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President's Column

What a remarkable year 1994 was for Clayton Library Friends. We hosted the NGS Conference, and now the national genealogical community has seen what an outstanding facility we have in Clayton Library. We donated well over 1,000 rolls of microfilm to the library, including the Kentucky and Arkansas tax lists, the 1910 Census Soundex for Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, the Pennsylvania land warrants, and the Georgia Superior Court deed records. Individuals gave, through the Friends, over 600 new books and periodicals to the library. Our membership increased from 600 at the close of 1993 to almost 900 in 1994. And *Southern Queries* magazine cited the Friends as being an outstanding group from which other library support groups could learn.

So, when do we stop to rest on our laurels? The answer is a resounding NEVER!

The new focus of attention on Clayton Library and the surge in membership has created new challenges for our organization, which we are indeed eager to meet.

In the past, we have focused on the importance of your support to Clayton Library Friends. And, although the importance of that support has not diminished, it is appropriate also to focus on the personal benefits of being a member of the Friends. Improving the value of those benefits is, I believe, the best way to maintain our current membership and to add new members. This year's goals focus very clearly on that objective:

First, we are expanding the newsletter to consist of more news about the resources available in the Clayton collection. To do this, we have added an assistant editor and have recruited individuals to write articles on a regular basis. Second, we will continue to sponsor research trips for CLF members. A very successful trip was made to Salt Lake City in January, and we are now planning a trip to Washington in April. Third, we are preparing a seminar on "How to Use Clayton Library." And fourth, our efforts continue toward bringing quality programs to the Friends membership meetings.

NGS may be behind us, but many new and exciting things are on the road ahead. The future looks very bright for Clayton Library Friends.

New Faces ☺

As a result of the November 1994 election, CLF has a new set of officers and first-term directors as listed on page 2. In addition, Mr. Frank L. Worley, Jr. was elected to fill out the remaining year of Mr. Dorroh's two-year term as a CLF director.

The editor would also like to welcome Ms. Elizabeth "Betty" Yates Johnson to the newsletter staff. ■

Time to Renew!

1995 CLF membership renewals are now due. Your \$10 (individual) or \$15 (two people at the same address) must be received by February 28th for your name(s) to be included in the 1995 Yearbook. Also, for those not renewing, this will be your last issue of the newsletter. Make your check payable to *CLF Dues* and mail to P.O. 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078.

Our goal is 1,000 Friends in 1995. Of the almost 900 members at the close of 1994, we have 596 (new and renewing) as of January 9th, so we are already well on our way.

The strength of our membership is very important when we apply for grants in support of Clayton Library, and a thousand members says a lot about how serious we are in our commitment to the library and to CLF.

Won't you join us in making 1995 another great year for Clayton Library and the Friends?

John Dorroh

Elizabeth Nitschke Hicks

NEXT MEETING:
February 25th
Montrose Library
4100 Montrose
10:15 a.m.

SPEAKER:
Mary Lewis Ulmer
Retired Librarian
Clayton Library

TOPIC:
"How Clayton Library Became a
Major Genealogical Collection"

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**Clayton Library Friends
Financial Report**

(Year ending 31 December 1994)

CHECKING ACCOUNT—First Interstate	
Starting Balance	\$ 5,742
Unrestricted Funds	\$ 1,777
CLF operating funds	
Dues	3,965
Deposits, total	42,756
Unrestricted	10,115
Restricted	
Census	10,236
Fondren Grant	6,000
Rebinding	2,029
Endowment	3,746
Other	1,948
CLF operating funds	
Dues	4,030
NGS reimbursement	567
Other	50
Prepaid dues	4,035
Withdrawals, total	31,071
Unrestricted	2,791
Restricted	
Census	9,755
Fondren grant	6,000
Rebinding	59
Endowment	3,746
Other	174
CLF operating funds	
Printing expenses	2,978
NGS expenses	2,464
Audit and tax service	1,451
Office supplies	135
Miscellaneous	309
Postage expenses	1,209
Ending Balance	17,427
Unrestricted	9,101 *
Restricted	
Census	481 *
Fondren grant	0-
Rebinding	1,970
Endowment	0-
Other	1,774
CLF operating funds	66
Prepaid dues	4,035
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT—Bank One	
ENDOWMENT FUND—Univ. State Bank	
Certificate of deposit	5,240
Savings account	6,713

* Orders placed for census film will reduce these amounts by \$6,281 and \$481, respectively.

