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President's Message

Greetings, Friends of Clayton –

I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support of our organization. Our mission -- enriching the resources and facilities of HPL's Family History Research Center at the Clayton Library Campus -- provides a framework for the projects and programs CLF undertakes. Here's a recap of what CLF has accomplished since the beginning of the year:



CLF sponsored "Family History Research: How to Successfully Start-- Or Restart," a beginning genealogy course held online each Saturday in March. The sold-out class was led by Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, and reached thirty-five genealogists of varying skill levels. Although a virtual offering, the class participants mostly lived in the Houston metro area, and many joined CLF for the first time when registering for the event. The course was a great way to reach new family historians who have discovered a passion for genealogy but have not connected with Clayton previously. It was also a way to re-energize seasoned researchers and feature the vast resources available at Clayton. We look forward to seeing new faces -- and familiar ones -- at the library as these participants apply their learnings with new record sets and methodologies.

CLF purchased a Vivid-Pix Memory Station to help library patrons preserve their important photographs and family history documents. This purchase represents a strategic shift by the CLF board to expand acquisitions beyond printed materials to digital tools and technologies for family historians. The system was installed on March 18 with Vivid-Pix CEO, Rick Voight, providing initial training and demonstrations to the Clayton librarians, CLF board, and interested CLF volunteers. 1st VP Mary Hollis has taken the lead in learning the Vivid-Pix software and scanner, and provides an excellent overview of the system on page 4. Attendees at our May General Meeting will also have an opportunity to learn about Vivid-Pix from our featured speaker, Rick Voight. Dig out your

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clayton Library Friends, Inc.

Statement of Activities

January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023

Income

Unrestricted Contributions	\$ 2,465
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 150
Membership Dues	\$ 1,815
Other Income (Webinar income, D-D Books, Research Requests)	\$ 4,394

Total Income **\$ 8,824**

Expenses

Current Programs	\$ 5,576
Administrative & General	\$ 7,724

Total Expenses **\$13,300**

Net Operating Income **\$ -4,476**

Other Income –

TD Ameritrade Investment Account

Interest & Dividends Income	\$ 7,328
Unrealized Gains	\$ 74,748

Other Expenses –TDA

Fees	\$ -3,335
Unrealized Losses	\$ -28,816

Net Other Income -TDA **\$ 49,925**

Net Income **\$ 45,449**

Statement of Financial Position

As of YTD March 31, 2022

Assets

Current Assets	
Bank Account	\$ 117,043
Total Other Assets	\$1,377,940
(Investments, of which \$828,704 is the permanently restricted Endowment)	

Total Assets **\$1,494,983**

Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities	\$ 1,715
Equity	\$1,493,268

Total Liabilities and Equity **\$1,494,983**

Resa Nichols Hennings, Treasurer

President's Message --

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buried photographs and get ready to use this valuable tool for family history preservation!

CLF has also been out in the community with displays at the African American Historical and Genealogical Society - Willie Lee Gay H-Town Chapter workshop in February and an outdoor tent to reach spring break passersby along Caroline Street. After a three-year break due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CLF will also return to the exhibit hall at the National Genealogical Society conference in Richmond, Virginia, in early June. These events are an encouraging signal that we're returning to in-person interaction with our patrons, society partners, and the genealogy community.

I thank each of you who've had a role in our busy start to 2023. Whether your support was financial or involved a donation of your time and talents, I thank you for considering Clayton Library Friends and HPL's FHRC-CLC a worthy cause.

I also wish to recognize Randy Pace for ten years of dedicated service to the CLF board as Director of Public Relations. Randy, a seasoned genealogist with a distinguished career in preservation, was a key figure in CLF's involvement during filming of the 2016 Houston episode of PBS's *Genealogy Roadshow*. Randy also shepherded much of CLF's early involvement with social media and was usually the first person who connected with Facebook users in posts and messages. Randy tendered his resignation from the CLF board in January after a decade of faithful service. Thank you, Randy!

As the year progresses, the CLF board will continue to explore new ways to support Clayton, and we invite you to get involved in any way you can. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Sincerely,
Jessica Horne Collins

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.

Don't Let Your Memories Fade



Speaker:

Rick Voight

Saturday, May 20, 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.

Family History activities are fun, stimulate the brain and involve activities that are of interest to children of all ages.

During the 180 years that photos have been around, a lot has come, gone, and changed, but one thing has stayed the same... this magical thing we call a photograph allows us to capture a snapshot in time, or said another way, to capture a memory – to be reminisced about in the future. Vivid-Pix has brought together a broad range of integrated solutions to easily and affordably bring memories to life.

