



# CLF NEWSLETTER

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## **The President's Report** Ginny Toney

Be sure to note the announcement of the May meeting. **RESERVATIONS FOR THE BARBECUE MUST BE MADE BY PAYING IN ADVANCE.** There is limited seating at the Log House, so get your check in early.

My personal thanks to all who made our initial venture into the Houston International Festival such a success.

We have a new committee to supervise The Ten Most Wanted List. Edgar Dewel brought the idea to us and he is the chair of the committee. Please read his report on how this idea will help Clayton Library.

Many of you have been awaiting a status report on our invitation to the National Genealogical Society to have their 1994 annual meeting in Houston. This invitation was made as the result of a unanimous decision of the CLF Board and was sent along with letters of welcome and support from Governor Bill Clements, Frank Lively (editor of Texas Highways), Mayor Kathy Whitmire, Councilman Vince Ryan, Jane Ellen Cable of the Harris County Heritage Society and many others. Also included were letters of support from David Henington, Director of the Houston Public Library and Maxine Alcorn of the Clayton Library.

Sharron Ashton, Regional Councilor of NGS made an on-site inspection tour during the period January 21-23.

We have a copy of Sharron's seven page report to the NGS Council dated January 24, 1990. It is very complimentary concerning Houston, the Clayton Library and the CLF capabilities. Your CLF committee has been hard at work in anticipation of a "showcase event" for Clayton Library and the local genealogical community.

The 1994 conference date cannot be announced until the 1993 date and place is announced but we will keep you informed of our progress.

## **What's In The Library** Judy Barnett

We have all read wills in which land was willed to sons (as a rule), found records of land on which taxes were paid and

deeds made in transfers of property. Genealogists delight to find a deed in which a parent transfers a tract and names the children. Everyone who does family research knows that wills, taxes and deeds mean a Court record. Unless a fire (Sherman, of course) destroyed the records they are available in the county, or Archives, of each state.

Frank Stamper, an attorney, was considered the authority in Texas for Texas land titles. His book "*A Handbook for Texas Abstractors and Title Men*" was a gift to me by Mr. Stamper's widow, Bess Stamper. The book has been donated to Clayton Library (Gen 976 S783). I am a firm believer in the value of land grants, patents, titles and plats to prove family connections when all else fails. If you have Texas ancestry, don't overlook this help in tracing your lineage. **GOOD HUNTING.**

## **A Royal Success** **CLF At The Houston International Festival** Chia Greer

*"This is my favorite library!"*  
Mayor Kathy Whitmire

They said the total count was 2 million people attending The Houston International Festival March 22 - April 1, 1990 with the theme "A Salute to the United Kingdom". CLF's booth in front of One Shell Plaza across from the City Hall was active and busy those two weekends. We knew we were off to a good start when Mayor Kathy Whitmire came by mid-morning of the first day and wished us good luck as she loudly proclaimed to those assembled in front of our booth "This is my favorite library!"

We had 40 people who helped in one way or another. Some were members of CLF, or members in spirit!. The booth was built by Ginny and Bill Toney and their son, Chuck. The Clayton Library Friends banner was made in Arkansas by a friend of Chia Greer's. Flags representing many of the countries in the kingdom were selected by Joyce Naumann who, with Mary Scheirmann, decorated the boat hats and aprons worn by the four teams, four members each, who staffed the booth. Our PR sub-committee included Wayne Bader, Bruce Breeding and Louise Krohn -- the

pictures from the occasion will long be inspirational for our future endeavors.

From the standpoint of Clayton Library Friends it was a smashing success. More than 2,000 people accepted our flyers when they stopped by the booth. Among other materials that we had available was a modest "do it yourself" genealogy kit for the beginner (for a small donation). Exhibits of research resource materials included copies of early census records, soundex, charts, etc.

Those members who served on the committee were; Arthur Allee, Wayne Bader, Judy Barnett, Bruce Breeding, Mildred Carroll, Carmin Cleavenger, Pat Cochran, Ruby & Norman Crook, Edgar Dewel, Jan & Larry Dirnberger, Ruby Dusek, Chia Greer, Tom Hargus, Keith James, Doris Keating, Phil Kreuger, Lude Krohn, Jesse Lovett, Karen Mermonstein, Joyce & Quentin Naumann, Fran Phelan, Catherine Ponder, Donald Pusch, Odile Roberts, Mary Scheirman, Denise & Clarence Smith, Mildred Tarchiani, Ginny & Bill Toney, Matsy Walker, Margaret Whiteley, Bill Williams, Madeline & James Younglove.

The exciting part was reaching so many people from all walks of life who were unaware of this great library. Since the close of the Festival, Clayton Library has noted an increase in visitors and we know that is just the beginning.

#### **Foreign Acquisitions Committee**

Treva Wooster Beverly, Chair

It is planned that the existing materials used for foreign research now owned by Clayton Library will be moved to the refurbished Clayton house. This will allow for an extensive expansion of the Foreign Collection.

This committee is particularly interested in augmenting the size and scope of foreign genealogical material at Clayton Library. The committee plans to begin with a comprehensive survey of materials currently held and then to make recommendations for future acquisitions by purchase and gift.

