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President's Column

Clayton Library Friends made many noteworthy advances during 1995, and our organization continues to grow in numbers and in prestige. Because of this, we are better able to contribute to the resources of Clayton Library and to help maintain its status as one of the best in the nation.

Two achievements of which I am proudest are our membership increases and our completion of the 1910 census indexes. In 1995 our membership grew to over 1,200. Liz Hicks and Margaret Mottley have advised me that membership renewals and donations continue to pour in, and I am confident that we will exceed last year's number before the yearbook cutoff date of March 1. In November CLF donated the remaining microfilm rolls needed to complete the giant 1910 Pennsylvania Miracode Index, and the library received additional funds to purchase the 1910 index for California. I know of less than half a dozen public libraries in the country that own such a complete collection. I'm very proud that Clayton Library is one of them.

In November, Al Davis of the Harris County Historical Commission spoke to our membership about the work of the commission and how it benefits from Clayton Library. Mr. Davis also introduced the possibility of CLF sponsoring an effort to acquire a state historical marker honoring our benefactors Will and Susan Clayton.

The library administration has endorsed such an effort by CLF, and we are forming a committee to investigate this.

Be sure to mark Saturday, February 17, on your calendar for our first general meeting of 1996. Mic Barnette, our very popular CLF board member, newspaper columnist, and owner of Barnette's Family Tree Book Company, will be speaking to us on using Clayton's resources to do Georgia research. I worked with Mic on the bibliography for his talk, and I can say without hesitation that the hand-out itself will be very valuable for your Georgia research. Don't miss this one!

Another event that will be here before we know it is the CLF trip to the 1996 NGS conference in Nashville. Many of us here in Houston have Tennessee roots, and it will be exciting to be right there with the Tennessee State Library and Archives and so many counties in close proximity to Nashville. Art Allee is organizing the trip (see accompanying notice), and it should be a really great experience.

1995 was a very good year for CLF, and 1996 is shaping up to be even better. Sincere thanks to the membership and the many people who have contributed their time and energy on committee assignments, fund raising activities, seminars, and other efforts. I look forward to working with all of you again during the coming year.

John Dorroh

Plans being made for Nashville trip

Dr. Art Allee, committee chairman for the CLF-sponsored research trips, is now in the process of setting up the May trip to the NGS conference in Nashville. The conference will be held May 8-11; however, the trip is being planned to allow time for two full days of research at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. The group will depart Houston on Sunday, May 5th, and return on Sunday, May 12th. Approximate cost (PPDO) will be \$670 and will include accommodations at the Doubletree Hotel in Nashville, air and ground transportation, and a showboat dinner cruise on the *General Jackson*. Travelers need to make their own arrangement for conference registration. If you are interested in this trip, please contact Dr. Allee at (713) 748-3473. ■

NEXT MEETING:

WHEN & WHERE:

Saturday, February 17th
Montrose Library
4100 Montrose
10:15 a.m.

SPEAKER:

Mic Barnette, owner of
Barnette's Family Tree
Book Company (and a
former CLF Director)

TOPIC:

"How to do thorough
Georgia research without
leaving the city of
Houston"

Have you renewed your CLF membership?

Please see the renewal notice on page 6.

CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

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**Clayton Library Friends
 Financial Report**

(January 1 through December 31, 1995)

CHECKING ACCOUNT—First Interstate	
Starting Balance	\$ 17,246
Unrestricted Funds	\$ 9,101
Restricted Funds	
Census	481
Rebinding.....	1,970
Other	1,658
CLF operating funds	
Dues	4,036
Deposits, total	35,934
Unrestricted.....	17,317
Restricted	
Census	185
Rebinding.....	125
Endowment.....	1,446
Other	5,699
CLF operating funds	
Dues	7,017
Prepaid dues	4,145
Withdrawals, total	34,221
Unrestricted.....	21,452
Restricted	
Census	666
Rebinding.....	1,326
Endowment.....	1,000
Other	2,089
CLF operating funds	7,688
Ending Balance.....	18,959
Unrestricted.....	4,966
Restricted	
Census	-0-
Rebinding.....	769
Endowment.....	446
Other	5,268
CLF operating funds	3,365
Prepaid dues	4,145
ENDOWMENT FUND—Univ. State Bank 13,108	
Certificate of deposit #1	12,540
Certificate of deposit #2.....	closed
Savings account.....	568

