



THE Clayton Advocate

NEWSLETTER OF THE CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

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President's Message



We are starting 2022 with hope for a more normal year. Clayton Library is currently open five days a week for six hours a day. But we still face the need to follow Covid precautions that impact the operation of both Clayton Library and Clayton Library Friends. Please plan a visit if you haven't been to Clayton since the pandemic. The staff is delighted to see you and support your research whether you are just beginning or are a veteran.

Both negative and positive impacts have resulted from these health and safety precautions for Clayton Library Friends. Those of us who have enjoyed volunteering at the library and in the Clayton House are missing the interactions with library patrons and staff since Houston Public Library has not re-opened volunteer programs as of this date. We hope that will happen later this year. In addition, we are still unable to schedule in-person meetings because the library's meeting rooms have not been opened to the public yet. We miss gathering with you, but our "forced" move to virtual programming has increased participation from both our members and a much broader audience from out-of-town and out-of-state. Be sure to join us via Zoom twice a month for Genealogy Face2Face and at our quarterly meetings.

The library's required changes during the pandemic have not changed Clayton Library Friends' commitment to make sure Clayton maintains its preeminent status in the genealogy library world. Throughout the last two years our Acquisitions Committee has continued to add hundreds of desired books to the Clayton collection, and our Angel Program has continued to subscribe to the many periodicals that our members and the library staff request. So, when

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**Join us via Zoom -- CLF General Meeting
10:30 a.m. central, Saturday, February 19**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clayton Library Friends, Inc.

Statement of Activities

October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

Income

Unrestricted Contributions	\$ 14,992
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 963
Membership Dues	\$ 2,990
Other Income	\$ 2,731

Total Income \$ 21,676

Expenses

Current Programs	\$ 9,812
Administrative & General	\$ 1,684

Total Expenses \$ 11,496

Net Operating Income \$ 10,180

Other Income –

TD Ameritrade Investment Account

Interest & Dividends Income	\$ 10,568
Unrealized Gains	\$ 18,500

Other Expenses (management fees) \$ (3,399)

Net Other Income \$ 25,669

Net Income \$ 35,849

Statement of Financial Position

As of YTD December 31, 2021

Assets

Current Assets

Bank Account	\$ 66,169
Undeposited Funds	\$ 840
Total Other Assets	\$ 1,432,487

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

Total Assets \$ 1,499,496

Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities (VISA card)	\$ 949
Equity	\$ 1,498,547

Total Liabilities and Equity \$ 1,499,496

Resa Nichols Hennings, Treasurer

President's Message --

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you make your next visit to Clayton, remember to look for the many new additions to our notable collection.

Even if you can't make it to Clayton, Sue Kaufman always reminds us that "it's not all on-line." And she is right! But until you can visit or if you are one of our members who lives out-of-town or out-of-state, look at the library's terrific website. houstonlibrary.org/clayton There you will find many databases that can be accessed from home with a library card as well as the wealth of information to be found there. The website has been recently updated and is easy to navigate.

Remember to go to the CLF website claytonlibraryfriends.org and register for our next Quarterly Meeting on February 19 at 10:30 a.m. which is celebrating Black History month. You will be sent a Zoom link. We will learn about one of Clayton's sister Special Collections Libraries, the African American Library at the Gregory School.

Lynda Collins, President

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. We hope to see you soon at the library, and virtually on Face2Face and at our CLF meetings. Thank you for your support!

John Bradshaw Jr, April Durett, Catherine & Charles Fitch, Jane Gehring, Christine Herron, Catherine Harvey O'Brien, Jackie Schroder, and Joy Timmons.

Clayton Library Friends

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www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org

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.

An Overview of the African American Library at the Gregory School



Speaker:

Sheena Wilson

**Saturday, February 19, 2022
10:30 a.m. (central time)**

**Zoom meeting -- in your home
Use the registration link below.**

This will be an overview of the collection and services of the African American Library at the Gregory School with a special emphasis on those resources that might be of value for researching family history. The African American Library at the Gregory School is one of the three Special Collections libraries in the Houston Public Library system. (The other two are Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research and Houston Metropolitan Research Center.)