Rick Voight grew up in Rochester, NY and has spent the past few decades in the photo industry working with Kodak, HP, a couple of start-ups, and co-founded Vivid-Pix a decade ago. His favorite personal achievements are raising a daughter, who is a storyteller at Microsoft and a Major in the U.S. Air Force, with his wife of over 35 years, and working as a volunteer and board member in multiple non-profit organizations.

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

To register, go to the CLF website at: <https://claytonlibraryfriends.org/event-5228536>

Mark your calendar for:

CLF Quarterly Meeting – Saturday, August 19, 2023

The State of the Library – speaker, Susan Kaufman, Library Manager

CLF Annual Meeting – Saturday, 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.

VIVID-PIX[®] is on-site at the Clayton Library –

Clayton Library Friends has purchased a Vivid-Pix station for the FHRC-Clayton Library Campus for the free use of all the patrons. It consists of an overhead scanner and a stand-alone computer which contains the Vivid-Pix photo *Restore* software and it has a large monitor on which to view the images. The software helps restore photos and other images for the red, green, blue, white color balance. Images that are too dark or too light can be restored, and it helps with the contrast, lightness, vividness (color saturation) and sharpness. It does not “colorize”, that is, add color where it does not already exist.

All you need to bring is a flash drive and your images, photos, or other kinds of documents. These can be of any subject, not just genealogy related. Photos of your pets, cars, hobbies, garden, home renovations, or vacation trips are a few examples of photos you may wish to digitize and restore, in addition to your family and genealogy. We will show you how to scan your items and put them in an image format on the flash drive. Then we'll show you how to use the *Restore* software in Vivid-Pix. The original image remains as-is on the flash drive, so you will have a digitized copy of your original. The restored photo will be on the flash drive, too.

If you have a scanner at home, you may bring in your flash drive that contains your previously scanned images (an example could be a census document downloaded from any of the major genealogy sites). In order to use the *Restore* software in Vivid-Pix, the items must be “images”, which are: JPEG, TIFF, PNG, DNG, BMP, or RAW formats.

You may also use the SnapScan overhead scanner to scan other items such as books, larger documents, and magazines. It is important to note that the *Restore* software in Vivid-Pix will not restore pdfs. But you may wish to use the overhead scanner for other items to get them digitized.

Members of the Clayton Library Friends are currently in the process of training trainers in the use of the Vivid-Pix software and the scanner. The staff at the library is setting up an on-line appointment system, which will be available soon. In the meantime, if you are interested, after May 20, 2023 you can call the Clayton reference desk at 832-393-2600 to schedule an appointment with a CLF volunteer who will help you get started. Appointments will be for 90 minutes each initial appointment, which will include training. Once you are trained, you will be able to make appointments for a shorter period of time, and without a trainer.

Check out the Vivid-Pix website <https://www.vivid-pix.com/restore> and watch some videos there to prepare for your visit to use the Vivid-Pix equipment at the library.

To learn more about the new scanner and software, attend the Clayton Library Friends' meeting on May 20 to hear Rick Voight. His topic, “*Don't Let Your Memories Fade,*” discusses how photographs help us with our memories. After all, May is National Photo Month, and National Mental Health Awareness Month.



Manager's Message -



We all have stuff, and that stuff is stories.

How many of you have “stuff” that you need to go through? I know that I have boxes in my garage, yep in my garage here in Houston, that contain photos, papers, documents, and much more that are part of my family history. They are stories of a life.

Most of our research focuses on our pedigree charts. We spend so much time trying to fill in each blank space on that pedigree chart. The pedigree is the map with names on it. It is the foundation of family history. But who wants to look at just a pedigree chart? It's those documents, those photos and all the “stuff” that in my case is in the garage where it is not kept in the best condition, that create the family history.

Many of us have been at family gatherings, or with friends and someone says....“they do genealogy”. Often we get an opportunity to share a story about “the family.” When we do that those around us are interested. Bring out that pedigree chart and those around us are looking for more food. But start with stories, and people gather around to listen...and maybe even add their memories. And that is what we want. We want to keep the family alive, that is why we pursue those documents, look day and night for clues to take us on the road of the pedigree map.

A name with dates and a dash between those dates is a story waiting to be told. At the library we have shelves and shelves of books, and staff that is trained to help you navigate those books and the stories they can help you create. I invite you to visit the library, use the books, and find your story. We are waiting to help you discover your ancestors and your personal past. Feel free to call us to make an appointment or just walk in.

