



THE Clayton Advocate

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President's Message



Each year as winter approaches, the time comes for CLF to choose new leadership and new Board members.

This year's Annual Meeting and Election of new Board Members is being held on November 19th from 10:30am to 12:00pm via Zoom. New this year - you don't have to wait until that day to cast your vote. Since we can't vote in person, we will have online voting starting November 12 until 11am November 19th, the day of the Annual Meeting (you will receive emails describing this).

If it is after November 12th and you haven't already voted, please go to our website **right now**, review the biographies of the members who answered the call of the Nominations Committee, and **cast your vote**. You may email info@claytonlibraryfriends.org if you need help with your password.

One of my goals is to ensure a smooth transition. By design, each Board includes both new and continuing members. The new members bring new ideas, energy, and skills. The experienced members bring history and continuity. When you review the biographies of the incoming Board members, I think you will see why I'm excited to see where the next leadership team will take our organization.

Recently, the CLF newsletters dating back to 2001 were added to our website. Looking back at the work of earlier Boards, I saw *change*—from a larger to smaller membership base, paper to digital, in person to virtual; and many *challenges* including building renovations, hurricanes, floods and Covid-19; but above all *continuity*.

That continuity is based on a strong financial foundation bequeathed to us from early and sustaining donors that has been kept sound by every Board. There has been a commitment to collaboration, not competition, with local and national genealogy organizations, societies,

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Executive Board

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Clayton Library

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**Join us via Zoom -- CLF Annual Meeting
10:30 a.m. CST, Saturday, November 19**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clayton Library Friends, Inc.

Statement of Activities

July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022

Income

Unrestricted Contributions	\$ 1,307
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 719
Membership Dues	\$ 225
Research Requests	\$ 220
Other Income	\$ 2,212

Total Income \$ 4,683

Expenses

Current Programs	\$ 11,698
Administrative & General	\$ 3,010

Total Expenses \$ 14,708

Net Operating Income (Loss) \$(10,025)

Other Income –

TD Ameritrade Investment Account

Interest & Dividends Income	\$ 7,270
Unrealized Gains	\$ 42,827

Other Expenses –TDA

Investment Fees	\$ (3,323)
Unrealized Losses	\$(103,335)

Net Other Income (Loss)-TDA \$(56,561)

Net Income (Loss) \$(66,586)

Statement of Financial Position

As of YTD September 30, 2022

Assets

Current Assets	
Bank Account	\$ 39,667
Other Current Assets	\$ 20
Total Other Assets	\$1,266,550
(Investments, of which \$828,004 is the permanently restricted Endowment)	

Total Assets \$1,306,237

Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities	\$ 436
Equity	\$ 1,305,801

Total Liabilities and Equity \$ 1,306,237

Resa Nichols Hennings, Treasurer

President's Message --

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and groups. And finally, the most important element has been partnership with our expert, dedicated Library Staff.

It has been an honor to serve with the members of the Boards of the last three years. They have worked diligently behind the scenes to keep alive the legacy handed to us from earlier leaders. I gratefully hand off leadership to the next generation of dedicated volunteers and take up my new favorite title—Past President.

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

Dora 'Sam' Akkerman, Esther Bohannon, DeLaine Briscoe, Sara Buntyn, Robin Cimino, Carlton Currie, Kerry Filip, David Furlow, H Don Gibbons, Rebecca Graeber, April Haralson, and Stan Leek.

A Reminder to All Members –

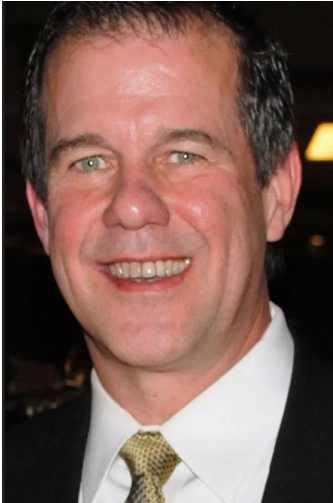
If you change your contact information (address, Phone numbers, email, etc) please let us know at 1vp@claytonlibraryfriends.org Thank you!

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.

Courthouse Research



Speaker:

John Sellers

Saturday, November 19, 2022

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CDT

Zoom meeting

A brief business meeting will be followed by our guest speaker.

John Sellers will give an overview of courthouse research with an emphasis on resources available at the Clayton Library. He will identify courthouse resources that can be accessed on the FamilySearch site through the Clayton Library and its connection as a FamilySearch Affiliate Library. He will also reference some of the most useful sources that we have at Clayton in book form.

