



# CLF NEWSLETTER

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## Meeting Announcement

The next meeting of the Clayton Library Friends will be at the Montrose Branch Library 4100 Montrose on Saturday May 18 at 10:15 am. Program "The Road to Membership in a Lineage Society" by Vivian Jordan.

## From the Editor

If the mailing label on your newsletter has 1990 on it, you need to renew your membership. If you do not, this is the last newsletter you will get. Even if you don't care for the newsletter, let your care and concern for Clayton Library show by renewing. An appreciable portion of your dues goes to Clayton Library to purchase more microfilm and genealogical research material.

To set the record straight, Vivian Jordan's father is William Kline Hill, not Kline Hill as stated in the February newsletter. The Editor regrets the omission.

There have been several favorable comments on the columns appearing last year under the heading of What's in the Library. The Editor would gladly include more of these in the newsletter if more were available. So put your mind and fingers to work and submit a column for inclusion in future issues.

## Proposed amendments to Bylaws

The following amendments are designed to add the Second Vice President to the officers authorized to sign checks on Clayton Friends bank accounts. The Friends bank accounts are set up to require two signatures on all checks. Normally the President and the Treasurer are the ones who sign and the present Bylaws allow the First Vice President to sign in the absence of either the President or the Treasurer.

With the officers living in widely separated parts of the city it has at times been inconvenient or impossible to get the necessary signatures in a timely fashion. Authorizing the Second Vice President to sign in the absence of the First Vice President would make it easier to get the checks signed. The checks would still require two signatures with at most one substitute for the the President and the Treasurer.

The text of the proposed amendment follows. The changes have been reviewed and endorsed by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Additions are underlined and deletions are enclosed in brackets, [delete: -----].

## ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 7.3: (Paragraph 2) The Second Vice President shall perform any duties as assigned by the President, the Executive Board, or the Membership. In the absence of the First Vice President, the Second Vice President shall act in that capacity. The Second Vice President shall be authorized to cosign checks in the absence of the First Vice President.

Section 7.5: (Paragraph 6) The outgoing Treasurer shall be responsible for seeing that the incoming Treasurer, President, [delete: and] First Vice President and Second Vice President are authorized to sign checks on all Friends bank accounts.

T. Norman Crook, Chairman  
Constitution and Bylaws Committee

## New Members

Ms. Linda AULBAUGH  
Mrs. Barbara (GUNN) CHADWICK  
Mrs. Anna Lee (McNEEL) CHRISTIAN  
Mr. Carl Edgar CRITTENDEN  
Mrs. Alicia (JUSTUS) DEMETRIOU  
Miss Era N. FORD  
Mr. Howard GOODE  
Mrs. Nena (REED) HOPKINS  
Mr. Jack KILMON  
Ms. Betty LUKER  
Mrs. Edith Marie (MASSENGALE) MAHAFFEY  
Mrs. Artie Lee (DOLLINGER) MILLER  
Miss Catherine McDONALD  
Mr. & Mrs. Ray (Gloria OSBORNE) McGETTIGAN  
Mrs. Janie (PARKER) PRICE  
Mrs. Carolyn (STEVENS) SHANK  
Mrs. Ethel SPURGER-SHEEHAN  
Mr. Jules STELLY  
Mrs. Bettye (SNOOKS) STEPHENSON

Ms. Sue (WATERS) STEPP  
Miss Karen L. YAKLIN

#### CLF Volunteers - Pat Cochran

During 1990, there were 892 reported volunteers hours of service in Clayton Library. During this time, Frances McDaniel completed a check/verification of the vertical files index. Continuing projects for 1991 consists of the Family History Index - Phase Two under the leadership of Rose Mary Fritz, Saturday Desk-aid attendants, new indexes for the vertical files and a resumption of the indexing of the Fogle-West Funeral Home records under the direction of Cathleen Shoemaker.

These and many other projects need your help. Contact Pat Cochran (721-1898) for details.

#### Gifts and Donations - Mary Ann Phillips

The following donations during the period January-April have been received and acknowledged:

##### Contributors

Miss Mary Burt Appleton, Mrs Frances C. Caldwell, Miss Mildred M. Carroll, Mr & Mrs Peter Eriksen, Mr & Mrs Robert Fivecoat, Mrs Pamela J. Graham, Ms Bernice M. Hurst, Mrs Edith Mahaffey, Mr L. W. Martyr, Mrs Mildred S. Newell, Mr Donald Pusch, Miss Elizabeth Reep, Mr & Mrs C. W. Roberts, Mrs Mary E. Scheirman, Mr W. C. Spence, Mr Ernest Stavenhagen.

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##### Endowments

Mrs Lilas P. Johnson, Mr & Mrs Quentin Naumann, Cliff & Margaret Taylor, Ms Margaret Whiteley.

##### Exxon matching funds

Mr Arthur Christensen, Ms Eva Jean Cunningham, Mr Quentin Naumann.