Committee Coordinators are: Leah Auricchio, Treva Wooster Beverly, Edgar H. Dewel, Caroline Porter Dotson, Mary Eklof, Elizabeth Ward Kennedy, Pierre R. Mommessin, Cathleen Martin Shoemaker, Harry M. Wilkerson and Derrelyn Adams Yates.

#### **CLF Library Volunteers**

Pat Cochran, Coordinator

An SOS has been received from Maxine Alcorn. Volunteers are desperately needed to help on the 2nd floor on Saturdays from 10am to 4pm. If you could offer an hour or so of your time during this period, it would be greatly appreciated.

The Family History Index project is making good progress although more help in this would be welcome.

The Vertical Files project is still searching for an appropriate method to accomplish its objectives. Some help in

analyzing, organizing and achieving would be most welcome here.

For further information on these and other interesting opportunities at Clayton Library please contact Pat Cochran at (713) 721-1898.

Special thanks go to the following who have offered their time thus far in 1990: Janet Anderson, Pat Cochran, Rose Mary Fritz, Virginia Lloyd, Frances McDaniel, Pierre Mommessin, Dale Napier, Dolly Nicol, George Pardue, Catherine Ponder, Odile Roberts, Cathleen Shoemaker, Josanna Smith, Joanne Whitfill and Janis Worthen.

#### **The Ten Most Wanted List**

Edgar Dewel, 5959 Pinemont #150, Houston TX 77092  
Phone 680-2155.

To get more books for the library that you as members and patrons would like to have, we have started this new project. As chairman of the committee I will accept your nominations for books/films, but it must be accompanied by a donation for that item. You may donate all or part of the purchase price of the item. I will check to make sure that the material is not already in the Houston Public Library or on order. The Ten Most Wanted List will be published in the Newsletter and posted at Clayton Library with the amount donated and the amount needed for each item. As they are acquired, another item is placed on the list. Individuals, groups or organizations may nominate items for the list. So, get your nomination in to me and let's begin the Ten Most Wanted list.

#### **Gifts and Endowments**

Mary Anne Phillips

Six donations were received from January through March 1990. Two were as gifts and three were memorials. These contributions were acknowledged and letters sent to relatives of those memorialized. The contributors are as follows.

##### **Benefactors**

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Meredith

##### **Patrons**

Mr. Bruce A. Breeding

##### **Donors**

Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Naumann

##### **Contributors**

Dr. Herbert C. Allen Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Creekmore

Mrs. Bessie M. Wendt

The Endowment Fund continues to grow. Gifts to this fund contribute to the long-term growth of Clayton Library. Please think of the Endowment Fund when you wish to honor or remember someone with a lasting gift. Last year

approximately \$3,700 was given to the fund. We hope that our members and friends will match that this year.

Acknowledgments were sent to the following contributors to the Valentine Tree: Norman and Carolyn Andregretti, Myra Harrell Angst, Trevia Beverly, Charles and Sharlene Boyken, Harry and Avis Brister, Edward H. Ely, Carolyn Fores, Genevieve Goodpasture, David and Pat Hetler, Larry Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Gene R. Mills, B. J. Mitchell, Quentin and Joyce Naumann, Mary Anne Phillips, Thomas and Catherine Ponder, Martha Porus, Bill and Nancy Pugh, Earlene Pugh, Pam Rodgers, Skippy (Sarah) Rollins, Marice Smith, Bill and Ginny Toney, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Waldo.

### Treasurer's Report

Ruby Dusek

My thanks to Ginny Toney, Margaret Mottley and Chia Greer for being "Treasurer's Assistants" while I was away working with the Red Cross in American Samoa. This brings up the fact that I need an assistant. I use Paradox on an IBM compatible computer to keep CLF records. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact me at 468-2355. My phone number in the 1990 Directory is incorrect, so please correct your copy.

A summary report appears below. The full report will be available at the general meeting in May. If you have any questions, call me. By the time you read this, some of the Benjamin Franklin amount will have been turned over to the Library to purchase the items mentioned in the February Newsletter.

### SUMMARY REPORT -

#### First Interstate Bank

Beginning balance.	7570.79
Deposits	2489.25
Disbursements	2483.95
Balance 4/1/90	7576.09
CD	2500.00
TOTAL	<u>10076.09</u>

#### Benjamin Franklin Money Market Fund

100939.33

#### University State Bank Endowment Fund

Cash	1400.60
CD	2990.00
Total	<u>4390.60</u>
Bulk Mail	<u>57.96</u>

TOTAL ASSETS 115463.98

### Ways and Means Committee

Mildred Tarchiani, Chair

The Valentine Tree at the Library was responsible for \$339 in gifts plus a \$100 matching fund. Many thanks go to Ginny Toney for this idea.

Joyce Naumann has arranged a very lovely "Honey Bunny Tree" for April. It is worth a trip to the Library to see the display. Thank you Joyce.

Our next Fund Raiser is the "West Virginia Barbecue" to be held at the May meeting. Please read the enclosed notice and send in your check with the reservation form. We are looking forward to a great meeting and a great barbecue.