Robert L. Lowry, Jr., Treasurer

Angels needed to help purchase the following research materials for Clayton Library:

Deep South Quarterly, vols. 16-18 (1979-1981) and 20-22 (1983-1984). This is a publication of the Mobile (Alabama) Genealogical Society, and these volumes are needed to complete what Clayton already owns of this excellent periodical. Estimated cost: \$140.00.

Austin Genealogical Society's combined offering of AGS publications: *AGS Quarterly Full Name Index 1971-1987*, 524 pages, hard cover; and *AGS Quarterly*, 1960-1990, on two rolls of microfilm. Special price for both: \$50.00.

Central Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly. An Angel is needed to underwrite this subscription for the library. Cost: \$20.00 per year.

Central Alabama Genealogical Society Quarterly. An Angel is needed to underwrite this subscription for the library. Cost: \$15.00 per year.

If you wish to be an Angel—by contributing all or part of the purchase price for any of these items—please contact Elizabeth Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030, (713) 944-1118. ■

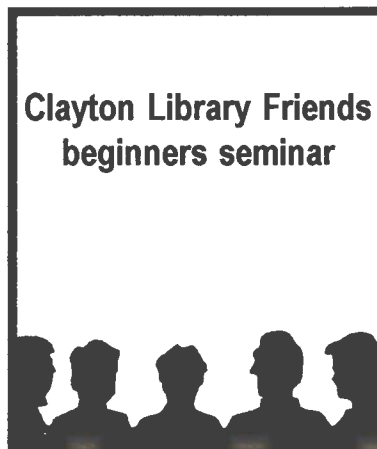
Newsletter articles wanted

The newsletter editor needs articles about the library and its resources for publication in upcoming issues. Our emphasis is on helping people find and use the wealth of material in the Clayton collection.

Several excellent examples of the type of subject matter needed are

contained in this issue, and we can use both large and small articles. If you have found something at Clayton—especially if it is little known but of significant value—please share it with the CLF membership by describing it in an article. We now have an assistant editor, Betty Johnson, who will collect this material and work with the authors to prepare it for publication.

Deadline for the next newsletter is April 1st. Simply place your article (typed if possible) in Ms. Johnson's folder in the CLF office at Clayton or fax it to her at (713) 286-2027. If you have any questions or need help, please call Betty at (713) 286-2025 or (713) 480-4183. ■



Have you ever wished you knew more about using Clayton Library? Are you just beginning your research and would like to learn where to look for information? In response to last year's member survey, Clayton Library Friends is planning a beginners seminar on effective use of the Clayton Library. Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 20th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., this seminar will be of interest to beginners and old hands alike. You must be a CLF member and will need to register to attend. Further details will be announced at our next regular meeting, February 25th. Contact Gay Carter, seminar coordinator, at 480-4255 for more information. ■

Exxon grant received

Clayton Library Friends has received its third Exxon Involvement Fund grant for \$2,000 in recognition of the volunteer services of CLF members Eva Jean Cunningham and Norman Crook. The gift has been used to purchase 100 rolls of microfilm of the Soundex to the 1910 Ohio census.

The Friends has also purchased the remaining 194 rolls of this Soundex with other funds. With the completion of this state's Soundex, we need the film for only three other states (California, Michigan, and Pennsylvania) to complete the Soundex for the available 1910 federal census. We are the ONLY library in the state to own this size collection of Soundex film. Acquisition of funds to purchase the remainder of this film will be one of our major goals this year. ■

CLF book bags still available

Canvas book bags imprinted with the CLF logo are available for an \$8 donation. Anyone who sees you with one of these will know you're someone extra special. After all, you have a Clayton Library Friends bag! Please contact Elizabeth Hicks, phone (713) 944-1118, for your bag. ■

Correction

In the November newsletter, in the article "The Candidates," it was incorrectly stated that Miss Gladys Rutledge Edwards holds a Bachelor of Science degree. Miss Edwards holds a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Taking a look at Clifford Neal Smith's *Federal Land Series*

by Gay E. Carter

Federal land records are a rich source for genealogists. They can help you place an ancestor in a specific place at a specific time, sort people into families, and distinguish individuals of the same name. Bounty-land records can help prove military service. As the frontier advanced, land transactions were recorded before federal censuses were taken. Land records at the federal level may exist where county records have been lost.

Clifford Neal Smith's *Federal Land Series* is an excellent finding aid for these early federal land records. Each volume lists, describes, and indexes documents from archival sources of federal land records. In his introduction, Smith states that emphasis is placed upon the land *patents*—the first transfers of title from governmental entities to private persons—for land in states other than the thirteen original ones. Various types of sources were examined: records of the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. Department of State, and the General Land Office; district land office records; miscellaneous records of land companies and land speculators; and U.S. House and Senate legislative records.

