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As your newly elected CLF President, I'm looking forward to 2023 with anticipation. I am honored to lead our organization in its purpose: the enrichment of the resources and facilities of Houston Public Library's Family History Research Center at the Clayton Library Campus.

Yes, we're all adapting to Clayton Library's new name. You may see it referenced in many shortened forms and acronyms until we're more familiar with the change. Even with a new—and longer—name, Clayton remains the same genealogical research center we value for its vast collection and knowledgeable librarians.

A new name and new year give us opportunities to *renew* our commitment to Clayton. For individual and household members, that means renewing your annual membership to Clayton Library Friends. If you haven't already made your 2023 commitment, information on how to renew online or by mail is on page 11. The strength of Clayton Library Friends continues to be the dedication of its members—both financially and in volunteer effort.

For the CLF Board, a new year also brings opportunities to shape how our organization will provide for the library and its needs. One of Clayton's greatest needs as we exit the COVID-19 pandemic is increased visits by patrons. As your incoming President, I am committing my term to three goals to increase in-person use of the library:

- **New Tools & Technology** – Expand CLF-funded acquisitions beyond books to also include new in-library digital databases and tools for family history preservation.
- **Hybrid Online/In-Person Meetings** – Return to the Clayton campus for CLF quarterly meetings while broadcasting online to our remote members.
- **Youth Programming** – Capture the attention of the next generation of family historians and foster their—and their parents'—first educational experiences in genealogy.

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Join us via Zoom -- CLF General Meeting
10:30 a.m. CST, Saturday, February 18

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clayton Library Friends, Inc.

Statement of Activities

October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

Income

Unrestricted Contributions	\$ 83,803
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 730
Membership Dues	\$ 2,585
Research Requests	\$ 35
Other Income	\$ 328

Total Income \$ 87,481

Expenses

Current Programs	\$ 2,788
Administrative & General	\$ 2,911

Total Expenses \$ 5,699

Net Operating Income \$ 81,782

Other Income –

TD Ameritrade Investment Account

Interest & Dividends Income	\$ 12,802
Unrealized Gains	\$ 87,465

Other Expenses –TDA

Fees	\$ (3,188)
Unrealized Losses	\$ (36,314)

Net Other Income -TDA \$ 60,765

Net Income \$ 142,547

Statement of Financial Position

As of YTD December 31, 2022

Assets

Current Assets	
Bank Account	\$ 120,323
Total Other Assets	\$1,328,015
(Investments, of which \$828,704 is the permanently restricted Endowment)	

Total Assets \$1,448,338

Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities	\$ (10)
Equity	\$1,448,348

Total Liabilities and Equity \$ 1,448,338

Resa Nichols Hennings, Treasurer

President's Message --

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With an energetic Board and a legacy of committed CLF leadership, we are well-positioned to achieve these goals, but we'll also need dedicated members. Please consider volunteering as we announce future opportunities; you'll hear about them first as CLF members here in our quarterly newsletter and in our email blasts.

In the meantime, I challenge each of us to take a step in returning to Clayton. Call a research buddy and make a recurring date to visit the library. If you haven't been in a while, you'll see familiar faces and resources, but you may also make a discovery that furthers your family history research. And that's exactly why Clayton Library Friends is here.

With expectation and excitement,
Jessica Horne Collins, President

New and/or Returning Members –

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

Deborah Berg	Courtney Park
Brenda DuShane	Betty Pitchford
Lisa Fisher	Cynthia R Rhodes
John Loper	Debbie Smith
Tim McCommon	

We are glad you discovered (or re-discovered) Clayton Library Friends and hope you will also join our group of volunteers who provide support to the library in so many ways.

Clayton Library Friends

P O Box 271078, Houston TX 77277-1078
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 of the Family History Research Center at the Clayton Library Campus, a Special Collections branch of the Houston Public Library. We always welcome donations to further our purpose.

The History and Legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum



Speaker:

Dr. Michelle Tovar

Saturday, February 18, 2023

10:30 a.m. CDT

Zoom meeting -- in your home

Use the registration link below.

This Clayton Library Friends general meeting will be held online via Zoom. A brief business meeting will be followed by our guest speaker.

The Center for African American Military History, also known as the Buffalo Soldiers Museum, founded by Captain Paul Matthews, opened its doors to the public in 2001 to tell the story of African Americans who have served proudly in the military from the Civil War to the present day. In this presentation, Dr. Michelle Tovar will share the history and legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers Museum and how the museum is creating new paths for learning, interpretation, and acknowledgment of history often omitted from history books.