Robert L. Lowry, Jr., Treasurer

The Papers of Panton, Leslie and Company

by Ruby Dusek

A recent Clayton Library acquisition—applauded by many of us doing research in British West Florida—is *The Papers of Panton, Leslie and Company: Guide to the Microfilm Collection* (Woodbridge, Connecticut: Research Publications, Inc., 1986). This is a guide to the 26 rolls of microfilm containing the more important records of the trading firm of Panton, Leslie and Company and (after 1805) John Forbes and Company, 1783-1847. The work is introduced by Dr. William S. Coker, project director for the Panton-Leslie collection and professor of history at the University of West Florida in Pensacola. Dr. Coker is coauthor of *Indian Traders of the Southeastern Spanish Borderlands, 1783-1847* (Gainesville, Florida: University Presses of Florida, 1986) which delves into the historical context of the Company.

The book, as of this writing, is shelved in the new book section under USA with the call numbers 970.1 P198. The book is not only valuable for research in British West Florida but also for the whole southeastern United States. Those interested in Native American research will also find this book to be of interest.

Panton, Leslie and Company, established in 1783 and headquartered in Pensacola from 1785-1830, was the Sears and Roebuck of its day, dealing in a variety of goods and servicing a large geographical area. The company had trading posts scattered as far north as Memphis (then known as Chickasaw Bluffs) and as far west as New Orleans, including posts at Mobile and at several locations in Florida, the Bahamas and in the Caribbean.

William Panton and John Leslie were merchants from Scotland who emigrated to Georgia. When the American Revolution heated up, they—being Loyalists—relocated to St. Augustine in British East Florida. Accompanying them were other Scots including Thomas Forbes, William Alexander, and Charles McLatchy. They were all experienced merchants involved in the Indian trade, and together they formed Panton, Leslie and Company (known as John Forbes and Company after 1805).

By the time the Company received its license in 1783, British East Florida had again become Spanish East Florida, and in 1784 we find John and Thomas Forbes, William Alexander, and William Panton joining other loyalists in the Bahamas. In 1785, however, William Panton and John Forbes relocated again to Pensacola and established the Company's headquarters there.

By 1795 the company had a monopoly on the Indian trade from present day Memphis to St. Augustine, possibly due to the fact that one of their Pensacola stockholders (or partners according to one source) was Alexander McGillivray, chief of the Creeks. They also traded with the Seminoles, Upper and Lower Creeks, Chickasaws, Choctaws, Cherokees, and other Indian tribes. Even though under Spanish domination, many of these tribes preferred British goods, and the Panton-Leslie Scots were favored traders. As a result, by the late 1700s, the Company had annual business activities that exceeded \$200,000.

In 1795, when the northern boundary for the Floridas moved up to the 31st parallel, Natchez and St. Stephens in Alabama became part of the United States, making it harder for the Company to collect money owed to it by those residing in that area, especially the Indians. However, through negotiations between the Company and the U.S. Government, arrangements were made for such debts to be paid through the transfer of property rights. As a result, Panton-Leslie was able to acquire, at one time, over three million acres of land.

The Papers of Panton, Leslie and Company provides a background on the Company's papers and gives a general description of the microfilm collection, much of which contains correspondence between the firm and those doing business with it, including individuals who owed money to the Company.

The collection is owned by the University of West Florida at Pensacola (Special Collections Department), and since 1972 the University has been attempting to gather as much Panton-Leslie material as possible. The University of Florida, the Florida Historical Society, and the National Historical Publications and Records Committee all became involved in the effort. Currently, over 200,000 pages of documents are on hand. Of this, some 8,357 documents (ranging from one to several hundred pages each) were chosen for microfilming.