John A. Sellers, a fifth generation native of Hopkins County, Texas, graduated from Texas Tech University, with a degree in advertising/public relations, and received his teaching certificate in history from Texas A & M, Commerce. A genealogical researcher since 1985, John's favorite area of research is in the courthouse. He has visited courthouses in several southern states and has conducted extensive research in Texas and Louisiana.

Registration is required. Use this website link: <https://claytonlibraryfriends.org/event-4259191>

You do not need to be a member to attend the meeting.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Mark your calendar for:

CLF General Meeting – 10:30 a.m. – Saturday, February 18, 2023

CLF Executive Board Meeting – check the CLF website for details

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 everyone --

I hope this finds everyone well, wondering where the year went, and maybe thinking about the holidays. Another family history month has come and gone, thank you to all that joined us on our virtual programs in October, or at any time in this year. We hope you enjoy them, and yes, we will continue to offer virtual programs. For the upcoming events visit www.houstonlibrary.org/events and limit the search to History and Research to see our programs and our sister units' programs. As *research centers* that focus on special collections related to *history*, local and beyond, programs from those units might be of interest to you also.

Research centers. History research centers. That is what binds the three special collections units of the Houston Public Library – history and research. And with that realization, the special collection locations of the Houston Public Library have been renamed “History Research Centers”. For the official press release visit [History Research Centers make debut in renaming of sites for archives and special collections](http://www.houstonlibrary.org/hrc)

So, you ask, what is the Clayton new “brand”? Please let me introduce....*The Houston Public Library's Family History Research Center at the Clayton Library Campus.* All three special collections carry new names as you can see on the History Research Centers webpage <https://houstonlibrary.org/hrc> .

As Dr. Rhea Brown Lawson, Library Director, mentions in the press release “with this renaming, the Houston community and visitors stand to gain a greater understanding of what can be found at the History Research Centers. The History Research Centers are wonderful destinations that will appeal to anyone wanting to discover what's hiding in plain sight.”

In keeping current within the research field, the change from “genealogical research” in the previous name to “family history” acknowledges a shift of the pursuit into mainstream language. When the re-branding project was delivered to the managers of the collections to discuss and plan, it was my suggestion that we change to the more common and descriptive term, family history. Along with Dr. Lawson's desire to brand the locations as “research centers”, the two terms were married to form Family History Research Center.

To continue to honor the Clayton family legacy and to recognize the support of the Clayton Library Friends, all branding officially has become The Family History Research Center at the Clayton Library Campus.

This might not come as a surprise to some considering we have a beautiful monument sign with the updated name and have for a while now. The re-brand is official. What hasn't changed is our commitment to provide world class resources and expert staff who provide one-on-one research assistance to help you find your ancestors and YOUR family history.

While the weather is so beautiful, the staff invites you to come to the library and take a picture in front of the new sign after a day of research, and share it, telling everyone what a wonderful time you had at the library!

Thank you all for your continued support of the Library and the staff.

See you at the library –

Kind Regards, Sue





Genealogy Face2Face is an informative and fun Zoom hangout that features genealogical speakers, discussion, and sharing. This program, which meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 1:00pm CST, is open to both CLF members and guests free of charge. Our goal is to promote Clayton Library, its collections, and genealogical research. If you have not yet registered for our programs this year, please go to www.claytonlibraryfriends.org

December 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).

January 5 Setting New Year's Genealogy Resolutions

What are your New Year's genealogy resolutions? Do you have a brick wall you want to break down? Do you want to organize or digitize your files or pictures? Do you want to write an article or your family history? Come share your genealogy resolution with the group. Jessica Collins will lead this discussion.

February 2 Discussion of the Dec 9, 2022 Clayton presentation "Basic Scandinavian Research"

On December 9, 2022, the Clayton Library presented Diana Smith sharing "Basic Scandinavian Research." Today we will follow-up with a question-and-answer program supported by Steven Bychowski.

March 2 Women's History Month – Show and Tell: Celebrating Our Resilient Women Ancestors

Share with the group the story of one of your female ancestors who inspired you by their life and made you proud to carry their DNA. Send a picture to Carol Pena to accompany your story.

Special Donations

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

In Honor of:

Liz Hicks, Irene Walters

In Memory of:

Arnold Burkholder, Robert A Thorn, Norma Walette

SLATE OF NOMINEES

Election of 2023 CLF Executive Board members

Annual Meeting on November 19, 2022

Clayton Library Friends members who are elected to the following Executive Board vacancies at the Annual Meeting in November 2022 will assume office on January 1, 2023. The term of office is two years.