Dr. Michelle Tovar is the Director of Education at the Center for African American Military History. In this role, she is responsible for developing, implementing, and evaluating museum education programs for diverse audiences and expanding the museum's engagement with the public, educators, and students. Dr. Tovar's goal is to build genuine partnerships with local and national organizations dedicated to education, social justice, and history. She is an advocate for BIPOC representation in formal and informal learning environments. Previously, Dr. Tovar founded the Latino Initiatives at Holocaust Museum Houston in 2015 as the Associate Director of Education-Latino Initiatives and created inclusive programming as the Director of Public Engagement. She is a Smithsonian Latino Museum Studies alum, a Fulbright-Hays scholar, and serves as a Houston Coalition Against Hate board member. In 2020, Dr. Tovar was awarded the American Alliance of Museums Ed Com Award for Excellence in Practice.

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

Please go to the CLF website at: <https://claytonlibraryfriends.org/event-514814> to register.

Mark your calendar for:

CLF Quarterly Meetings – May 20, August 19, 2023

CLF Annual Meeting – November 18, 2023

CLF Executive Board Meeting

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 -



New name, same library!

Recently the Special Collections Libraries of the Houston Public Library went through re-branding. This re-branding is the culmination of discussions and decisions within the HPL organization that included the managers of each location, and the Friends groups of all three units.

In October of 2022 the Houston Public Library (HPL) announced that its current special collections libraries now serve under the new banner of HPL's History Research Centers. The Houston History Research Center, formerly Houston Metropolitan Research Center, was the first HPL special collections library; the Family History Research Center at the Clayton Library Campus was established in 1968 as the Clayton Library for Genealogical Research; and the African American History Research Center was known as the African American Library at the Gregory School since 2009.

The respective archives and origins of the History Research Centers are unchanged. The former Gregory School located in the historic Fourth Ward stands as the African American History Research Center (1300 Victor St.), devoted to documenting the Black experience in Houston and beyond. The Julia Ideson Building (550 McKinney St.), home to the Houston History Research Center, anchors the dual history of HPL and the city with a repository of architectural drawings, Hispanic collections and an expansive local photographs and audio-visual collection. The house that William Lockhart Clayton built is synonymous with genealogy and family history research. The Family History Research Center at the Clayton Library Campus (5300 Caroline St.) has grown to be among the best of its kind in the nation, with resources freely available in-person and online.

Although our name has changed, the services and missions remain the same: *to offer highly effective research help to individuals searching for a personal past and to collect research materials in books, microfilm, and online to aid in that pursuit.*

Why was the name changed? All three units are research centers, where in-depth research on a specific subject is done. The History Research Centers, (as we are now collectively called) are different from Neighborhood Libraries in that our materials are historical, archival, and subject specific. Neighborhood Libraries provide a broader range of services and subject materials.

Specifically, the Family History Research Center at the Clayton Library Campus name was changed, as you know, from the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. The new "brand" reflects the more modern terminology of the research pursuit from "Genealogy" to "Family History". The name still carries the moniker "Clayton Library Campus" to honor the history of the William Clayton family and recognizes that the Clayton Library Friends is an important part of the Family History Research Center at the Clayton Library Campus.

Please be assured that the change is in name only. And, ok, if you haven't been in the library in a while, we have a new interior design of the first floor, but everything else remains the same. The materials are still organized by geographic location, our family history collection is still by surname, our microfilm cabinets and of course....all the unique materials we house that are not digitized on the internet -- everything is still available as it always was.

Most importantly, the staff remains available by phone, email and of course, what we like the best, in person to help you with your research. We invite you to come to the library, talk to the staff, and start or continue your research. We would love to see you at the library.

Also, we are available to come to your group for a presentation...or why not set up one of your group meetings in our meeting room? We can do a special presentation for your group and have dedicated staff to help your group with their research for 2 hours!