The Papers of Panton, Leslie and Company lists, in chronological order, each of the microfilmed documents and provides the date of the document, the sender and receiver, the location of the receiver, the type document (account, memorial, affidavit, petition, indenture, etc.), the language in which the document was written, the original source citation, and an abstract of the document. In the

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front of the book are eight pages of source references.

The abstracts really make one want to see the original documents. Some of them are fascinating. If it were your ancestor mentioned in one of the following examples, wouldn't you love to obtain a copy of the original?

- A declaration by inhabitants of East Florida showing their gratitude for the prosperity that loyalists have enjoyed under the King's reign. They proclaim themselves against the rebellion. Many signatures.
- A memorial written by inhabitants of East Florida in June 1783 discussing their preparation for the prosecution of their claims should East Florida be ceded by the English to the Spanish. Many signatures of loyalists.
- An affidavit (in English) to John Leslie (who was a judge) in St. Augustine taken on 12 October 1784 from two men who saw five armed Spaniards with tow-laden horses around the house of Mr. Proctor, alias Welch, who at that time was in jail. Immediately following this is another affidavit from Louisa Waldron (Welch, Proctor) stating that she was imprisoned by the Spaniards for supposedly having stolen a Negro woman. While she was in prison, her house was ransacked and her horses stolen. Her stolen articles are also listed.
- A letter written in June 1786 giving the account of the scalping of a young English girl who lived on the southern shores of St. Mary's River. A second letter written in August stating that the scalped girl had recovered. (This one might prove someone's family story about great-great-...grandmother being scalped!)
- A list of claims dated January 1787 of East Floridians suffering losses upon cession of East Florida to Spain; report on names and numbers of the claims and claimants.
- Letter from the commandant of His Britannic Majesty's forces in Florida to Jean Lafitte dated 31 August 1814 offering him the rank of Captain and his followers land if they joined the British. This was before Lafitte offered his services to the Americans just before the Battle of New Orleans.

The book is a guide to the microfilm collection, NOT an index. The index at the back of the book is only a "to/from" index, so unless your ancestors wrote or received one of these documents, their names will not appear in the index. It is best to read through the book and select the document you would like to examine, then go directly to the microfilm containing that document. Unfortunately, Clayton does not yet own this microfilm. In fact, unless it has been recently purchased, the collection is not available

anywhere in Texas. The closest known repository is Tulane University in New Orleans. Other locations where this microfilm can be found include Mobile, Pensacola, Oklahoma City, and the Newberry Library in Chicago.

The originals of this collection are housed in the Manuscript and Special Collections Department at John C. Pace Library at the University of West Florida in Pensacola, open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. There is also a guide and a set of microfilm in the main part of the Pace library, which is open until 10:00 most evenings.

The documents on the microfilm are each preceded by the same information found in the guide book, providing the reader pertinent facts about the document. As in all microfilms of old documents, some images are excellent, some barely readable, and others nearly illegible. Remember also that the University started making copies of Panton-Leslie materials in 1972, so some of the older, chemical-process copies are faded, and microfilming them did not improve their readability. A few of the copies are black with white writing and are impossible to read. Fortunately, this represents only a small percentage of the collection. Many of the documents are in English, but quite a few are in Spanish or French (some translated). In a number of cases, handwritten documents are accompanied by typescripts.

This is a fabulous collection and one that Clayton Library really should have. All 26 rolls can be purchased for around \$2,000; however, since the cumulative cost of the individual rolls is more than this amount, it is best to purchase the entire set at one time. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of this collection, please do so. One way to contribute is to provide a designated cash gift to Clayton Library Friends, stipulating that your gift is to be applied toward the Panton-Leslie acquisition. Gifts can be mailed to the address shown on the second page of the newsletter. ■

Charles Jensen appointed second-term director

The Clayton Library Friends executive board has appointed Mr. Charles L. Jensen to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Rafael Gijón y Robles, who served as director in 1995. Mr. Jensen assumed the second-term director position effective January 1, 1996 along with the other newly-elected officers. Mr. Jensen holds a degree in geology from the University of Texas at El Paso and has been employed by Chevron as an exploration geologist and by IBM as a petroleum accounts manager. Mr. Jensen's primary focus for Clayton Library Friends will be on corporate fund raising. ■

Clayton acquires Texas Freedmen's Bureau Papers

by Patricia Smith Prather

Ms. Prather is executive director of the Texas Trailblazer Preservation Association and coauthor with Jane Clements Monday of *From Slave To Statesman: The Legacy of Joshua Houston, Servant to Sam Houston* (University of North Texas Press, 1993).

