



THE Clayton Advocate

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President's Message

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Recently, I was excited to attend the first in-person educational meeting held at Clayton since 2020. On July 15, Clayton Library Presents held its first hybrid meeting. Most people attended virtually, but ten of us joined Sue Kaufman and Irene Walters in the Susan Garwood Meeting Room for Irene's thorough and fascinating presentation, "Bricks and Mortar: Inside the

Clayton Library Collection". Like all the library staff, Irene has immense knowledge about Clayton's vast holdings. It was wonderful to be back in familiar surroundings with fellow genealogists.

Irene reminded me how much I've missed going to a shelf holding one of the counties I research, grabbing all the books, and leisurely perusing them for nuggets about my ancestors and the lives they led. She reminded me of the periodicals that hold unique and time-specific information that can't be found in books. She highlighted the microfilm and microfiche collections. I must admit that I dread having to look at the microfilm, but I know it is there for me to mine treasures that I can't find anywhere else. For example, I haven't extracted all that is in the Andrea Collection for my South Carolina ancestors. She also called attention to my favorite part of the library, which is on the second floor where all the family histories are housed. It is a massive collection and is where I found my first immigrant from Scotland. These are some things I missed while the library was closed during the pandemic.

You will learn even more about what is happening at Clayton when Sue Kaufman presents her annual State of the Library report at our quarterly meeting on August 20. We still can't use the Carriage House, so the meeting will be virtual and presented via Zoom. Don't forget to register at claytonlibraryfriends.org in the Events section. **If you have questions or suggestions for Sue, please send them to her in advance at susan.kaufman@houstontx.gov.**

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**Join us via Zoom -- CLF General Meeting
10:30 a.m. CDT, Saturday, August 20**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clayton Library Friends, Inc.

Statement of Activities

April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022

Income

Unrestricted Contributions	\$ 259
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 27
Membership Dues	\$ 330
Other Income	\$ 4,536

Total Income **\$ 5,152**

Expenses

Current Programs	\$ 4,290
Administrative & General	\$ 6,374

Total Expenses **\$ 10,664**

Net Operating Income (Loss) **\$ (5,512)**

Other Income –

TD Ameritrade Investment Account

Interest & Dividends Income	\$ 13,173
Unrealized Gains	\$ 20,402

Other Expenses –TDA

Fees	\$ (3,548)
Unrealized Losses	\$(106,703)

Net Other Income (Loss)-TDA **\$ (76,676)**

Net Income (Loss) **\$ (82,188)**

Statement of Financial Position

As of YTD June 30, 2022

Assets

Current Assets	
Bank Account	\$ 49,185
Total Other Assets	\$ 1,323,111
(Investments, of which \$828,004 is the permanently restricted Endowment)	

Total Assets **\$ 1,372,296**

Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities	(14)
Equity	\$ 1,372,310

Total Liabilities and Equity **\$ 1,372,296**

Resa Nichols Hennings, Treasurer

President's Message --

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Our final quarterly meeting for 2022 will be November 19. In addition to an excellent speaker, we will hold our annual election for 2023 Executive Board members. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, CLF is updating our elections procedures to include online voting. This change will allow us to conduct business whether we are meeting in-person, online, or in a hybrid manner. It also allows our members who do not live in the Houston area to have a voice in our elections and be equally represented in decision making.

Members will receive an email with the slate of nominees including biographies and photos along with instructions for online voting. The slate will also be published in the November newsletter as usual. We will open online voting one week in advance of the meeting via the CLF website. This gives members time to review the ballot fully and to vote when they are ready. We hope this results in greater member participation. Since this is a new process, it also gives members several days to report problems and receive technical assistance if they have difficulty logging into their CLF accounts. Voting will be open through 11:00 a.m. the day of the meeting, November 19. The results of the election will be announced at the end of the meeting.

Mark your calendars now for these important quarterly meetings. These meetings are open to guests, so invite your friends. We want everyone to know more about Clayton Library.

