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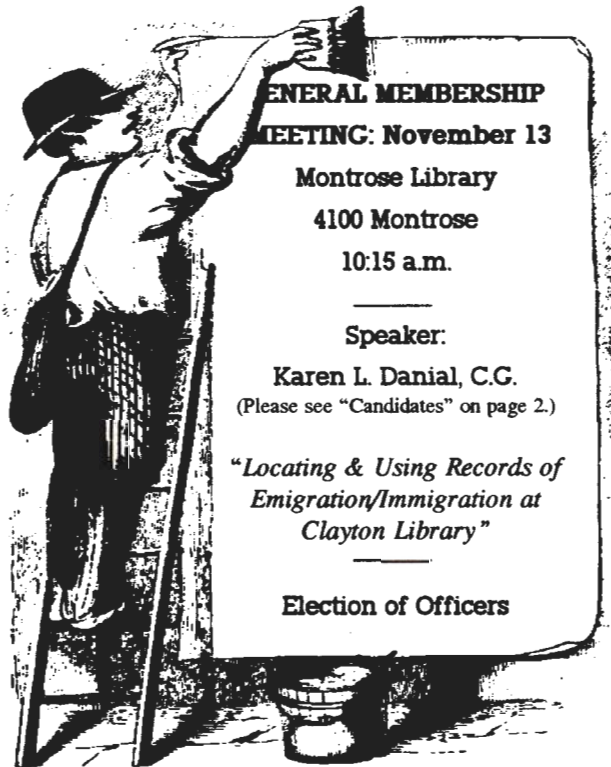
President's Column

✓ Since its founding in 1987, Clayton Library Friends has made grants to the Clayton Library totaling more than \$980,000—raised from local foundations and from the membership. With our membership now at the 600 level, we could easily breach the \$1-million mark in 1994; it would take less than \$35 per member to achieve that figure. When you receive your renewal notice next month, please consider making that extra contribution to help us with this objective. If you would like to send in your gift prior to the end of 1993, you will be identified as a “contributor” (or donor, patron, sponsor, etc., depending on the amount of your gift) in the 1994 Clayton Library Friends Yearbook. Mail your check, made out to Clayton Library Friends, to P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078. If you are planning to be in the library any time soon, you can drop off your check at the Silent Fund Raiser table next to the staircase.

✓ At our next meeting on November 13th, we will be electing officers for 1994. This is an important meeting, and I would like to encourage everyone to attend. In addition to the election, the program will include a very interesting presentation by Karen Daniel.

✓ I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the CLF board members, committee chairs, and volunteers for their contributions of time and hard work to the benefit of Clayton Library. Without your personal involvement the Friends would not be the outstanding organization it is today.

Malcolm McCorquodale III



□ Preservation committee formed

As a result of a decision made at the general membership meeting on August 14th, CLF President Malcolm McCorquodale established a committee to focus on the issue of preserving old or heavily worn books in the Clayton collection. Chaired by Ruby Dusek, the committee includes John Dorroh, Malcolm McCorquodale, Fred Jones, and Bill Swearingen. On August 26th, following two internal committee meetings, Ruby Dusek and Malcolm McCorquodale met with Clayton Library Manager Maxine Alcorn to discuss preservation needs. Work of the committee will be on-going in an effort to identify priorities, to put together a plan of action, and to coordinate the efforts of the Friends with those of the Houston Library System.

Lowery appointed treasurer

At the September 13th CLF board meeting, the Executive Board appointed CLF member Robert L. Lowry Jr. to fill the unexpired term of treasurer Les Martin, who stepped down from the post earlier this year

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□ Nominating Committee Report

At the August 14th CLF meeting, Judy Barnett, Ann Smith, Ginny Toney, Jim Younglove, and Carmin Cleavenger were elected as members of a nominating committee to assemble a proposed slate of officers and directors for 1994. As a result of the committee's deliberations, Judy Barnett, the committee chairman, has placed in nomination the following individuals:

President: Karen Stein Daniel, C.G.

First Vice-President: Margaret Grigsby Mottley

Second Vice-President: Ruth Chambers Lewis

Secretary: Kathryn Holloway Strack

Treasurer: Robert Lee Lowry Jr.