THE Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Abraham Lincoln on 1 January 1863. But the news of freedom for Texas slaves didn't reach them until 19 June 1865, now celebrated as "Juneteenth." General Gordon Granger read the emancipation order publicly in Galveston.

Although legally free, former slaves were faced with many obstacles to freedom. Where would they work? How would they purchase land? How were they to be protected against acts of violence? Would they be allowed to vote?

The federal government anticipated these problems and, on 3 March 1865, established the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands within the United States War Department to assist newly freed men to survive. The federal agency soon became known as the Freedmen's Bureau. It began functioning in Texas when Brig. General Edgar M. Gregory became the assistant commissioner for the state's bureau in September 1865. The broad role of the bureau was to supervise contracts between freedmen and their employers, establish schools, furnish rations and medical services, and manage confiscated or abandoned lands—leasing and selling some to freedmen.

Recently, the Clayton Library acquired the records of the Texas Freedmen's Bureau. The 32 rolls of microfilm contain copies of most of the correspondence generated during the three years that the agency operated in Texas. There are letters, orders issued, matters regarding all personnel assignments, as well as records of criminal actions.

Shortly after his arrival in Galveston, Assistant Commissioner E. M. Gregory sent his first report to General Oliver O. Howard, the chief of the Freedmen's Bureau in Washington, D.C. Gregory's two-page report told of finding two colored churches in Galveston that were holding Sabbath meetings. He also reported that one church was already teaching Sunday School and that a school for newly freed slaves had been established by the Freedmen's Aid Society. These were among the first schools in Texas established to educate former slaves and was a significant

indication that freedmen were determined to survive, no matter what the odds.

Hundreds of letters are in the Freedmen's Bureau Papers. Many were from Freedmen's Bureau agents. These agents were assigned to various Texas counties, especially those known as "black belts" such as Walker County, where the majority of citizens were newly freed slaves. The jobs of the agents were very dangerous, since most were not welcomed by white citizens. Agents were also known as sub-assistant commissioners and were responsible for specific sections of the state known as sub-districts. Since the state was under military rule, these agents also functioned as justices of the peace and were involved with legal cases. Many had their lives threatened, and a few were murdered.

The extensive Freedmen's Bureau Papers will give researchers first-hand and detailed accounts of the activities going on in many Texas counties between September 1865 and December 1868. These papers are especially helpful to those documenting community and county histories during Texas Reconstruction. Genealogists will want to check roll 19, which contains an alphabetical listing of persons employed by the Freedmen's Bureau from April 1866 to December 1868. A few of the agents were African-Americans including Ben O. Waltrous, who helped write the Texas Constitution of 1869, and George T. Ruby, who was elected to the Texas Senate in 1870.

Anyone researching criminal activity during Reconstruction in Texas should examine roll 32, which contains three volumes of records of criminal offenses from September 1865 to December 1868. Most of the entries pertain to crimes committed by whites against freedmen, but there is also white-against-white crime, freedmen-against-freedmen crime, and freedmen-against-white crime. This is primary resource material. Among the offenses were whippings, shootings, and killings. The records contain the city and county where the criminal acts took

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Reception held for outgoing manager Maxine Alcorn

On December 10, CLF honored retiring Clayton Library manger Maxine Alcorn with a reception held at the Clayton home. One hundred and forty people came to congratulate Maxine and to wish her a happy retirement.

Many thanks go to the following CLF members who helped to make the reception a success: Liz Hicks, Margaret Mottley, Rose Mary Fritz, Margie Nelson, and Linda Rader. Other members assisting with the event were Janet Anderson, Eva Cunningham, Ruth Lewis, Betty Dunquez, and Dolly Nicol. We are also grateful to Clayton Library staff members Marje Harris and Margaret Tufts for their help.