To make the most effective use of this series, it is *critical* to understand the sources and types of records being described. Read the introduction for *each* volume. This will help you determine other helpful records to consult or whether or not to pursue the original record.

Volume 1, 1788-1810, covers the land offices and tracts of Chillicothe, Cincinnati, Town of Cincinnati, Town of Dayton, East of Pearl River, Jeffersonville (IN), Marietta, U.S. Military District, Canadian and Nova Scotian Refugee Tract, Seven Ranges, Steubenville, Unidentified, Vincennes (IN), West of Pearl River, and Zanesville. It contains tract maps for Ohio and indexes by name, subject, and tract.

Volume 2, 1799-1835, covers *only* those *federal* bounty-land warrants used for patenting land in the U.S. Military District of Ohio, plus warrants later exchanged for scrip. The U.S. Military District was the only place federal Revolutionary warrants could be used until 1830. Volume 2 contains a map for the U.S. Military District, subdivided into 5-mile townships, and indexes by name and tract. No subject index is needed for this volume. Smith suggests

using Volume 2 in conjunction with the *Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications* (Washington, DC: National Genealogical Society, 1976). This will enable you to find an individual's home state and to sort out persons of the same name.

Volume 3, 1810-1814, is a continuation of Volume 1. It covers the land offices and tracts of Canton, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, East of Pearl River, Huntsville (AL), Jeffersonville (IN), Madison County, Marietta, Military Service, Nashville (TN), Canadian and Nova Scotian Refugee Tract, Steubenville, Unknown, Vincennes (IN), West of Pearl River, Washington (MS Territory), and Zanesville. It contains tract maps for Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana as well as indexes by name, subject, and tract.

Volume 4, Grants in the Virginia Military District of Ohio, is in two books. This volume summarizes and indexes land grants made by the Commonwealth of Virginia (*not federal*) to Virginia veterans of the American Revolution. Indexes are by county and township, watercourse, and name. The Virginia Military District did not use the rectangular survey system, so the watercourse index of this volume substitutes for the tract index to help you to locate people who settled near each other.

Because the *Federal Land Series* is shelved in the Ohio section, many researchers feel it won't help them if they don't have ancestors from Ohio. It is important to realize that the *Federal Land Series* concentrates on Ohio because that is where the first federal land was available, and the U.S. Military District of Ohio was the only place federal Revolutionary War bounty warrants could be used until 1830. In the name index of Volume 2, I found a reference for John Frierson and John J. Frierson. When I looked up the number for a description of the document, I found that it was a list of army land warrants converted to scrip. This list showed the name of the warrant holder (John Frierson), the warrant number, the name of the person to whom scrip was issued (John J. Frierson), and the number of acres.

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The Leon S. Hollingsworth Card File

by Mic Barnette

Overview

Leon S. Hollingsworth (1896-1974) was one of Georgia's eminent professional genealogists. He was known throughout the Southeast as a speaker, teacher, author, and researcher.

Mr. Hollingsworth's research for clients from all over the country led him to repositories and libraries in Washington, DC; Maryland; Virginia; North Carolina; South Carolina; Georgia; Alabama; Tennessee; and other states.

Mr. Hollingsworth maintained, as a part of his research files, a tickler file. This tickler file was a series of 3x5 index cards with informational notes about people and places he thought worthy of recall in his future research.

The R. J. Taylor, Jr. Foundation provided a grant to microfilm the 45,000 index cards in Mr. Hollingsworth's card file. Clayton Library has a copy of this microfilm.

Location

A published guide to the Leon S. Hollingsworth Card File Collection is located on the first floor of Clayton Library in a report binder in the Georgia book stacks. The call number is 975.8 H741. This guide is essentially an index to the surnames on the index cards. It also includes the number of cards per surname.

The microfilm of the card files is contained on twelve rolls of microfilm. They are numbered as rolls 1 through 12. They may be found in the second floor microfilm area of Clayton Library, and are in cabinet 29, drawer 5. The title on the drawer is Georgia (State) Records.

Features

The collection is divided in two parts:

Part 1 of the collection is on eleven rolls of microfilm and part of a twelfth. Each roll contains images of Hollingsworth's 3x5 note cards arranged alphabetically by surname. Each index card contains notes concerning one or more individuals of a particular surname. Given names are in no specific order; therefore, all cards for a particular surname should be checked for instances of a particular given name.

Roll 1 contains introductory information and a name index (this is the same index located in the first floor Georgia stacks noted above). The alphabetical name index

indicates how many index cards for a particular surname are in the collection. It also suggests variable spellings that should be cross-checked. Each card in an individual surname set is consecutively numbered. Cards concerning family cemeteries are arranged within that surname.