Director: John Dorroh

Director: Ann Brittain Reed

Director: Mic Barnett



Karen Daniel, C.G., nominee for President, is a native of Houston. She is a graduate of the University of Houston and holds a master of arts degree in history from Sam Houston State University. She is a certified genealogist and has been professionally engaged in genealogy and family history research since 1982. She is the editor and publisher of the *Weatherly Family Quarterly*, and her book, *Three Generations of Descendants of Shapley Prince Ross, An Early Texas Pioneer*, will appear this fall. Karen is completing her second year as a CLF director and is currently the committee chairman for gifts, donations, and memorials. She is a member of numerous genealogical, historical, and lineage societies.

Margaret Mottley, nominee for First Vice-President, is a native of Palestine, Texas. In addition to doing volunteer work for many years, Margaret has worked as a parish secretary and, for seven years, was secretary-treasurer of the San Simeon Townhomes Association. She is currently first vice president of the Clayton Library Friends, administrative secretary for The National Grigsby Family Association and, as a Clayton Library volunteer, is project leader for the Fogle-West Funeral Home Records Indexing Project. She has been active in genealogical research for the past 12 years.

Ruth Lewis, nominee for Second Vice President, is a native of New Orleans. She attended Houston schools and is a graduate of Southern Methodist University in Dallas. She is a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy; the Lady Washington Chapter, DAR; and the John Alston Chapter, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century. Ruth is particularly interested in her Madison line and is currently registrar and genealogist for the National Society of Madison Families Descendants. She has been involved in genealogy for the past 12 years.

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Membership passes 600 mark!

Membership chairman Margaret Mottley reports that the Clayton Library Friends membership passed the 600 mark in September. We appreciate your support! Around the first of November, the current membership will receive a renewal notice for calendar year 1994. When you receive the renewal form, please consider making an extra copy and passing it along to a non-member friend. Also, please mail in your own membership renewal early to ensure that your name gets into the 1994 yearbook. ■

□ Clayton Library Endowment

Bruce Breeding

As patrons of Clayton Library, most of us have made donations to the library from time to time. For the most part, such donations have been in the form of gifts-in-kind or cash, both of which are of immediate benefit to Clayton and its patrons. However, another excellent way to help the Clayton Library on a long-term basis is through a gift to the Clayton Library Endowment. Such gifts will continue to benefit the library for many years into the future. One very good way to contribute in this manner is through "planned" or "deferred" giving from the proceeds of your estate. Nation-wide, this method of giving has increased (as a percentage of total gifts) since the mid-1980s.

There are many ways to do this, some complicated and requiring the expertise of a professional: charitable remainder annuity trusts, charitable remainder unitrusts, pooled income funds, charitable lead trusts, and charitable gift annuities, to mention just a few. These terms may be Greek to you and me (and I have yet to discover any Greeks on my family tree to explain them to me), but making Clayton Library a beneficiary of your estate doesn't have to be so complicated. It can be as simple as bequeathing a gift to the Clayton Library Endowment in your will or by naming the Clayton Library Endowment as a beneficiary on an IRA, savings bond, or insurance policy.

If you like the idea of helping Clayton Library on a permanent basis, please remember the Clayton Library Endowment in your estate planning. ■

PROGRAM NOTES

At the general CLF meeting on August 14th, Miss Gay Carter, reference and documents librarian at the Alfred R. Neumann Library, University of Houston at Clear Lake, made an excellent presentation on the topic "Using the Federal Land Records at Clayton Library." A surprising amount of material was covered in this presentation, and Miss Carter supplemented her talk with two handouts that were packed with useful information, much more than can be addressed here. Provided in one handout was a state-by-state listing of books and other publications on federal land sources in the Clayton collection.

Patrons would do well to consult this listing, a copy of which is available at the reference desk; ask for Gay E. Carter's "A Selection of Federal Land Sources at Clayton Library" (program notes, August 14, 1993). The second handout provided a summary of the kinds of information available from the various types of public land records, a listing of land-related acts under which land entries could be made, a diagram depicting the standard land-section subdivisions, and a summary of general sources, including a volume-by-volume breakdown of Clifford Neal Smith's *Federal Land Series*. ■

Fogle-West Funeral Home Records

The Friends project to prepare a computer listing of the Fogle-West Funeral Home records continues to make progress. So far, over 23,000 records have been entered, and we were through the letter "S" as of the end of September. Project lead Margaret Mottley would still like to recruit two or three additional data entry volunteers. If you are interested in helping with this project, please call volunteers coordinator Don Pusch at (713) 326-3278.