### The Editor's Corner

James Younglove

The surplus flyers from the International Festival are being distributed with this newsletter. After you finish admiring it, don't just throw it away. Use it to recruit a new (or former) member in the CLF. Point out the handy membership coupon that can be filled out and returned. It can be copied and the copies are just as valid as the original. Or, give it to a newsletter editor (not me, I already have one!) Civic clubs, fraternal organizations, professional groups almost all have newsletters and many times the editor needs a filler and would welcome having something as worthwhile as the CLF to mention to fill up that last column inch.

My thanks to Judy Barnett for her contribution to the What's In the Library column. Keep this column in mind when you find something at Clayton that others might not be familiar with. Don't put off volunteering because you don't like to write. We have lots of editing help and will even ghostwrite for you if you give us the details.

### CHECKLIST

- Make reservations for May 19th Barbecue.
- Use the flyer.
- Remember someone with a memorial gift to the endowment fund.
- Go by the library and admire Joyce's tree.

**CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS**  
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"MOUNTAINEERS ARE ALWAYS FREE"

I reckon the only folks that brag as much as TEXANS about their state are MOUNTAINEERS. It has come to my attention the folks from WEST VIRGINIA want to challenge TEXAS BAR B Q

YOU BE THE JUDGE AND BE THERE MAY 19 AT THE PIONEER LOG HOUSE

Meeting 10 AM with program to follow on the unveiling of the historical marker of the old Clayton Home (Video)

ALSO SILENT AUCTION

BAR-B-Q--WV style at 12:00 Noon must be paid for in advance to insure your reservation

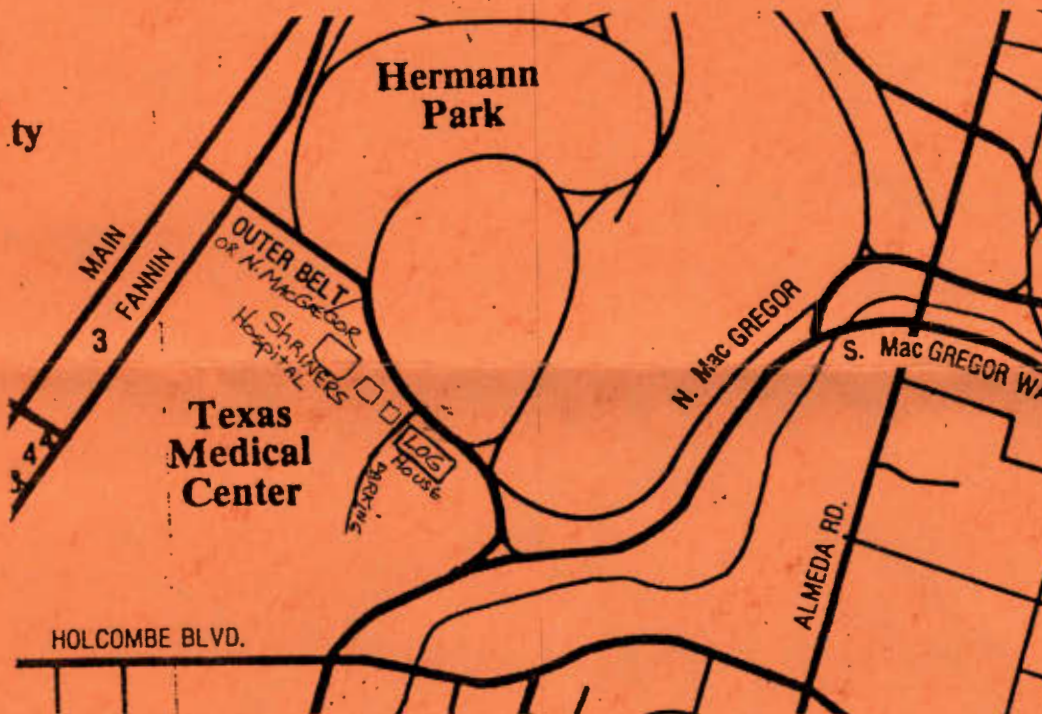
Come to the meeting, auction, program and Bar-B-Q---or whatever portion you want to!!

AMPLE PARKING ON THE SIDE OF THE LOG HOUSE AND ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF LOG HOUSE

\$10.00 per person

\*\*\*SEND YOUR CHECKS TODAY\*\*\*

RESERVATIONS BY MAY 10



THE PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE IS LOCATED BETWEEN BEN TAUB CIRCLE AND LAMAR FLEMING AVENUE

TEAR OFF AND MAIL IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

IS! I want to attend that WEST VIRGINIA Style Bar-B-Q!! Save a place for \_\_\_\_\_ people.

\$10.00 per person and all revenue goes to buy micro-film for census/soundex . My check # \_\_\_\_\_ in amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

es! I'm a West Virginia Native \_\_\_\_\_ name(s) of natives

es! I have roots in West Virginia but I'm not a native \_\_\_\_\_ (name of person who has roots in WV)

! I know what counties \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO: President of CLF  
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Houston, TX 77079

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS MAY 10, 1990!!

HURRY HURRY HURRY HURRY