For the full official press release visit: <https://houstonlibrary.org/blog/History-Research-Centers>

See you at the library; Sue

Online Class



FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

How to Successfully Start
(or Restart)

March 2023

Saturdays
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

March 4, 11, 18 & 25
(4 sessions)

Instructor:

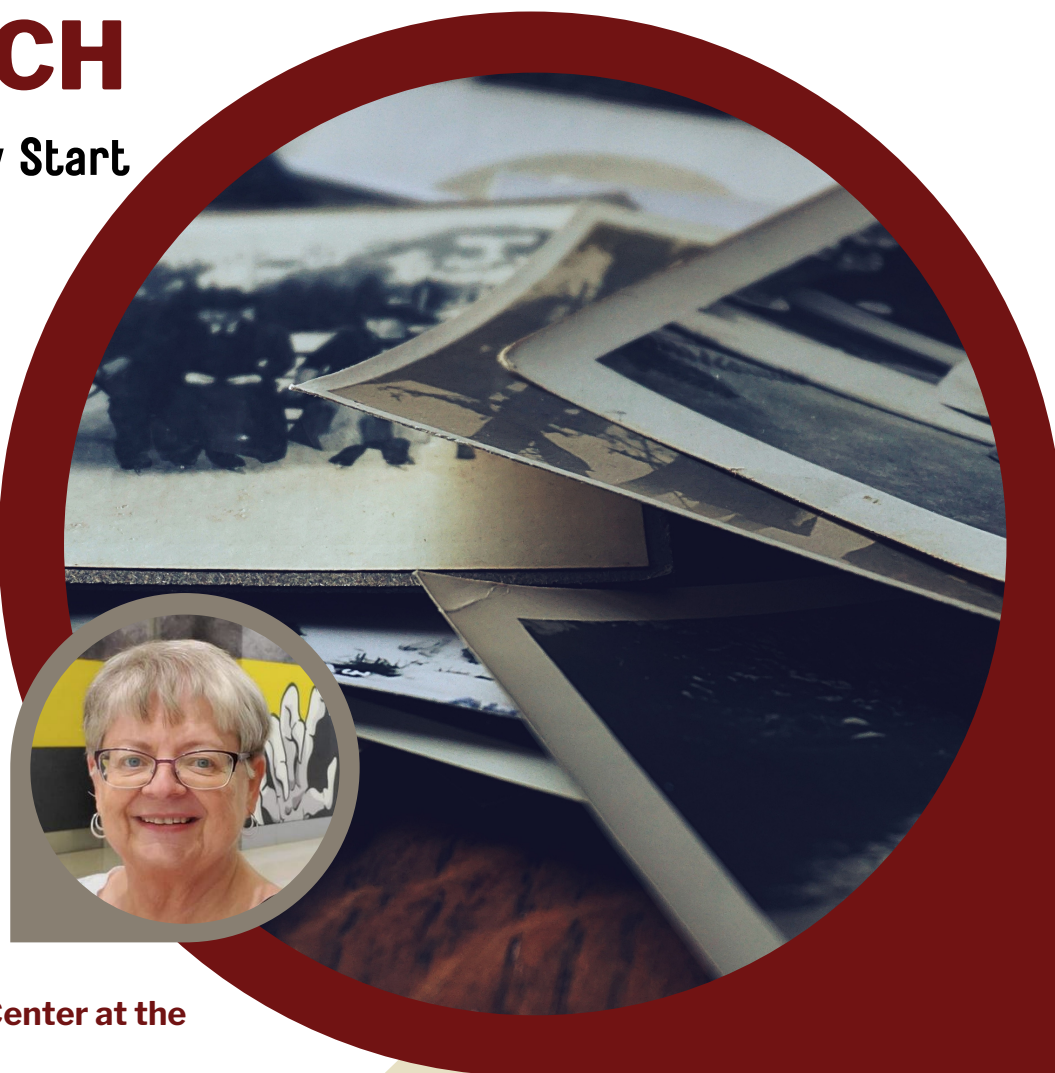
Paula Stuart-Warren, CG

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Family History Research Center at the
Clayton Library Campus



\$50 CLF Members
| **\$75** Non-Members


REGISTER NOW
claytonlibraryfriends.org/course

You will learn about:

- Foundational Steps & Sources
- Organization Strategies
- Record Analysis
- Migration Routes
- Newspapers & City Directories
- Vital Records
- Court Records
- Church, School & Military Records
- Continuing Education
- DNA Testing

Questions? Contact Us:

 info@claytonlibraryfriends.org

 claytonlibraryfriends.org

CLF Offers Beginning Genealogy Course --

Are you a beginning family history researcher, or need to restart your family history research? Join CLF and Paula Stuart-Warren, Certified Genealogist®, FMGS, FUGA, for *Family History Research: How to Successfully Start (or Restart)* this March.