Part 2 of the collection is located on Roll 12 of the collection. It consists of alphabetically arranged place and topic cards. No typed inventory has been prepared. Cross references to family cemeteries contained in the name file (Part 1) have been interfiled in Part 2.

Listing of Contents

- Roll 1 A - Bowen
- Roll 2 Bowers - Colfield
- Roll 3 Cockburn- Easterling
- Roll 4 Easterling - Greshon
- Roll 5 Gribbon - Hudnal
- Roll 6 Hudson - Lowder
- Roll 7 Lowe - Morriset
- Roll 8 Morrison - Prather
- Roll 9 Pratt - Saxon
- Roll 10 Saxon - Swanson
- Roll 11 Swanzey - Whiddon
- Roll 12 Wigham - Place Names / Zoar Meth Church

Summary

Part 1 - Names:

Most surnames in the collection have only one or two cards, but some have many more. To illustrate the type of information on the cards, we examine the surname *Brawne*. There are 25 cards. There is also a cross-reference under *Brawner* to see the surname *Brenner*. There is one card for *Brenner*. Similarly, there is one card for *Brennen*, which is not cross-referenced.

Cards in the *Brawner* surname list include references to marriages; deeds; jury lists; tax returns; church records in Pennsylvania and Virginia; cemetery records; Brawners who were grantors, grantees, or witnesses to deeds in

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CD ROMs arrive at Clayton

by Don Pusch

On December 14th, the first CD ROM (Compact Disk, Read-Only Memory) system was placed in Clayton Library and can now be used to search and view data on the 47 disks that make up the Clayton CD collection. Available for some time in the business world, CD ROM technology was a bit beyond the financial limitations of most public libraries. However, with the proliferation of this technology into the consumer market, CDs are now both affordable and user friendly.

A single CD can hold the equivalent of over 20,000 pages of text, and since the data on a CD is stored digitally, it can be easily searched for names or key words and phrases. Imagine trying to search through the indexes of 100 books to find the name of an ancestor. With those 100 books on CD, a name search of all 100 could be performed in a matter of seconds!

Two CD ROM workstations have been set up at Clayton near the library's main entrance. The system is relatively easy to use, and the library staff can help you get started. The library's CD holdings are listed in a notebook available at the main desk, and the CDs themselves are located on a rack immediately behind the desk. The collection, at 47 disks, will undoubtedly grow as patron interest increases. Currently, the workstations are not equipped with printers, and no capability is provided to download information to floppy disks; however, because of

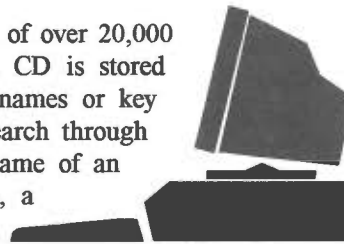
the advantages of having these capabilities, the library will add them in the future.

All of Clayton's current CD titles are the product of Automated Archives, Inc. and feature the Genealogical Research System (GRS), software that was specifically developed for searching and retrieving the material on the CD. With GRS it is possible to index every word on the CD, an amazingly powerful finding capability.

Material now available includes marriage record indexes for Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina (selected counties), Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia; marriage records (before 1850) for Arkansas, California, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, Oregon, and Texas; Social Security death indexes; census indexes

(various); land records (Bureau of Land Management records for Arkansas, Florida, and Louisiana—late 1700s through 1908); and family histories (over 200 titles).

As optical scanning and character recognition technology improves, enormous amounts of type-written material will eventually be entered into CD ROM media. This means we can look forward to significant expansions of this technology into the world of genealogy and family history research. ■



Federal Land Series (Continued from page 4.)

Following Smith's advice, I checked John Frierson in the *Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications* and found that he was from South Carolina. When I looked up the pension file (available on microfilm at Clayton Library), I further learned that John J. Frierson was John Frierson's son.

So, even if none of your ancestors set foot out of the South, go to the Ohio section of the Clayton Library and

use Clifford Neal Smith's *Federal Land Series*. You may be pleasantly surprised at the results.

Smith, Clifford Neal. *Federal Land Series; a Calendar of Archival Materials on the Land Patents Issued by the United States Government, with Subject, Tract, and Name Indexes*. Chicago: American Library Association, 1972-. (4 volumes to date). Clayton Library call number: GEN 977.1 S644. ■



Angels project report

The following "Angels" have made donations to support acquisition of the periodicals noted:

Mrs. Kathleen K. Mercer, in honor of her children: Kristin, Korin, and Kimberly Mercer. *Hardin County (Tennessee) Historical Society Quarterly*, back issues 1986-1993.