Jessica Horne Collins – President

A former information systems analyst, Jessica Horne Collins now documents ancestors rather than software bugs. Jessica has served on the CLF board for three years as 1st Vice President-Membership and represents our organization to the National Genealogical Society Delegate Council, of which she is an incoming Steering Committee member. Jessica assisted with the planning and launch of Genealogy Face2Face, CLF's virtual meetings/Zoom hangouts, that began in 2020 after the library's COVID-19 closure. She continues as one of its rotating hosts and as an occasional speaker on genealogical topics.

Since discovering family history in 2012, Jessica has furthered her genealogical knowledge through study groups (ProGen, GenProof, NGSQ) and by attending local seminars, state conferences, and the Texas Institute for Genealogical Research (TIGR). She was a 2022 recipient of an AncestryProGenealogist scholarship, attending the Midwest African-American Genealogical Institute (MAAGI) this summer as its awardee.

Jessica is active in the Texas State Genealogical Society as a contributing editor for its journal, *Stirpes*, and on the DNA committee. She is also a member of the Association for Professional Genealogists (APG), South-Central Chapter, and National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

When she's not researching, Jessica stays busy as the mom of two boys. She volunteers with the Parent/Teacher Organizations at her sons' schools, is involved with her church's music ministry, and sometimes finds time to papercraft.



Mary Ramsey Hollis – 1st Vice-President/Membership

Mary caught the genealogy bug from her Aunt Mildred who began genealogy research in the 1960s (before computers and Ancestry.com).

Mary enjoys research & tying historical events to the family history. She's been involved in genealogy for only about twenty-five years. Mary has been retired since 2016 and doesn't know how she had time to do her day job, which was on the systems side of HR/Payroll/Benefits in the field called Human Resources Information Systems, always in the corporate world. Mary has been a volunteer at Clayton Library for several years and looks forward to the day she can return to the library in that capacity, in addition to going as a patron. She's been a member of CLF since about 2019.

Mary was one of the five women who worked on the Houston Suffragists Project in 2020, finding the women who likely voted in 1920 in Houston & Harris County after the 19th Amendment was passed in 1920. See HoustonSuffragists.org. We found approximately 3500 women who likely voted in 1920.

Mary has become the family historian & archivist and the repository/custodian for all family things as closets, garages, & attics are cleaned out. She enjoys attending online webinars in between research and helping with two great-nephews, ages 10 and 6, and a great-niece, age 4.

Mazella Boulden – 2nd Vice-President/Ways & Means



Mazella was born and raised in Ponca City, OK. She graduated from Ponca City High School and Central State University, now known as University of Central Oklahoma in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in Biology with minors in Chemistry and Math. Her first job was with Conoco, Inc. for summers during college and for 5 years before relocating to Freeport, TX where she negotiated Wastewater, Solid Waste and RCRA permits for 29.75 years for BASF Corporation. After retiring, she worked for IEA Inc., an Environmental Consulting Firm in Houston. This job included Environmental auditing and allowed her to travel through numerous cities and states and 2 provinces in Canada.

In retirement Mazella has helped to lead the Senior Adult Ministry for 15 years at the New Faith Church in Houston where she has been a member for 30 years. Concurrent jobs included pianist and organist at several churches in Brazoria County as well as teaching piano to young children.

Currently Mazella's hobbies include making handmade greeting cards and of course genealogy. She got hooked on genealogy when she found out that her 2nd great grandfather was a Free Person of Color and was one of three black members of the Creek Tribal Leadership in Indian Territory. Mazella sometimes attended Clayton Library presentations prior to the pandemic, eventually discovering Face2Face Genealogy, and has been hooked ever since.

Carol A. Peña – Director/Programs



Carol A. Peña is a native Texan with a passion for genealogy and creative writing. As a fifth generation Texan she has been researching her maternal line since 2011. Carol is an active Board member of the Bay Area Writers League and has published family stories in several anthology-style books. Growing up, the middle child of seven, she was always fascinated by her mother's ghost and family history stories. Her mother's storytelling led to Carol's love of reading and passion for genealogical discoveries.

In 2015, to prepare for a family reunion, she stepped up her research. She successfully added the next generation to her maternal family tree with names, birth, death, and marriage information. Carol added +600-relatives and recorded several "Mom, Tell Me A Story" video segments in time for the reunion's family history presentation.