Sheena Wilson is the Assistant Manager/Lead Archivist at the African American Library at the Gregory School, Houston, Texas. She has served with Houston Public Library since August 2017 with prior service at the Fort Bend County Library. She is highly knowledgeable about Houston, Texas, as well as African American history. Her specialties include Archives, Arrangement and Description, Digitization, Outreach, Content Management, Donor Relations, African American History, Houston History, and Management.

You must register for this Zoom meeting ahead of time at:

<https://claytonlibraryfriends.org/event-4162706>

Meetings are open to everyone, and all are welcome. However, we do encourage non-members to join CLF. Information on how to become a member is on our website.

Mark your calendar for:

CLF General Meetings –Saturday, May 21, and August 20, 2022

CLF Annual Meeting – Saturday, November 19, 2022

CLF Executive Board Meetings – April 30, July 30, and October 29, 2022

CLF members are welcome to attend CLF quarterly Executive Board meetings. Please let us know at least a week in advance if you wish to speak to the Board – so we can add you to the agenda.

Manager's Message -



Happy New Year everyone!

As we move toward the 2-year anniversary of the new way of life, I thought it might be nice to write an overview of the way the library handled the challenges, changes, and opportunities of the past two years, with a little insight on moving forward.

On 16 March 2020 the Houston Public Library closed the doors at all locations. As the pandemic moved on its path, the Houston Public Library (HPL) needed to develop ways to provide service to all our customers, the regular library users and of course, the family history researchers.

Offering quality presentations to help further research knowledge is a major hallmark of the services we provide at Clayton. Prior to the pandemic, we were just beginning to figure out how to add online programming. The pandemic presented a major opportunity. Since the closure of the library, many of you have attended our Friday "Clayton Library Presents." We hope those of you that have joined us enjoy the presentations, and we invite everyone to join us. The Clayton programs are some of the best attended programs in the entire HPL system! If you haven't joined us, you can view and register for events at www.houstonlibrary.org/events

The Clayton Library Friends stepped in also, taking the reins to develop Face2Face online, a get-together hour that offered and continues to offer comradery, presentations, ideas, and often laughs. This helped us at the library to continue to "see" everyone and keep everyone updated. Meetings are on the first and third Thursdays at 1pm, central time. Visit www.claytonlibraryfriends.org for event and registration information.

Our meeting rooms remain closed; our volunteers have not been re-engaged. The organization remains under City of Houston COVID-19 protocols regarding in-person programming. It is anticipated that meeting rooms will open in the second quarter of 2022. The library volunteer services department is being revamped, and like all of our volunteers, we wait impatiently for the opening of these opportunities again.

Our plan for the rest of this year is to continue to produce quality programming, highlighting the library resources, informing our volunteers and those interested in volunteering the minute we get the go-ahead, and of course continuing to offer one-on-one individual research assistance with our expert staff tailored specifically to your quest.

We've been open since May 2021. To take advantage of the resources of the library, including our expert staff, we are open Tuesday through Saturday 10am – 4pm. Whether you visit us in person or virtually at our programming, by phone, or email, we look forward to helping you on your journey!

Take Care –
Sue

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www.houstonlibrary.org/clayton

Current library hours are Tuesday thru Saturday 10am to 4pm (central time)



BE AN ANGEL

Angel Subscriptions (periodicals) needed for Clayton Library

The periodicals listed 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.