This four-week course is designed to start participants on the path -- or kick start you back to the path -- of discovering your ancestors. Courses will be held virtually on Zoom each Saturday in March (March 4, 11, 18, and 25) from 1:00 - 2:30pm. Topics include:

- Week 1: Foundational Steps & Sources | Introduction to Online Resources | Record Analysis
- Week 2: Migrating Families | Newspapers & City Directories | Courthouse Records
- Week 3: Organization Strategies | Probate, Land Church & Other Records | Special Situations
- Week 4: Military Records | School Records | Continuing Education | DNA Testing

In addition to real-time interaction, participants will have access to recordings of each lecture for three months. The course also features homework to help participants apply the concepts learned in class to their own research. Bonus sessions will also be available to participants after the course.

The cost is \$50 for CLF members and \$75 for non-members. Visits www.claytonlibraryfriends.org/course for more information and to register.

Trudi Coston Becht Appointed Director of Acquisitions --

Trudi Coston Becht has been appointed to the CLF Board as Director of Acquisitions. She fills the position vacated by Lori Fortner in December 2022 and will serve out the remainder of the two-year term.



Trudi grew up in South Florida and earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of California – Santa Barbara. She worked in the social work field until becoming a mom in 2008. The time at home allowed Trudi to pursue her curiosity about genealogy, and it quickly grew into her passion.

Trudi has furthered her genealogy education with courses from Boston University and the National Institute of Genealogical Studies. She has also attended the Texas Institute of Genealogical Research and the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research. Trudi currently serves as assistant registrar for the San Jacinto chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and she co-leads a Girl Scout group of high school freshmen pursuing their Gold Awards.

We welcome Trudi and appreciate the important work she will do on the Board as Acquisitions Director.

Do you spend lots of time on Facebook?

Love to craft posts and share info?

CLF needs your help with social media!

**To offer your help, contact:
volunteers@claytonlibraryfriends.org**

2022 Contributions and Donations

We wish to acknowledge and express our appreciation to the following individuals and organizations who, during the calendar year of 2022, have generously made financial gifts to the Clayton Library Friends' ongoing goal of enriching the resources of Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research which is now renamed Family History Research Center at the Clayton Library Campus

Contributor (\$1 - \$49)

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Special Donations --

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

In Honor of:

Caroline Hassell,
Melissa Hayes,
Liz Hicks, and
Irene Walters.

In Memory of:

Trevia Beverly,
Norma Davenport,
Lou & Wilma Lazartic,
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Joseph Wolfe.

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:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday -- 10am to 5pm (central time)

Thursday -- noon to 7pm (central time)

THE CLAYTON ADVOCATE deadline for the May 2023 issue is May 3, 2023.

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

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BE AN ANGEL

Angel Subscriptions (periodicals) STILL needed for 2023

The list of periodicals below 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. Unspecified donations to the Angel Program are greatly appreciated and encouraged.

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.

Annals of Wyoming (Wyoming State Historical Society) \$60
Argyll Colony Plus (NC Scottish Heritage Society) \$30
Carolina Herald and Newsletter (South Carolina) \$25
Clarke County Hist. & Gen. Society Quarterly (Clarke Co., AL) \$30
Collin County Chronicles (Collin County, TX) \$25
Families (Ontario Genealogical Society-Canada) \$100
Goingsnake Messenger (Goingsnake District Heritage Assn.-Oklahoma) \$20
Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly \$35
Kin Hunters (Sandusky, Ohio) \$12
Le Raconteur (Le Comite des Archives de la Louisiane) \$15
Leaves and Branches (Navarro County, TX Genealogical Society) \$13
Les Voyageurs (German-Acadian Coast Hist. & Gen. Society) \$15
Licking Lantern (Licking County, Ohio) \$19
Lifelines (Northern NY-American-Canadian) \$35
MASSOG & Past Times (Mass.) \$25
Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History \$30
Minnesota Genealogist (MN Gen. Soc.) \$35
Montgomery Genealogical Society Quarterly (Alabama) \$25
Rhode Island Roots \$15
Shelby County (Alabama) Historical Society Quarterly \$20
South Dakota Genealogical Society Quarterly \$23
St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly (Missouri) \$40
Tap Roots (East Alabama Genealogical Society) \$25
Vermont Genealogy \$30

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

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

Judith Harrison – donation for renewal of *Illinois Genealogical Society Quarterly*, *Indiana Genealogist*, and *Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Quarterly*

Becky Morgan -- donation for renewal of the *Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly*.

Bela and Millie Toth -- donation to the Angel Program

Paula Rene White -- donation for renewal of *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, and *Middle TN Journal of Genealogy and History*, in memory of Leanne Mary Nilles.