CLF presented Miss Alcorn with a garment bag on wheels to take on the many trips she now has planned. An added dividend was credit for 1,000 frequent flyer miles on Continental Air Lines. ■

Margaret Mottley named CLF Volunteer- of-the-Year

At the November 11th general meeting, CLF President John Dorroh and First Vice President Liz Hicks announced the selection of Mrs. Margaret (Grigsby) Mottley as "CLF Volunteer-of-the-Year" for 1995. Mrs. Mottley has supported the Friends for many years, is a former First Vice President and membership chairman, and has served on or led numerous working committees. For several years she led the Fogle-West funeral home records indexing project. At the award presentation, Mrs. Mottley was specifically cited for her work during 1995 as CLF Office Manager, a job that encompasses a wide variety of tasks involving the processing of CLF mail and membership applications, ac-

counting for gifts-in-kind, and assistance in the printing and mailing of the CLF newsletter. ■

Grants received in fourth quarter

Three significant grants were received by Clayton Library Friends during the last quarter of 1995. The Mada Hackedorn Trust donated \$500, and the Kayser Foundation contributed \$1,000; these funds will be applied toward purchasing more of the 1920 census film. The Exxon Volunteer Involvement Fund donated \$2,000 in recognition of the volunteer efforts of Eva Cunningham and Norman Crook; these funds have been designated for the purchase of tax lists for the state of Mississippi. This acquisition will help fill gaps that exist in some of the "burned" counties between 1818 and 1850. The film should be available for use some time in March. ■

Time to renew!

1996 CLF membership renewals are now due. Your \$10 (individual) or \$15 (two people at the same address) payment must be received by March 1st for your name(s) to be included in the 1996 CLF Yearbook. Please check the statement on your newsletter mailing label to see if your membership has been paid for 1996. For those not renewing, this will be your last issue of the newsletter.

An error was made in the address found on the CLF membership application/renewal form sent out with the 1996 dues renewal notice. Thanks to the cooperation of the U.S. Postal Service, this error has not caused a problem with receipt of renewals. The correct mailing address is P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078. Checks should be made payable to "CLF Dues."

Our goal was 1,000 Friends in

1995. We exceeded that by 210 at the close of the year. Presently, we have 738 (new and renewing) members. We hope to have many more members in 1996, and 1300 would be great! The additional 210 members in 1995 made Clayton Library Friends the largest genealogical group in the state. Let's keep our first-class status!

The strength of our membership is very important when we apply for grants and funding in support of Clayton Library, and a large membership says a lot about how serious we are in our commitment to the library. Please join us in making 1996 another great year for Clayton Library and the Friends.

Elizabeth Nitschke Hicks
Membership Chair

Freeman's Bureau Papers (Continued from page 5.)

place, the name and race of both the criminals and victims, the nature of the crime, and the recommended punishment.

The best place to start reading this voluminous collection of hand-written materials is roll 1 because it contains a typewritten overview of the collection as well as an explanation of the mission of the Freedmen's Bureau. It also contains the list of contents of the materials on each of the 32 rolls.

This is a vital source for anyone researching Texas history during the years 1865 and 1868. The Freedmen's Bureau Papers microfilm is an especially important resource for university students and professors. Researchers should also read *The Freedmen's Bureau and Black Texans* by Barry A. Crouch. As coeditor of the Texas Trailblazer Series—biographies and photographs of Texas African-American pioneers—I found these papers very helpful because they define the conditions under which all Texans lived after the Civil War, one of the most turbulent times in the state's colorful history. ■

Clayton Library Electronic Finding Aids

by Don Pusch

In the August 1995 newsletter, it was announced that a CLF-sponsored effort was being organized to focus on use of the Internet to better serve Clayton Library patrons. The result of that effort was a proposal to make Clayton Library finding aids available on the World Wide Web. During the fall, a prototype finding aids system was put together, and the Houston Public Library agreed to host the application on their Web server. In early December, the CLF executive board gave final approval, and the system is now operational on a limited scale. The Web "address," referred to as the Uniform Resource Locator (URL), is:

<http://sparc.hpl.lib.tx.us/hpl/fa001.html>

For additional details on the World Wide Web, see the article "Internet Basics and the World Wide Web" from the August 1995 newsletter.