And one more thing—when visiting the website, please subscribe to CLF's YouTube channel. To get our own custom channel, we need 100 subscribers. Thank you.

Lynda Collins, President

Clayton Library Friends

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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.

2022 Annual State of the Library Report



Speaker:

**Susan Kaufman, Manager
Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research**

**Saturday, August 20, 2022
10:30 a.m. CDT**

Zoom meeting -- in your home

Pre-register in advance of the meeting.

Each year Clayton Library Friends asks Sue Kaufman, the Senior Manager of Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, to meet with us and tell us about the Clayton Library events and activities of the past year – and the hopes and desires for the future.

Susan Kaufman has more than 30 years of experience as a genealogy librarian. An Illinois native, she started her career in Peoria, Illinois, then moved to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and then to Texas where she became manager of Clayton Library in 2006.

A presenter at local, state, and national genealogy conferences and meetings, she also has held numerous genealogical society board positions in Illinois, Indiana, and Texas, and at the national level with the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

In 2019, Sue received the National Genealogical Society / ProQuest P. William Filby Award, and became a Fellow of the Texas State Genealogical Society. Both of these honors were for outstanding service as a genealogy librarian and for service to family history researchers. She also received the Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award from the Dallas Genealogical Society. Sue is past President of the Texas State Genealogical Society, and currently serves as its Director of Education. She is a member of the Texas Library Association and the American Library Association.

To register for the August 20 on-line Zoom meeting, please go to the Clayton Library Friends website at: www.claytonlibraryfriends.org

Mark your calendar for:

CLF Annual Meeting – 10:30 a.m. – Saturday, November 19, 2022

Courthouse Research
by John Sellers

CLF Executive Board Meeting – 10 a.m. – Saturday, October 29, 2022

CLF members are invited 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 -



Hello again everyone!

Could it be any hotter? Could our lawns be any browner? Can we walk any faster from air-conditioned space to space after getting out of the car? And the car.....how hot is it when you get in?

Well, I am excited to announce that the Clayton Library is back to having in-person programming! Yes, you will still be able to join us virtually for our renowned series: Clayton Library Presents, our Friday 2pm programs. But now, we will be offering specific programming related to the Clayton collection in our new nice "education center" (meeting room 😊) in the main library.

Our maiden voyage was last month with Irene Walters doing an overview of the Clayton collection. Yes, it was "hybrid". After that session, we decided that the best way to highlight the resources at the library was to have those programs at the library.

Don't worry; if you can't make it to the library, we will be recording our own library-created presentations and uploading them to HoustonPublicLibraryYouTube_HistoryResearchCenters -- the Houston Public Library (HPL) YouTube page.

We will not be recording our Friday Clayton Library Presents programs. To register for these and all our upcoming programs, visit the HPL events page <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events>. Then filter by category on the left side of the page to "History and Research." Here you will find all the Clayton programming along with our sister units, the Houston Metropolitan Research Center and the African American Library at the Gregory School. As related history research centers, we hope that all our programming is of interest to all our users.

Our next in-person program will be in October, as will a number of special Family History Month programs online. Information will be posted on the HPL events page, so check there for information.

We are excited to bring back Face2Face programming, and hope to see you at the library!

Be safe in the heat –
Sue

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Current library hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 10am to 5pm (central time)
and Thursday noon to 7pm (central time)

THE CLAYTON ADVOCATE deadline for the November 2022 issue is October 31, 2022.

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

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BE AN ANGEL

Angel Subscriptions (periodicals) needed for Clayton Library

These periodicals 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.

Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine \$15
American-Canadian Genealogical Society \$50
Annals of Wyoming (Wyoming Historical Soc) \$60
Argyll Colony Plus (NC Scottish Heritage Soc) \$30
Arkansas Family Historian (Arkansas) \$30
Carolina Herald and Newsletter (S Carolina) \$25
Carolinas Genealogical Society Quarterly \$20
Central Georgia Genealogical Soc. Quarterly \$30
Chicago Genealogist (Illinois) \$30
Chronicles of Oklahoma (Oklahoma Hist Soc) \$50
Clarke County Hist. and Gen. Society Quarterly
(Clarke Co., AL) \$30
Collin County Chronicles (Collin Co., Texas) \$27
Der Blumenbaum (Sacramento, California German
Gen. Soc.) \$30
Families (Ontario Genealogical Soc-Canada) \$100
Foothills (Colorado) \$20
Franklin County Genealogical Society (Texas) \$20
Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County
(Oregon) \$20
Genie (ARK-LA-TEX Genealogical Assn.) \$20
Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly \$45
Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly \$35
Illinois Gen. Society Quarterly \$40
Indiana Genealogist \$30

Internet Genealogy \$32.95
Kin Hunters (Sandusky, Ohio) \$15
Le Raconteur (Le Comite des Archives de la
Louisiane) \$15
Leaves and Branches (Navarro County, Texas
Gen. Society) \$25
Les Voyageurs (German-Acadian Coast Hist. &
Gen. Society) \$15
Licking Lantern (Licking County, Ohio) \$19
Lifelines (Northern NY-American-Canadian) \$35
Maine Genealogist \$25
MASSOG & Past Times (Massachusetts) \$25
*Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy and
History* \$30
Minnesota Genealogist (Minnesota Gen Soc) \$35
Mississippi River Routes (Vicksburg Gen Soc.) \$25
Montgomery Genealogical Society Quarterly
(Alabama) \$25
Rhode Island Roots \$25
Rodziny (Polish Genealogical Soc of America) \$35
Shelby County Historical Society Quarterly
(Alabama) \$20
South Dakota Genealogical Society Quarterly \$23
St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly (Missouri)
\$45



The fall programs of our virtual Zoom meeting series Genealogy Face2Face resume on the 1st Thursday of the month at 1:00pm CDT. We are looking forward to a fun and informative series. If you have not yet registered for our programs this year, please go to www.claytonlibraryfriends.org

Aug. 4 Using Research Centers for Genealogical Research

F2F will focus on how to get the most out of a visit to a research center by discussing the Clayton Library July 8 presentation about the Dolph Brisco Center for American History at the University of Texas and by individual members sharing an experience that they have had at a research center.

Sept. 1 Labor Day: Our Ancestors and Their World of Work

Do you have an ancestor with an interesting or unique occupation or work experience? Face2Face would love to hear about them. Send a brief description of your ancestor and their work and any images if available to 1vp@claytonlibraryfriends.org by August 25 to be included as one of our presenters (3 - 5 minutes each).

Oct. 6 Reference and Research Services: Formulating and Submitting Requests

Learn more about the Clayton Library Staff's email reference service and how to submit focused questions that are more likely to get you the answers you are seeking. Discover the new fee-based CLF Research Service and how to submit a research request for a CLF Volunteer to search Clayton Library's in-house collections for information about your ancestors. Find out how to access materials beyond the Clayton Library through free services such as HPL's Inter-Library Loan and FamilySearch's Record Lookup Service.

Presenters: Steven Bychowski – Senior Library Service Specialist at Clayton Library, and Barbara Richards -- Director of Volunteers and Hospitality on the Clayton Library Friends Executive Board.

Nov. 3 Discussion of Family History Month at the Clayton

Review of Family History Month at Clayton Library- In celebration of October as Family History Month, Clayton Library will be offering a series of programs to highlight various genealogy topics. Please join us for a review of those programs and a question-and-answer session with Clayton librarians.

Dec. 1 Holiday Heirlooms and Their Stories

Do you have a special holiday item (picture, recipe, letter to Santa, ornament, etc.) that you would like to share with us? Face2Face would like to hear the story of your item. Send a brief description of your item and any images if available to 1vp@claytonlibraryfriends.org by November 24 to be included as one of our presenters (3 - 5 minutes each).