Fifth anniversary marked

October 29th marked the fifth anniversary of the dedication of Clayton Library's new building.

YES, FIVE YEARS!

Construction of the building was completed and conditionally accepted on September 16, 1988, and was followed by three hectic weeks of equipment and shelving installation. On October 10th operations in the old Clayton home were shut down and the job of moving the collection began. This was accomplished by the library's staff and groups of volunteers recruited by the Clayton Library Friends. Over a period of several days volunteers in groups of 15 to 20 worked loading books and boxes onto carts and hand-trucks and rolling them across the parking lot and into the new facility. In spite of the significant pre-planning activity that took place, there were problems to solve every minute as the collection actually seemed to grow while in transit from old shelves to new! In addition to the move, there were shelves to be organized, finding aids to be

prepared, and hundreds of rolls of microfilm to be unpacked and arranged in the new cabinets. Altogether, over 400 boxes of materials had to be unpacked and their contents put in the right cabinet, shelf, or drawer.

Thanks to the work of many dedicated staff members and volunteers, the move was completed and the new building polished up and ready for dedication on October 29, 1988. In the presence of a standing-room-only crowd, Master of Ceremonies Councilman Vince Ryan opened the proceeding and introduced the other participants: Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire, Controller George Greanias, Clayton Library Friends President Verna Floyd, Houston Library Board Chairman Frank Hartung, Clayton descendant Burdine Venghiattis, and Dr. Orval Strong of the First United Methodist Church. Following the dedication, the Clayton Library Friends hosted a reception in the Clayton Guest House.

The doors of the new Clayton Library were opened to the public on October 31, 1988. Over these past five years, the library has continued to grow and to serve the public and is now ranked among the six top facilities of its kind nationwide.

□ WHAT'S IN THE LIBRARY

Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses

Ginny Toney

Anyone who has been involved in genealogy very long has used *The Handy Book for Genealogist* (Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah). You will find this on the Ready Reference shelf at Clayton, near the census books; the call number is GEN 973 E93 8th EDITION. Did you know, however, there is a very good companion book on the same shelf?

The companion book is *Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920*, by William Thorndale and William Dollarhide (Baltimore, 1987). Although the volume is known as "Dollarhide's Map Book," the spine has Thorndale's name on it. The call number is GEN 911.73 T498 USA.

You will find information in the *Map Guide* that is not found in *The Handy Book*. The *Map Guide* shows county outline maps at ten-year intervals. Since the work uses data derived from state and territorial laws defining the county lines, the maps are very accurate. An excellent bibliography is included that describes, state-by-state, the sources used for

the work. Also included is a very handy index that lists each county—both current and defunct—and provides a locality code that can be used to find the county on the state maps.

Certain facts are included in the *Map Guide* you will not find in *The Handy Book*. For example, did you know the U.S. Bureau of the Census is a twentieth-century creation? It did not become a permanent government bureau until 1902. The first six U.S. censuses were overseen by federal marshals, all of whom were political appointees. The last census conducted in this manner (1870) is considered to be one of the worst ever!

Although many people start their census research by going directly to the soundex or population schedules, consulting the *Map Guide* could be a time saver. If you have a place name for a family in which you are interested, you may be able to use the *Map Guide* to directly identify the census enumeration district. This can be a big help if you are dealing with one of the states for which there is no soundex.

☐ NGS Update

Trevia Beverly; Houston Host Chairman

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Clayton Library Friends continues its planning and implementation for the 1994 National Genealogical Society's annual Conference in the States. If you are an NGS member, you will be receiving registration information with your January NGS newsletter. If you are not an NGS member but would like to receive a registration package, stop by the snack room at Clayton and pick up a conference flyer, fill it out, and mail it to NGS.

The Houston conference will host the formation of a new national organization: The Association of Genealogical Librarians. During the conference, AGL will conduct an organizational meeting that will be open not only to public librarians and their staff members but to organizational and private librarians as well.

A second "new" happening will be the Family Room, a free room set up at the conference that may be reserved for family tag-ups. Several family organizations have already indicated that they will be holding family reunions prior to

or immediately following the conference, but we feel that there may be others who would like to reserve the Family Room to organize a new family organization, to meet with members of an existing group, or just tag-up with people interested in a particular surname.

Previous conferences have had special-interest workshops, especially in the rapidly growing field of genealogical computing, but the entire area of special-interest workshops will be expanded in Houston. Watch for announcements of conference happenings on the bulletin board at Clayton Library.

