passed away on November 24, 2020 at the age of 80. Described as an amateur genealogist and historian, she planned family vacations around historic battlefields, graveyards, libraries, historical landmarks, and churches. Her love of history led to a four-decade-long extensive familial genealogical research project.

John 'Jack' Alden Metcalfe was 87 when he passed away on January 26, 2021. He suddenly became interested in the genealogy that his wife Pat was doing when it was discovered that his g-g-g-grandfather was employed by Thomas Jefferson at Monticello. Jack thoroughly enjoyed promoting Clayton Library at the CLF exhibit booth at national and state genealogy conferences.

Alice Kathelene Midyett Paramore (Wasylina) passed away January 12, 2021 at age 76. Her family will miss her and her quest to complete the family genealogy. She is preceded in death by her husband **Paul Anthony Wasylina** who passed away August 27, 2020. Both were CLF members for many years.

THE CLAYTON ADVOCATE deadline for the August 2021 issue is July 31, 2021.

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

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