Annals of Wyoming (Wyoming State Hist Soc) \$60
Chronicles of Oklahoma (Oklahoma Hist Soc) \$35
Clarke County Hist. & Gen. Soc Quarterly (AL) \$30
Collin County Chronicles (Collin County, TX) \$25
Franklin County Genealogical Society Quarterly
(TX) \$20
Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly \$35
Indiana Genealogist \$30
Journal (German-Texan Heritage Society quarterly)
\$40
Kin Hunters (Sandusky, Ohio) \$12

Leaves and Branches (Navarro County, TX
Genealogical Society) \$13
Les Voyageurs (German-Acadian Coast Hist. &
Gen. Society) \$15
Licking Lantern (Licking County, Ohio) \$19
Maine Genealogist \$25
MASOG (MA) \$32.95
Rodziny (Polish Genealogical Soc of America) \$35
Shelby County Historical Society Quarterly (AL) \$20
St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly (MO) \$40
Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly (KS) \$55

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

- Emile A. Bussemey donation for renewal of *American-Canadian Genealogical Society, Families* (Ontario Genealogical Society-Canada), *Lifelines* (Northern NY-American-Canadian), *Minnesota Genealogist*, *South Dakota Genealogical Society Quarterly*, *Vermont Genealogy*, and *Wisconsin State Genealogical Society*.
- Lynda Beth Collins donation for renewal of *Central Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly*.
- Barbara Foots, donation for renewal of the *Montgomery County (AL) Genealogical Society Quarterly*.
- Judy Harrison, donation for renewal of the *Chicago Genealogist*, *Illinois Genealogical Society Quarterly*, and *Wisconsin State Genealogical Society* in honor of her Millhouse Family.
- Jessica Horne Collins, donation for *Genie* (ARK-LA-TEX Genealogical Assn.).
- Natalie McLain, donation for renewal of *Ceske Stopy* (Texas Czech Genealogical Society).
- Catherine O’Brien, donation for *Genie* (ARK-LA-TEX Genealogical Assn.).
- Robert and Janice Ward Phelps, donation for *Le Raconteur* (Ile Comite des Archives de la Louisiane).
- Jerry W. Stewart, donation for *Argyll Colony Plus* (North Carolina Scottish Heritage).
- Mara Wilson, donation for renewal of the *Carolina Herald & Newsletter* (South Carolina)



CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

LOOKING FOR RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS

If you're interested in helping out with this project as well as other projects, please email volunteers@claytonlibraryfriends.org for more information.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH RESEARCH REQUESTS FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO PAY A FEE SEEKING TO GET AN ANSWER TO THEIR QUESTION - PROCEEDS BENEFIT CLF - ORIENTATION OF VOLUNTEERS COMMENCES BEFORE PROJECT BEGINS

2021 Contributions and Donations

We wish to acknowledge and express our appreciation to the following individuals and organizations who, during the calendar year of 2021, have generously made financial gifts to Clayton Library Friends' ongoing goal of "enriching the resources and facilities of Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research."

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Special Donations --

Since the last newsletter Clayton Library Friends has received these special monetary donations.

In Honor of:
The Millhouse Family,
Alice Wygant, and
Mara Lynn Wilson.

In Memory of:

Cassandra Duke Brunson,	Olinda Renz McLain,
Sue & Will Clayton,	Jack Metcalfe,
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Lou & Wilma (Taylor) Lazaetic,	Frank & M Caroline (daShield) Timko, and
Jeanette Matzke,	Bruce D Weaver, Sr.

A Reminder to All Members --

If you change your contact information (address, phone numbers, email address, etc.) please let us know at 1vp@claytonlibraryfriends.org Thank you!!

THE CLAYTON ADVOCATE deadline for the May 2022 issue is May 3, 2022.
We welcome any articles related to Clayton Library and/or its collections.

CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS NEWSLETTER STAFF

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Have You Renewed Your Membership for 2022?

Please support Clayton Library during 2022 by renewing your CLF membership. Your membership can be renewed online at claytonlibraryfriends.org or by mailing the paper membership form (also downloadable from the website) with your payment. Dues remain \$20 for an individual membership and \$25 for a joint membership of two people residing at the same address.

Your membership dues support the Clayton Library with resources that, in turn, enrich your own genealogy research.

Don't delay, renew today!

Congratulations to the winners of our Fall Membership Contest!

Two new or renewing members who paid their 2022 CLF membership dues between November 1-15, 2021, had their names drawn for a free playback access to the TxSGS 2021 Virtual Conference. They were **David Swenson**, and **Vivian Morgan**.