Carol has been active in Clayton Library Friends on the Programs committee, acting as co-host and helping to facilitate Face2Face sessions as well as presenting one. She successfully completed the Boston University genealogy program Principles class. She plans on completing the Certificate program there. BU recommends a break after the Principles class to practice, and encourages volunteer work with genealogical organizations before starting the Certificate program. Carol has been a member of CLF since April 2021.

As her +45-year career in Information Technology winds down, Carol looks forward to spending more time on genealogy research and writing, along with continued adventures with Buster, her constant companion and Wonder-Yorkie. Connect with Carol on her website at www.carolapena.com.

Susan Hoover – Secretary



I've been doing genealogy and going to Clayton as a patron for 30+ years. I started volunteering just before the pandemic hit, so I only got in a couple of sessions of volunteering before it got shut down. I've been a member of Clayton Library Friends since August 2019.

I enjoy digging into old unindexed handwritten documents and finding things that you just can't Google. I work on my own family as well as some of my friends.

My day job for 35 years was software developer, but in January I started my real dream job as a librarian at UH. I'm in the metadata department, where I get to help make the digital collections discoverable.

Kristin Dennis – Director/Volunteers & Hospitality



My name is Kristin Dennis and I am so happy to have found Clayton Library! I was absolutely blown away just to see what resources were available when I moved here from Michigan in 2015. I was in AWE of all the wonderful resources they have available for researchers and was very fortunate that I could slip away during my workday to spend some time at Clayton. I was encouraged to join the Clayton Library Friends and I started attending Genealogy Face2Face lectures. I started to volunteer as I decided to give back to the community that has given me so much more than I could ever repay and here I am now!

My educational background is in history and I am a very long-time antique photo collector, beginning when I was a teenager (over thirty years ago) spending my allowance at my local flea market buying CdV (Carte de Visite) images, magazines, and other pieces of ephemera. My favorite images were the Civil War-era ladies, dressed in their very best. How does this relate to genealogy? Some of the images had names and short biographies. When Family Search went online, I was absolutely on board even though I had absolutely no idea how to search records - what the records even were - and what to do with them if I bumbled around and actually found something. I backed away slowly, frustrated that it wasn't as intuitive as I had hoped.

Around 2005, I regained interest as I developed a better historical understanding after college and found employment in archives. I spoke with my dear aunt who I knew was very focused on researching her father's line. She rekindled that interest. I still was focused on my photo collection. Who *were* they?! What kind of lives did they lead? Did they have families? I had many more questions than answers. I started building their stories and posting their images on Family Search under the "Memories" tab and on Find a Grave.

About ten years ago it dawned on me to start researching my own family lines and not just my photo collection. I really did not know much, due to early deaths and growing up very far from family. Researching these lines has been fantastic! I found some of my mother's cousins through Ancestry DNA and connected with them. I took to the academic side of genealogy and have attended many state and national conferences. I graduated from Boston University earning a certificate in Genealogical Research over the summer of 2022. Currently, I am attending GenProof 73 and ProGen 63. Upon completion, I will move on to earn my CG and AG credentials. I am constantly stunned over all the paths those little photos of mine have carried me, as all roads travel back to that initial interest.



BE AN ANGEL

2023 Angel Subscriptions (periodicals) needed for Clayton Library

These periodicals are ones 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
Carolina Herald and Newsletter (S Carolina) \$25
Central Georgia Genealogical Soc. Quarterly \$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
Families (Ontario Genealogical Soc-Canada) \$100
Family History Capers (Genealogical Society of
Washtenaw County, MI) \$15
Foothills (Colorado) \$20
Genie (ARK-LA-TEX Genealogical Assn.) \$20
Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly \$45
Goingsnake Messenger (Goingsnake District
Heritage Assn, OK) \$20
Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly \$35
Illinois Gen. Society Quarterly \$40
Indiana Genealogist \$30
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
MASSOG & Past Times (Massachusetts) \$25
*Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy and
History* \$30
Minnesota Genealogist (Minnesota Gen Soc) \$35
Montgomery Genealogical Society Quarterly
(Alabama) \$25
Rhode Island Roots \$25
Shelby County Historical Society Quarterly
(Alabama) \$20
South Dakota Genealogical Society Quarterly \$23
St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly (MO) \$45
Tap Roots (East Alabama Genealogical Soc) \$25
Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly \$55
Vermont Genealogy \$25
Wisconsin State Genealogical Society \$30

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

Donations to the Angel Program:

Kathlene Balesky, James Muecke, Bela Toth, Leroy and Irene Villarreal, and Beatrice Weaver.