##### February Love Tree

Juanita Brownlea, Kay Cheatum, Eva Cunningham, Ruth Czigan, Donna de los Santos, Ruby Dusek, Wesley W. Felts, Carol Flores, Jeannine Gomillion, Thelma Jones, Vernicia McCordell, Catherine Ponder, Keith Rippy, Joe & Skip Rollins, Susan & Linda Rudd, Maureen Singleton, Adelaide Smith, Darcie Tanner, Margaret & Cliff Taylor, Bill & Ginny Toney, Matt & Kathy Tower, Steven & Suzette Greth Yandle.

Books donated to Clayton Library via the Friends

Trevia Wooster Beverly;  
*Inventory, Evergreen Cemetery, Houston*  
*The Genealogist, Official Journal of the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies, v6 #8.*

Joyce Cain Naumann;  
*Cain Connections v1-24*

Jewish Genealogical Society;  
*Jews and the American Revolution: Haym Soloman and Others.*

Mrs. Clemence V. Whiteley;  
*Directory of Archives and Manuscripts Repositories, U.S., 2nd ed.*

Mrs. Ginny Toney;  
*1833 through 1906 Palatine Emigrants from Edenkoben (Rheinland Pfaltz, West Germany) to North America.*  
*Information on Pirmasens and Rheinland-Pfaltz (Germany).*  
*Leffel Cemetery, Newport, Virginia.*

Arthur A. Christensen;  
*Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, v2 NJ & PA.*

Microfilm purchased through efforts of the Friends  
Eva Cunningham & Norman Crook  
Index of Passenger Lists at New York 1897-1902, rolls 1-87.

Various sources

Index of Passenger Lists at New York 1897-1902, rolls 88-115. Iowa 1900 Soundex. Michigan 1900 Soundex. Minnesota 1900 Soundex.

#### Foreign Acquisitions Committee - P. R. Mommessin

The following major areas of activity are proposed for the Committee:

1. Provide assistance by suggesting titles of genealogical materials from foreign sources for evaluation by Library staff. Identify names and addresses of suppliers of such materials if they are deemed suitable for purchase.

2. Contact potential donors of foreign materials and funds to be earmarked for these acquisitions.

3. Provide assistance to the Library staff in translating and interpreting documents of foreign origin.

(1) Foreign materials of interest have been defined by the Houston Public Library Coordinator of Material Selection. They are "abstracts of records such as church, wills and probates, land records, monumental (e.g. cemetery) inscriptions, regional (county, shire, province) histories and lineage. General histories, esoteric historical materials, personal narratives or textbooks are not being sought." Friends who have a knowledge of or who would like to participate in this program should come forward. The activity will be intense

initially but would probably taper off after the major acquisitions have been proposed.

(2) At least three major sources of materials and funds come to mind. (a) National governmental offices: Consulates, Cultural attache offices. (b) Major companies who have offices in Houston and also strong ties with a foreign country. (c) Ethnic or National Societies, particularly those with a strong cultural rather than social commitment.

(3) Assistance to the Library and staff can take several forms. Among them are the following: (a) Preparation of a "How to" book describing information available in foreign countries and providing a step by step explanation of how to request this material. Friends with experience in this are invited to participate in this project. (b) An extension of the "How to" book consisting of short explanations (in English) to assist readers of books written in foreign languages. (c) Provide assistance to the Library staff in the translation and interpretation of foreign documents.

Past activities of the committee include the following:

A "How to" book by Elizabeth W. Kennedy "Researching in the British Isles."

"Some Suggested Additions for the German Genealogical Collection at Clayton Genealogical Library" prepared by Ms D. Yates. It will be transmitted to the Library for evaluation.

A list of French genealogical books submitted to the Library staff for consideration. Several of these books have been ordered by the Library after staff evaluation.

Members of CLF who are interested in participating in the activities of the Foreign Acquisitions Committee should contact Dr. Pierre Mommessin 729-2873. A sign-up sheet will be available at the May general meeting.

#### Financial Report 1/1/91 - 4/25/91 Kerry Short

Balance 12/31/90		\$2,374
Deposits		
memberships	2,625	
contributions	2,909	
total		\$5,534
Withdrawals		
to Clayton Library	2,300	
mail expenses	387	
total		(\$2,687)
Balance at 4/20/91		\$5,221
Money Market Account		\$4,361
Total operating fund 4/25/91		\$9,582
Endowment fund		\$5,865
Bulk mail account balance 4/25/91		\$255

#### Know Your Friends Mrs. John Ruckman (Judy) Barnett

Judy, a native Houstonian, graduated from HISD and the University of Houston. She received an RN from the Jolly School of Nursing and practiced as a Registered Nurse Anesthetist for forty-four years. She and John are the parents of three sons and the grandparents of eight grandchildren. John is a descendant of George Washington BARNETT, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

Judy holds membership in Patriotic and Hereditary societies including the DAR, Children of the American Colonists, the Jamestown Society and many others. She has held offices in many of them. She is a charter member of both the Clayton Library Friends and the Houston Genealogical Forum. The results of her researches have appeared in Historical Southern Families as well as other significant resources available in Clayton Library. Among her surname interests are Henry, Smith, Byers, Bryan, Johnston, McCaw (SC); Tyus, Wynne, Flood (VA); McElroy, Hurley (NC).

#### CHECKLIST

Check your mailing label.

Note the May 18th meeting on your calendar

Attend the meeting.

Remember or honor someone with a gift to the endowment fund.

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