CLF Donated-Duplicate Book Sale –

Books that are donated to Clayton Library, that the library already owns or does not need, are listed for sale on our Clayton Library Friends website – claytonlibraryfriends.org These books are usually priced at \$5 - \$10 - \$15 per volume, although an occasional volume may be priced higher.

There are four lists: 1) books dealing with a single state – listed by state, 2) books dealing with Texas, and 3) a group of multiple lists – foreign, general, U.S., and Civil War. List #4 contains the new items that were added to lists 1 thru 3 in the current update. So, if you looked at the lists last time it was updated, you can see what new titles have been added without going through everything again. The lists are updated every 4-6 weeks or after adding 100 or more new titles.

Many of these sale books may be purchased from the Book Sale shelves in the main library building. To obtain a listed book that is not on the Book Sale shelves, or to have selected titles mailed to you, contact CLF volunteer -- Pat Metcalfe at claytonexchange@ix.netcom.com. We can mail your selections (via Media rates); you pay book and postage costs by check upon receiving the book(s).

Attention: Parents, Grandparents, Teachers, Librarians, Museum Directors, and More!

TxSGS Announces the 2022 Student Project Contest

Categories: Grades 4-6, Grades 7-9, and Grades 10-12

Entries are for grade placement for the prior school year.

The application deadline is September 15, 2022.

Project entries may be part of a school, library, genealogical society, or museum initiative but must be sponsored by a TxSGS Partner Society or individual member.

Guidelines for student writings are minimum requirements for consideration of awards.

**Send applications to Pat Metcalfe at
5807 Arboles
Houston, TX 77035-2403**

**Direct questions to Pat at 713-721-7062
or by email at: plpm@ix.netcom.com**

**For details and project requirements, visit the Student Projects Contest Page at:
<http://www.txsgs.org/programs/awards-grants/writing-awards/>**



CLF Genealogy Face2Face Returns in 2022

Happy new year!

2022 is here and so is Genealogy Face2Face. Our virtual meeting series has returned with new sessions on our same schedule: 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1:00pm (central time.) Please join us for the following Zoom sessions of the new year: February 3, 17, March 3, 17, April 7, 21, and May 5, 19

Additional dates that are planned beyond May 19 are found on the CLF website. To see the complete details of each upcoming session and how to register, please go to the Clayton Library Friends website at: www.claytonlibraryfriends.org

All attendees will need to register with Zoom IN ADVANCE. One registration covers all Face2Face sessions, but can be cancelled at any time. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. We are looking forward to a fun and informative 2022, and hope to "see" you on Thursdays! Please keep checking the CLF website for updated future dates and speakers.

In Memoriam -- Unfortunately we have lost some very dedicated genealogists and long-time members of CLF.

Donald Guy Armstrong passed away November 8, 2021, at the age of 84. He was the author of four published genealogy books of his family history – all of which are at Clayton Library. Several years ago Don decided to down-size his personal library and invited Clayton Library to help him pack up a large book donation, for which we are most grateful.

At age 90, **Trevia Wooster Beverly** passed away February 2, 2022. She was extremely active in all things genealogical – including being a Charter Member of Clayton Library Friends and the Baytown Genealogy Society. (see Editor's note below.)

Merlin Eugene 'Gene' Shaner and his wife Marsha have been long-time CLF members and donors. Gene passed away September 16, 2021, at age 78.

Editor's note:

We learned of Trevia's death as we were completing the layout for this newsletter. A comprehensive obituary has not yet been published, so I asked for help in what to include in the above 'In Memoriam' segment. Everyone was touched by Trevia in a different way and the list got very long – so, I'd like to do a Tribute to Trevia article in the next newsletter issue. Before May 3rd (the next CLF newsletter deadline) email me a sentence or two about her accomplishments and/or how she touched your life. My email is plpm@ix.netcom.com I will attempt to combine these tidbits into a collection of memories of her contributions to the genealogy and Houston history worlds. Thanks in advance for your help. Pat M