Jennifer and Troy Barber – for *Oklahoma Historical Society*

Wally Davenport – for *Arkansas Family Historian*, *Franklin County Society* (Texas), *Mississippi River Routes*
(Vicksburg Genealogical Society)

Thomas W Matchett – for *Internet Genealogy*

Sondra Rothe – for *Rodziny* (Polish Genealogical Society of America)

Jerry Stewart – for *Argyll Colony Plus* (NC Scottish Heritage Society)

David R Swenson – for *Chicago Genealogist* and *Maine Genealogist*

2023 CLF Membership Renewal Drive --

Join or renew your CLF membership online between November 1-15 for a chance to win one of two free passes to watch sessions from the 2022 TxSGS Family History Conference. The playback pass features 32 on-demand lectures available through February 6, 2023. You'll enjoy taking your genealogy skills to the next level, and we'll enjoy your continued commitment to Clayton Library.

If you have any questions about your membership, renewals, or the contest, please send them to 1vp@claytonlibraryfriends.org.

Thank you, Jessica Horne Collins, 1st VP – Membership

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.

Many of these sale books are available 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).

NGS Delegate Council Steering Committee --

Jessica Collins has been elected to serve a one-year term on the National Genealogical Society (NGS) Delegate Council Steering Committee (DCSC). This role/opportunity is a direct result of CLF sending her to the NGS national conference in Sacramento, California in May. They wanted more representation from libraries on the committee, and CLF is a unique organization that 'straddles the fence' between library and society.

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

TxSGS Announces the 2023 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, 2023.

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 713-208-1083

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/>**

Excerpt from Family Tree Magazine article by David A Fryxell (10/02/2022 - online)

US Census Information Year-by-Year for Genealogists

When it comes to counting American citizens, we've come a long way in the last 220 years. To help enumerate an estimated 310 million residents in the 2010 census, the Census Bureau expected nearly 3.8 million applicants—almost equal to the total US population in the first census in 1790—for 1.4 million temporary jobs.

Back in 1790, 650 federal marshals did the job over a span of 18 months, traveling house to house, unannounced, at a cost of \$44,000. The marshals used sheets of paper or notebooks they designed themselves (the first centrally produced and printed forms wouldn't be introduced until 1830). That inaugural count of 3.9 million Americans covered 13 states plus the districts of Maine, Vermont, Kentucky and the Southwest Territory (Tennessee).

Excerpts from a 19 September 2022 press release from the Library of Congress:

Chronicling America Reaches 50 States

Chronicling America, the searchable online database of historic American newspapers, will soon include digitized newspapers from all 50 U.S. states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and housed and maintained online at the Library of Congress, [Chronicling America](https://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/) offers free online access to 19.9 million pages of newspapers published in the United States between 1777 and 1963.

Established in 2005, Chronicling America gives users on a computer, tablet or phone direct access to American history as it was recorded locally in more than 3,700 newspaper titles in 22 languages.

In Memoriam –

Norma Walette -- Norma was born April 6, 1960 in Waukegan, Illinois. She passed away at her home in Katy, Texas on August 22, 2022. Norma was passionate about researching her family history. CLF wants to thank her family for designating our group for donations in lieu of flowers.

The Family History Research Center at the Clayton Library Campus

5300 Caroline, Houston, TX 77004-6896

832-393-2600

www.houstonlibrary.org/clayton

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 February 2023 issue is January 31, 2023.

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

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*Working together to enrich the resources and facilities of
Houston Public Library's Family History Research Center
at the Clayton Library Campus*

Membership 2023

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PERSON 2: (same address)

☐ MR. ☐ MRS. ☐ MS. ☐ OTHER TITLE:

LAST FIRST MIDDLE (MAIDEN)

LAST FIRST MIDDLE (MAIDEN)

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☐ I am / we are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities with CLF and Clayton Library.

Clayton Library Friends does not share its membership list.

DUES

\$ _____

Individual - \$20

Two people, same address - \$25

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION

\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$ _____

☐ Cash ☐ Check - # _____

CONTRIBUTOR CATEGORIES

for donations in addition to dues

Contributor	\$1 - \$49	Sponsor	\$250 - \$499
Donor	\$50 - \$99	Benefactor	\$500 & above
Patron	\$100 - \$249		

CLF is a tax-exempt, non-profit Texas Corporation
operating under IRS Code 501(c)(3).

If you would like to designate your additional contribution in honor or memory of an individual, please indicate below:

☐ In Memory Of _____

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You may also activate your membership online at claytonlibraryfriends.org.