Interest seems to be running extremely high. Can you believe that people are already making hotel reservations! Our Exhibits Committee reports that commitments have been made for more than half of the available booth space. At the rate things are going, the 1994 conference may well attract the largest group of genealogically oriented vendors ever assembled under one roof!

"There'll be a hot time in the old town" on Thursday evening, June 2nd, sponsored by the Clayton Library Friends. You won't want to miss a single minute of this national conference!

The Candidates (continued from page 2)

Kathryn Strack, nominee for Secretary, is a native of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and a resident of Houston since 1991. Now retired, Kathryn was a systems analyst and project manager with American Telephone and Telegraph. She is currently president of the Harris County Genealogical Society and, most recently, took over the job as editor of the Society's quarterly. In support of the 1994 NGS Conference in the States, Kathryn is chairman of the registration committee. She is a member of numerous genealogical societies and has held various offices in several of these. Her personal genealogical interests include a recently discovered Cherokee line.

Robert Lowry Jr., nominee for Treasurer, is a native of the Spring Branch area of Houston and a graduate of the University of Houston College of Pharmacy. He has been with the Katy Medical Center Pharmacy for the past eight years. Robert is interested in genealogical sources in Italy and has been working with the Italian Cultural Center here in Houston to establish a resource of Italian- and English-language books concerning Italian society and culture. Although he has been involved in family-history research for only three years, work on his Italian ancestry has been determined, entailing two research trips to Sicily and course work on the Italian language at the University of Houston.

John Dorroh, nominee for Director, is a native of Houston and a graduate of William and Mary College,

Williamsburg, Virginia. He is currently employed by the Southwest Book Company of Houston and Dallas. John has been interested in genealogy since the age of 14 and is currently researching family lines that run through several southern states.

Ann Reed, nominee for Director, is a native of Harlingen, Texas, a resident of Houston since 1956, and a graduate of Southern Methodist University. She has been active in community service organizations, including membership in the Blue Bird Circle for over 20 years. She served for a number of years as a docent in Sam Houston Park and the Burke Baker planetarium and was a member of the original Clayton Library Friends organizing committee.

Mic Barnette, nominee for Director, is a professional genealogist and the owner of Barnette's Family Tree Book Company. Known locally for his weekly column in the *Houston Chronicle*, Mic is an accomplished genealogical instructor and lecturer. Publications include *The 1850 Census of Bartow County*, numerous articles in national and local genealogical society publications, and an ongoing series of census surveys. He is a founding member of the Atlanta Area Professional Genealogists Association and, since moving to Houston in January 1992, has organized the Houston Area Professional Genealogists Association. Mic is a graduate of the Dallas Institute (Gulpton Jones College) and the Southwest Texas State University.

Gifts-in-kind

Gifts-in-kind chairman Dr. Art Allee reports that, during the period January 1st through September 30th, CLF members contributed books, materials, and other non-cash items valued at \$2,385.

☛ Staff Note:

Clayton Library staff member Allen Haynes picked up a little extra pocket change in September. No, it wasn't a bonus from the City of Houston. Allen was the sole winner of the Lotto Texas Jackpot, valued at \$17 million! Needless to say, Allen, wife Bernadette, and their three children are very pleased.

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Research opportunities abound! The Clayton Library is one of the nation's major genealogical libraries. The Houston Public Library also offers the Houston Metropolitan Archives and the Texas and Local History Department. Other research facilities in the Houston area include collections at several universities — Rice, the University of Houston, Houston Baptist, and Texas

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Southern. You may also research at the Harris County Courthouse, the Harris County Law Library, and the Texas Medical Center Library. The area also has several LDS family history centers, historical societies and museums, and local libraries with genealogical collections.



Texas is a state of mind, find its mystique as an Urban Cowboy or put on your top hat — Houston offers a variety of fun activities as well as historical tours, museums, art galleries and a wide diversity of restaurants. Shop at the Antique Center of Texas, the Lone Star State Factory Stores, or at the beautiful Galleria. Enjoy a trip aboard the *Sam Houston* to view the famed Houston Ship Channel or an excursion to nearby Galveston aboard the *Texas Limited*. Enjoy an event at the famous Astrodome or the Houston Sports Complex — from Six Flags amusement park to NASA to Bayou Bend, genealogical researchers and their families will find that time is too short to enjoy it all.

Please send me the conference program and registration brochure when it becomes available in January 1994.

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