Mr. and Mrs. William W. Evans, in memory of William Cobb (1725-1790) and Barsheba Whitehead Cobb (1725-1790). *Watauga (Tennessee) Association of Genealogists Bulletin*, 1995.

Mr. Thomas A. Dorrough. *Tap Roots (Alabama) and Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine*, 1995.

Dr. and Mrs. M. S. Dickerson. *Galveston County (Texas) Genealogical Society Quarterly*, 1995.

Galveston County Genealogical Society. *Galveston County Genealogical Society Quarterly*, 1993 and 1994 back issues.

Mr. Emile A. Bussemey. *Lowndes County (Alabama) Genealogical and Historical Society Bulletin*, 1995. Mr. Bussemey also gave an unrestricted gift.

Lowndes County Genealogical and Historical Society. *Lowndes County Genealogical and Historical Society Bulletin*, 1991-1994 back issues.

Mr. John Dorroh. *Rowan County (North Carolina) Register*, 1995 and subsequent.

Mrs. Jo White Linn. *Rowan County Register*, back issues to 1994.

Mrs. Margaret Grigsby Mottley. *The Quill*, a publication of the Old Edgefield District (South Carolina) Archives, back issues to 1994, plus current year (1995). Mrs. Mottley also gave an unrestricted gift.

Mr. Joseph P. Wolfe, in memory of Mrs. Eileen Margaret Mohr. *Seneca (Ohio) Searchers*, back issues 1991-1994, plus current year (1995).

Mr. Richard Logan. *Annals of Wyoming*, 1995.

Mr. James R. Botsford. *Chemung County (New York) Historical Society Journal*, 1987-1994 back issues.

Mr. Thomas A. Dorrough. *Southern Queries and Shelby County (Alabama) Genealogical and Historical Society Quarterly*, back issues to 1995.

LaJuan Dickey Debarbieris, in honor of Nicholas and Leanah Hadden. Unrestricted gift.

Mrs. Jo Ann Adams Corbell, in memory of Luther A. and Ida Adelle Daniell Tolton. *Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine*, back issues 1992 and 1993.

John Dorroh and Elizabeth Nitschke Hicks. *Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine*, back issues to 1992.

Elizabeth Nitschke Hicks. *Austin Genealogical Society Quarterly*, 1995 and subsequent; *Central North Carolina Journal*, 1990-1993 back issues; *Randolph County (Alabama) Genealogical Society Journal*, back issues 1977, 1984, 1991-1994; *Austin Genealogical Society Quarterly*, 1990-1994 back issues; *Central Alabama Genealogical Society Quarterly*, 1994 back issue. ☐

☐ WHAT'S IN THE LIBRARY

Alabama Research Tips

Clayton Library owns an extensive collection of material for research in Alabama. The following three books are recommended as an overview for history, source materials, and major record repositories in the state:

Elizabeth Shown Mills, "Alabama" in *Genealogical Research: Methods and Sources*, vol. 2, edited by Kenn Stryker-Rodda. Washington, DC: The American Society of Genealogists, 1983, pp. 219-250. Call number: RR 929.

1072 A512 USA. ("RR" indicates Ready Reference Section.)

Thomas Perkins Abernethy, *The Formative Period in Alabama: 1815-1828*. Tuscaloosa: The University of Alabama Press, 1965. Call number: 976.1 A146 Ala.

Marilyn Davis Barefield, *Researching in Alabama: A Genealogical Guide*, Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1987. Call number: 976.1 B248 Ala. ■

Hollingsworth Card File

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Virginia and South Carolina as well as Georgia; wills of Brawners and Brawners who were legatees in wills of others; military service records; land lottery records; and other miscellaneous references.

Part 2 - Places:

The place name list is arranged alphabetically. It covers Georgia as well as Alabama, South Carolina and other states. There is information about the formation and settlement of different counties, towns, post offices, forts, churches, academies and schools, missions to Indians, military forts, ferries, named plantations, lists of medical doctors published in newspapers in 1826 and 1833. ■

Washington trip planned

The recent, CLF-sponsored research trip to Salt Lake City was a big success, with a total of 48 participants. We are now planning a second trip, this one to Washington, DC, April 5-12. Sites to be visited will include the Library of Congress, the National Archives, and the DAR Library. Details are not available as of this writing; however, plans for the trip will be discussed at our February 25th membership meeting. If you are interested in participating in this trip, please contact Dr. Art Allee, (713) 748-3473. ■

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