See you soon!

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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

Thursday -- noon to 7pm

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

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

CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER STAFF

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Cary Rodriguez Joins CLF Board –

The CLF Executive Board welcomes Cary Rodriguez as our new Director of Publicity and Public Relations. He fills the vacancy left by Randy Pace's resignation after ten years in that position.



Cary has worked in the audit and assurance world for over 20 years both as a practitioner and a consultant. He has held roles in IT Audit, audit practice management, operational auditing, forensic auditing, data analytics, and best practice process improvements in companies of all sizes. Cary is passionate about gaining process improvements by leveraging technology. He is a Certified Internal Auditor. He has been a guest speaker on the topics of audit, fraud and data analytics on college campuses and through local professional associations. He received a BBA degree from Oklahoma State University in Management Information Systems and served on the board of Association of Certified Fraud Examiners for 6 years.

In addition to his internal audit career, Cary has been doing genealogy since the late 90s to learn more about his own family. He believes that genealogy connects us to those who came before us and provides those who take the journey of discovery with a greater sense of self. With this belief and passion, he pursued advanced education in genealogy, having received a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University in spring of 2020 and completed the Professional Genealogy (ProGen) study program in spring of 2022. He began Lineage Genealogy in 2020 and accepts clients on a case-by-case basis.

He is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the National Genealogical Society, as well as local and regional genealogy groups and associations.

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/>

**Clayton Library Friends
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www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org**



BE AN ANGEL

Angel Subscriptions (periodicals) STILL needed for 2023

This list of 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. Unspecified donations to the Angel Program are greatly appreciated and encouraged.

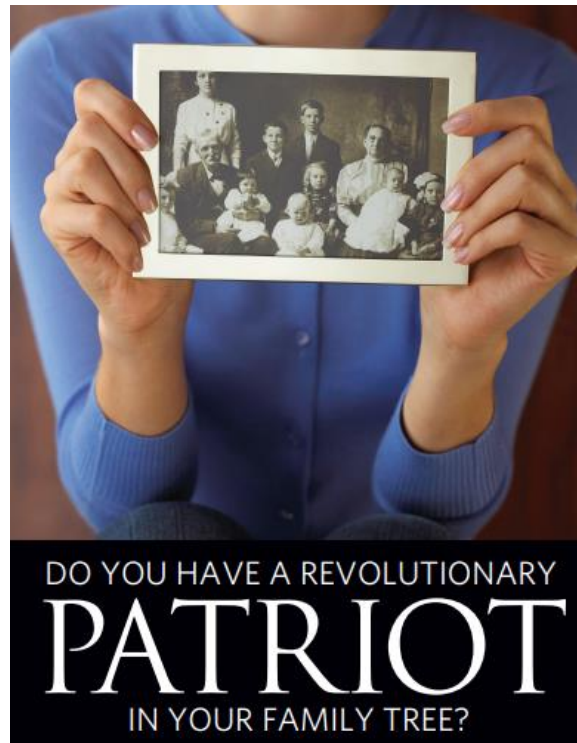
Checks should be made payable to Clayton Library Friends, and mailed to P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078. Please write "Angel" on your check.

Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine \$15
American-Canadian Genealogical Society \$50
Annals of Wyoming (Wyoming State Hist Soc) \$60
Argyll Colony Plus (NC Scottish Heritage Soc) \$30
Arkansas Family Historian (Arkansas Genealogical Society) \$25
Carolina Herald and Newsletter (SC) \$25
Carolinas Genealogical Society Quarterly \$18
Central Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly \$30
Ceske Stopy (Texas Czech Genealogical Soc) \$25
Chicago Genealogist \$30
Chronicles of Oklahoma (Oklahoma Hist Soc) \$55
Clarke County Hist. & Gen. Society Quarterly (AL) \$30
Collin County Chronicles (Collin County, TX) \$27
Connecticut Maple Leaf (French Canadian Genealogical Society) \$30
Connecticut Ancestry \$35
Der Blumenbaum (Sacramento German Genealogical Society) \$35
Families (Ontario Genealogical Society-Canada) \$100
Family Tree Magazine (United Kingdom) \$100
Franklin County Genealogical Society Quarterly (Texas) \$20
Family History Capers (Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County, Michigan) \$10
Genie (Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Society) \$20
Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly \$35
Goingsnake Messenger (Goingsnake District Heritage Assn.-Oklahoma) \$20

Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly \$35
Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly \$40
Indiana Genealogist \$30
Internet Genealogy \$32.95
Irish Roots \$49
Kith 'n Kin (Sandusky, Ohio) \$15
Journal (German-Texan Heritage Soc quarterly) \$40
Le Raconteur (Le Comite des Archives de la Louisiane) \$15
Leaves and Branches (Navarro County, TX Genealogical 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 \$30
MASSOG & Past Times (Mass.) \$25
Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History \$25
Minnesota Genealogist (MN Gen. Soc.) \$35
Mississippi River Routes (Vicksburg Gen. Soc.) \$25
Montgomery Genealogical Society Quarterly (AL) \$25
Rhode Island Roots \$15
Rodziny (Polish Genealogical Society of Am) \$35
Shelby County Historical Society Quarterly AL \$20
South Dakota Genealogical Society Quarterly \$23
St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly (MO) \$40
Tap Roots (East Alabama Genealogical Soc) \$25
Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly (KS) \$75
Vermont Genealogy \$30
Wisconsin State Genealogical Society \$30

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

Jerry Stewart



DAR DAYS AT CLAYTON LIBRARY

**Are you interested in finding your path to a
Revolutionary War Patriot?**

DAR volunteers will be here to assist you with your genealogy
and help you connect with a chapter.

Saturday July 29, 11am - 3pm

Saturday October 21, 11am- 3pm

For more information go to www.dar.org or contact
specialtyresearch@nsdar.org



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 CDT, 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

June 1: Life and Times of our Ancestors – Historic Disasters, Epidemics, Politics, and other Calamities!



Sometimes we focus in on specific people and isolated record finds and fail to see the larger picture -- including the social and political climate in which our ancestors lived. Many factors affected the lives of our ancestors including their race or ethnicity, gender, religion, language(s) spoken, climate and weather conditions, occupation, education, and medical care available and more. What was going on in the U.S. economy, business and industry, military, and foreign relations greatly affected daily life.

Our ancestors were subject to natural and man-made disasters including: fires, storms, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, droughts, floods, and pestilence. They faced the continued threat of disease, epidemics, infection, and death without much medical help. We often wonder about: their migratory path, when and why they move here or there, how couples met, job changes, changes in religion. Often these questions could be answered by a look at the many factors at work in the lives of ordinary people like our ancestors.

Laurie Castillo is the First VP of the Utah Valley Technology and Genealogy Group; former VP and Board Member of the Utah Genealogical Association; BYU FH Library consultant and teacher for 28+ years. She has been a professional researcher and writer 30+ years; Presenter: RootsTech 2016-2020; Former Red Cross Instructor, Community Emergency Response Team Trainer, Girl Scout Troop Leader, Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor and Chihuahua breeder; Genealogy specialties include: Germany, France, Netherlands, Sweden, U.S. Regions of New England, Mid-West, Texas, and the Western Frontier. Interests include history, mystery, geography, and genetics. Add those up and what do you get? Genealogy.

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 --

Marilyn "Susie" Ganch, age 74, passed away March 27, 2023 in Clear Lake, Texas. Born Marilyn Atkinson in Houston she was a dedicated genealogist – active in DAR and UDC. She loved researching her genealogy and also held several offices in the Bay Area Genealogical Society.

Special Donations –

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

In Honor Of:

Laney Chevez
Susan Kaufman
Irene Walters

In Memory Of:

Rev. Delbert B Price, Phd.
Jonye Walker

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 February newsletter. 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.

Cynthia Austin
Deborah Berg
Jessica Bird
Connie Cantrell
Maryellen Hamel
Judy Harrison
Amir & Candace Khan
Kathie Kochanowsky

Brenda Laplante
Frank Lytle
Tim McCommon
Barbara Meehan
Donna Meyer
Marcia Patrick
Alan Raymond
Donna Roberts

Donna Sparks
Hazel Switzer
Karen Welborn
Marie Woodward
Nancy Wyatt
Anita Jean Whitehead

Of the 35 people who enrolled in the 4-week class in March 2023: Family History Research: How to Successfully Start—or Restart with Paula Stuart-Warren --

- 15 became new CLF members
- 2 were returning renewals
- 12 were existing members
- 6 attended as non-members

The class was a great success overall in addition to bringing in new and returning members.

Mary Ramsey Hollis, 1st VP – Membership

CLF Donated-Duplicate Book Sale –

Books that are donated to Clayton Library Friends 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).