CLF Represented at NGS Delegate Council Meeting in Sacramento

The National Genealogical Society Delegate Council held its first in-person meeting at the 2022 NGS Family History Conference in Sacramento, California. Jessica Horne Collins, 1st VP/Membership, represented Clayton Library Friends at the 24 May 2022 meeting.

The NGS Delegate Council formed after the merger of NGS and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) in 2020. The body has met virtually since fall 2021 and is a resource for local societies, libraries, archives, and museums to share ideas and best practices. In Sacramento, delegates from approximately forty organizations gathered for sessions on strategic foresight and learned to use the practice of foresight for long-range, local planning. Delegates also provided feedback on making NGS membership more valuable for local societies and organizations.

One benefit CLF has as an NGS organization member is a subscription to the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and *NGS Magazine*. Both publications represent the best in scholarly genealogical work and education on methodology. Next time you're in the library, check out the periodical carousel for current issues of these publications. They are one benefit of NGS membership that is passed directly to CLF members and library patrons.

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, virtually on Face2Face and at our CLF meetings. Thank you for your support.

**Sandra Barber,
Mary Dunn,
Sandra Korth,**

**Virgie Martin,
Winifred McNabb,
Barbara Petrov,**

**Janisue Rigel,
Dena Standingwater-Hill, and
Lisa B Stir**

Special Donations

Since the last newsletter Clayton Library Friends has received these monetary donations in memory of:.

**Mary Josephine Bair,
Patricia Elaine Kobitz Brown,
Elizabeth Dabney Charles,
Edwina Antonia "Tonia"**

Clark,

**Amanda R Freeman Cowen,
Laura Davidson Fowell,**

**Suzanne Harder Hill,
Nancy Kiesling,
Joan Fowler Manges,
Kay Kimball Martin,
Cynthia Tally McDonald,
Betty Nelson McDougald,
Elizabeth Miller,**

**Beatrice Helen Sandifer
Padgitt,**

**David Marshall Padgitt,
Maryanne Lynch Tallichet,
Ann Flowers Tanner, and
Leewood Bates Woodell.**

In Memoriam –

Henry R "Hank" Wenzler III, of Katy, TX passed away June 20, 2002. Hank was an active Clayton Library Friends Executive Board member – Director of Facilities from 2010-2013 during the renovation of the Clayton historic buildings. Using his photography expertise, Hank created the photo of the Clayton House that we use in our CLF promotions.

Peggy Sue Smith Bailey passed away June 3, 2022 at the age of 81. Long-time Clayton Library patrons will remember Peggy as one of our very pleasant librarians in the days before internet references.

Seeking Publicity/Public Relations Committee Volunteers --

Randy Pace, Director of Publicity & Public Relations, is looking for a volunteer or volunteers for his committee with experience in working with some or all the various kinds of social media i.e., Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tik Tok, Snapchat, Facebook, etc., which might be useful in ways to expand outreach about Clayton Library Friends as well as to expand knowledge about Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, Houston, Texas. Currently, Facebook is the only social media platform being utilized. Please contact Randy via texting at 713-869-1528 or email at grandypace@aol.com THANKS!

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/books These books are usually priced at \$5 - \$10 - \$15 per volume, although an occasional volume or series may be priced higher.

There are several 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. Whenever a number of titles are sold or added, the lists are updated.

Many of these sale books are displayed on 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 Mail rates; you pay book and postage costs by check upon receiving the book(s).

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!

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

TxSGS Announces the 2022 Student Projects Contest

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

Entries are for grade placement for the prior school year.

Each category: 1st prize \$100, 2nd prize \$75, 3rd prize \$50

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

5807 Arboles

Houston, TX 77035-2403

Direct questions to Pat at 713-721-7062

or by email at: plpm@ix.netcom.com

For project requirements, visit the Student Projects contest page at:

<http://www.txsgs.org/programs/awards-grants/writing-awards/>