Many of Clayton Library's finding aids are actually copyrighted, published volumes, and it is not our intent to place these in the electronic finding aids structure. Our primary target will be the library-prepared finding aids that are now contained in 3-ring binders and available only in the library. These will be converted to electronic text files and made available on the Web. Supplementing this material will be articles that have appeared in *The CLF Newsletter*, new-materials lists, state-by-state microfilm lists, and other materials that have been prepared specifi-

cally for the finding aids project.

The electronic finding aids project will be an extended one, and we could easily apply other volunteers to the effort. Committee member Petra Wright has undertaken the task of selecting the more important typescript finding aids, processing them through an optical character recognition system, and preparing electronic text files. Ruth Czigan prepared the first "new-materials" list for the project (having previously furnished this material to several computer bulletin boards). CLF members Karen Daniel, Glenn Sewell, Art Allee, Gary Boyd Roberts, Ginny Toney, Mic Barnette, Ruby Dusek, and Gay Carter have contributed articles. David Lodge, who provided valuable technical support for the set up of the Computer Learning Center during the 1994 NGS conference, is helping to build the homepage structure and is setting up methods for importing and formatting data directly from the Clayton Library's microfilm database. Clayton Library Assistant Manager, Marje Harris has given the project her full support, as has Lou Caldwell, Director of Houston Public Library Central Services. I am sincerely grateful to all of these fine people for their help in following through on this potentially very large effort.

If you have an Internet connection, please get "on-line" and have a look at the finding aids homepage. I hope you will find it beneficial in your research at the Clayton Library. ■

CLF Beginners Seminar

Mark your calendars for the next Clayton Library Friends Seminar! Back by popular demand, three seminars are being planned this year: two for beginners and one for intermediate/advanced researchers. The CLF Beginners Seminar will be held on Saturday, March 23, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Boy Scouts of America Headquarters, 1911 Bagby. Targeting beginner researchers, the program will focus on how to use the Clayton Library and what preparations need to be made before going to the library. As before, you must be a member of Clayton Library Friends (we always welcome new members!), and you must pre-register to attend. The deadline for registration is March 15, 1996. For more information contact Gay E. Carter, Seminar Chairman, at (713) 480-4255 (after 5 p.m.). ■

CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS BEGINNERS SEMINAR

Date: Saturday, March 23, 1996
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p. m.
Place: Boy Scouts of America Headquarters, 1911 Bagby
(Parking available next to building and across the street.)

"How to Use Clayton Library Effectively"
finding books and periodicals, WiseCat, CARL, CD-ROM, & more!
Margaret J. Harris, Assistant Manager, Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

"What You Need to Know Before Going to the Library"
tips for beginning genealogical researchers
Emily Croom, author of
Unpuzzling Your Past and The Genealogist's Companion & Sourcebook

You must be a member of Clayton Library Friends, and you must pre-register in order to attend.

⇒⇒⇒⇒ **Seating is limited to 100** ⇐⇐⇐⇐

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS MARCH 15, 1996

(Registrations received after March 15th will be placed on a waiting list.)

For more information contact Gay E. Carter at 480-4255 (*after 5 p.m.*)

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING PLACE:

From south I-59 (going north):

Take Louisiana/Richmond/Brazos exit; stay on Brazos; turn left on Gray; turn right on Baldwin; stay on Baldwin to Bagby.

From I-10 to I-45; north I-59 to I-45; or north I-45 (going south):

Take the Dallas/Pierce exit; stay to the right and then take the Pierce/Bagby exit; Bagby (and the parking lot) are at the end of the exit ramp.

From south I-45 (going north):

Take Allen Parkway exit and make a U-turn, then follow directions from the north (above) or take Downtown exit to Calhoun; turn left on Smith; turn right on Gray; turn right on Baldwin; stay on Baldwin to Bagby.