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

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 accompany your story to Carol Pena at programs@claytonlibraryfriends.org

Please Remember!

If you have a change to any of your contact information (address, phone number, email, etc.), please remember to send it to 1vp@ClaytonLibraryFriends.org. Thank you!

In Memoriam --

James and Louise Lewark were past members of Clayton Library Friends. They passed away in 2012 leaving a trust that would be shared with CLF upon the passing of their son, James E Lewark. He died in 2021, and CLF received our portion of the James E Lewark Trust in late November 2022. The generous Lewark family gift is greatly appreciated by Clayton Library Friends.

Joseph 'Joe' Wolfe, a long-time member of Clayton Library Friends, died December 19, 2022 in Ashland, Ohio. Although he retired to Ohio to be near his family, he never forgot his CLF ties – showing up at the NGS national convention in Michigan in 2018 to help with our CLF exhibit booth. He contributed articles to several genealogical publications including this newsletter and also to the book *Seneca County, Ohio: History and Families*. He was a member of the Alexander Hodge Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

**PACE SOCIETY OF AMERICA
Four Points by Sheraton
Amarillo, Texas
June 8-10, 2023**

**PACE is a very old immigrant family (1611). This invitation is open to anyone born Pace or who has an extended connection to a Pace line. Members from several different states usually attend. We welcome you. For details: Pacesociety.org or contact host –
Betty Pitchford, 505-634-8194 Bpitchford4@msn.com**

Winners of the Drawing for the Fall Membership Drive!

During the Fall 2022 Membership Drive held last year November 1 – 15, a contest / giveaway of two playback passes for the Texas State Genealogical Society Family History Conference were offered as an incentive. The winners were Jane Murtishaw and Leonard & Susan Teich. Congratulations!

Thanks to all those who joined or renewed during the drive.

Mary Ramsey Hollis, 1st VP – Membership

Reminder to Renew Your Membership –

Your membership can be renewed on-line at www.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.

Please renew today!

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. A 'recent additions' list is sometimes added.

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).

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/>

Genealogy vs Family History

Genealogy or Family Historian; these words, while used interchangeably, they are so different to some.

Genealogy is defined as the gathering of names, dates and locations of our families. It is documented with sources such as birth/marriage/death records, census and wills. As Joe Friday used to say, "Just the facts. Nothing but the facts." Researchers use this information to fill out pedigrees and family group sheets and try to fill in any missing family member.

Family History is all of the above but with an additional twist. Why was our ancestor given his particular name? Why did they live where they did; why did they migrate to another country? Answering these questions provides a little history behind our ancestors' lives. As genealogists, we find the basic facts. As we research a little deeper, we become historians. The researcher wants more stories about their ancestry. That is Family History: answering the questions of "Why" and "How?"

Sources we used for birth/marriage/death develop as we read journals, land deeds, letters, newspapers and histories of the places our ancestors' resided in. Photographs are studied to see their time periods, any familiar resemblances, and the type of dress or uniform they may have worn.

We desire to know more than the basic facts and research accordingly. Interviewing relatives and friends who knew about the family is a great tool.

A lot of county sites have histories of their early pioneers. Learning the occupations may even be listed on that census you researched earlier when looking for that birth or marriage. Some researchers are elated to learn they descended from someone "famous" or a "rich" ancestor. When it comes down to it, we are all happy with all the history we can find.

Genealogist? Family Historian? No matter what we call ourselves, we are first calling ourselves genealogists as we are looking for the same basic information; then later we become family historians, researching a little deeper. We hope to discover what made them like they were and, maybe, in the process learn something about ourselves.

What do you consider yourself to be? Genealogist or Family Historian?

Did You Know that Clayton Has...?

Are you tired of finding a resource you'd like to use only to be told you had to subscribe? Our library has a number of databases that are accessible for free in the library. You've probably already discovered the Ancestry Library version available at Clayton, but have you looked for others? In the next few newsletter issues we will highlight some of the really 'fun' helpful databases.

Findmypast (available at Clayton Library only)

Local and national British and Irish genealogical records including parish, census, and military collections and passenger lists. Local English, Welsh, Irish and Scottish records dating back to 1700, including school admissions, workhouse registers, apprenticeship records, and Irish court records. Also includes records from United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pacific Islands, and Papua New Guinea/

HistoryGeo (temporary remote access)

Contains land-ownership maps, historical atlases and other content indispensable for recreating frontier communities and tracking migrations of families across the United States. This resource is made available by the Clayton Library Friends.