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REGISTRATION FORM:

Name: _____

___ Member

Address: _____

___ New Member (dues enclosed)

Telephone: (Day): _____ (Evening): _____

Mail to : Clayton Library Friends
Beginners Seminar
Attention: Gay E. Carter
P.O. Box 271078
Houston, TX 77277-1078

Candidate acquisitions

Many CLF members have asked what major acquisitions the library is seeking so that they can contribute for a specific item. We have a fine periodical "Angels" program, and the library always welcomes the donation of a subscription—one year or multiple years—or back issues (if not already in the library's collection). Many new genealogical books are issued with only a limited printing, so the library usually purchases these as soon as they are available. Probably the best place to make a contribution is to our microfilm collection. Listed below are some major groups of records that CLF is helping the library to purchase. This list was compiled by the CLF Executive Board, Maxine Alcorn, and Lou Caldwell.

FREEDMEN'S BUREAU. (See Patricia Prather's article on page 5.) This would be an excellent addition to Clayton Library's growing collection of African-American research materials. We now own the records for Texas and Louisiana and would like to acquire those for the other states.

1920 U.S. CENSUS AND SOUNDEX. The 1920 census stands out as a major source for genealogical research. Clayton Library currently owns the 1920 census film for Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and West Virginia. We own the complete Soundex for Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, New York, Oklahoma, and Texas. We have portions of schedules for many other states. By 1920 the population centers had shifted to the

Midwest and Plains states, so the complete schedules for such states as Illinois, Ohio, Iowa, and Kansas are very important for us to obtain. The total cost of the remaining 1920 census is approximately \$175,000.

PETITIONS FOR NATURALIZATION. These are court records of persons applying for U.S. citizenship. Our immediate needs are the indexes for Arkansas and Louisiana, but with the great number of people now doing New York research, we would like to purchase the Soundex index to the records set entitled "Petitions for Naturalization Filed in Federal, State, and Local Courts in New York, 1792-1906."

IMMIGRATION AND PASSENGER LISTS. These records consist of two National Archives record groups. Before 1891, they were held in the records of the U.S. Customs Service; after 1891, by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Typically, these are lists—prepared by ship captains and submitted to customs officials—containing information about each passenger (name, age, sex, occupation, nationality, country of intended residence, etc.). The lists are arranged by the date of the ship's arrival and sometimes include the port of origin. Later lists sometimes contain the U.S. address of the nearest relative of the passenger and the address of the nearest relative in the former country of residence. Clayton Library owns many of these microfilmed records. The total cost of completing the major port cities is approximately \$85,000.

Angels Report

The following individuals and organizations have made donations to support the Angels (periodical acquisition) program:

- Mrs. Bettye Moore Green. Missing back issues of the *Swedish American Genealogist*.
- Mr. Thomas A. Dorrrough. *Tap Roots* (Alabama) and *Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine* subscription renewals for 1996.

- Mr. Joseph P. Wolfe. *Seneca Searches* (Ohio) subscription renewal for 1996.
- Mr. John Dorroh. *Rowan County* (North Carolina) *Register* subscription renewal for 1996.
- Mrs. Dorothy Greer Beaudoin. *Central Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly* subscription renewal for 1996 (in honor of her Carroll, Greer, Lackey, and Smith ancestors).
- Galveston County Genealogical Society. The society's *Quarterly* for 1995 and renewal for 1996.

- Austin Genealogical Society. The society's *Quarterly* subscription renewal for 1996.
- Lowndes County Genealogical and Historical Society. The society's *Bulletin* subscription renewal for 1996.
- Brazosport Genealogical Society. The society's *Newsletter* for 1995 and renewal for 1996.
- Spencer Family Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. *Le Despencer* issues for 1995 and subsequent.

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- Mrs. Bernice Bell Mistrot. *Tazewell Genealogical Monthly* (Virginia), vols. 14, 15, and 16.
- Mrs. Elizabeth Nitschke Hicks. *Central Alabama Genealogical Society Quarterly* for 1995.
- Nathan and Kaydee Mathews. *Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly* for 1994 (in memory of Kenneth Mathews).

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