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President's Message

BioResearch Ireland

Now, at first glance, this title does not seem to have anything whatsoever to do with the Clayton Library Friends, but in an indirect way it does. This spring I was contacted by Dr. Jim Ryan who is associated with a company called BioResearch Ireland. He was going to be attending a specialized conference in Houston. Dr. Ryan is not only known for his research in the bio-tech field but also as a well-respected Irish genealogist and author. He simply asked if we would be interested in having him speak while he was in Houston.

On June 8th we had a wonderful lecture at the Mormon Church on Bering Drive. In fact, the people that attended were so interested in asking questions of this great body of knowledge that we would certainly still be there if our allotted time had not expired. The lecture was well attended, and I am confident that all in attendance walked away with new concepts and ideas that will aid them in their own research. It seemed that every time he mentioned a specific source to look at, John Dorroh jumped out of his seat to explain that we had that at the Clayton Library. I maintain that John probably knows the Clayton collection better than anyone outside of the Library staff. We have an extensive collection, and it is refreshing to see the excitement that John has about it.

I received a note from Dr. Ryan

Margaret Tufts to speak at August CLF meeting

One year ago, Margaret Tufts spoke to the membership on using E-CAT, the Houston Public Library's electronic catalog, and her talk also touched on use of the Internet in doing genealogical research. Because of the popularity of Ms. Tufts' subject matter, we had a near overflow crowd. If you missed that presentation, you'll want to make every effort to attend the August meeting, at which Ms. Tufts will present an updated version of her earlier talk. In the past year, the Internet has exploded with new sites, search engines, and other resources, and the Houston Public Library has made significant advances in upgrading its communications network. Upgrades at the central library—which we hope will soon be extended to Clayton—will make it possible to demonstrate the "graphics" mode for viewing Internet resources, including CLF's own electronic finding aids home pages. The August meeting is definitely one you will not want to miss!

Parking is available in the library's underground garage (\$2 for the first hour and \$1 for each additional half hour). Less expensive parking is available at the Alright lot on the corner of Bagby and Dallas. ■

yesterday from his office in Dublin. He said, "Many thanks for organizing the genealogy meeting in Houston. It was a well-informed audience and I enjoyed the experience very much. John Dorroh kindly brought me to the Clayton Library later in the week which was very impressive... All in all I was delighted with my experience in Houston and thank you again for making it so."

I want to thank the people at the

Church for being so helpful, as they allowed us to use their facility for this lecture, and to thank Charles Jensen for his work in contacting them and working so hard in finding this great place for the lecture. And again, thanks to John Dorroh for his exceptional commitment to his role as unofficial World Ambassador for the Clayton Library.

David Bryan Singleton

WHEN & WHERE

10:15 a.m., Saturday, August 9th
Concourse Meeting Room
Houston Public Library (Central)
500 McKinney Avenue, Houston
(Opposite City Hall)

TOPIC

Using E-CAT and Accessing the
Internet at Clayton Library

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Clayton Library Friends Financial Report

April 1 through June 30, 1997

CHECKING ACCOUNT—Wells Fargo Bank

Starting Balance \$ 25,138
 Unrestricted Funds..... 8,781
 Restricted Funds
 Binding.....118
 Endowment.....546
 Other.....2,268
 CLF Operating Funds.....13,400
 1998 Prepaid Dues.....25

Deposits, total4,129

Unrestricted.....723
 Restricted
 Binding.....1,099
 Endowment.....- 0 -
 Other.....587
 CLF Operating Funds.....1,705
 1998 Prepaid Dues.....15

Withdrawals, total1,423

Unrestricted.....- 0 -
 Restricted
 Binding.....240
 Endowment.....- 0 -
 Other.....775
 CLF Operating Funds.....408

Ending Balance.....27,844

Unrestricted.....9,504
 Restricted
 Binding.....977 (Note 1)
 Endowment.....546
 Other.....2,080
 CLF Operating Funds.....14,697
 1998 Prepaid Dues.....40

ENDOWMENT FUND—Univ. Bank14,159

Certificate of deposit #112,540
 Savings account.....1,619

Note 1: \$1,000 was added to Binding from Unrestricted Funds by the Executive Board.

Cal Wolford, Treasurer

Arkansas and Georgia vital records are in!

Long time "Friends" and supporters of the Clayton Library, M. Leonard and Bettye Moore Green, donated all the funds for the Arkansas vital records as described in the May CLF newsletter. This donation was made in memory of Mary Harrison Green.

A donation made by Patricia L. Thompson and one by Mrs. Lora Blount Schexnayder, in memory of Frances Rusk Wheeler, made possible the acquisition of the 1919-1994 Georgia Death Indexes. These have also arrived and are located in the microfiche drawers on the second floor at Clayton.

Presently, Clayton is seeking to acquire microfiche of Texas death indexes 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995; the cost is \$10 for each year, \$40 total.

Anyone wishing to contribute for these or other state's vital records as they become available, please contact Elizabeth Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030, (713) 944-1118. ■

We dined on "steak and whiskey" *An overview of the Shane Manuscripts*

by Trevia Wooster Beverly¹



T the end of the American Revolution, the "West" was defined as the land between the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi River. By 1828 however, westward expansion had reached the Mississippi River and, in the Missouri region, had pushed the frontier far beyond. Underlying the history of this expansion are the stories of thousands of pioneer families, many of whose lives can now only be glimpsed through the written record. If you are researching individuals or families who were part of the westward expansion during the years from about 1780 to 1860,

you will find two special collections, the Draper Manuscripts and the Shane Manuscripts, both available at Clayton Library, to be of particular value in this area. Our primary focus here will be on the Shane Manuscripts.

"We dined on steak and whiskey." This quote, from a diary found in the Shane Manuscripts, describes a favorite meal of one pioneer. Later, in an entry for 1825, we learn of another meal consisting of turkey, oysters, potatoes, turnips, beef, and Parmesan cheese. Although hardly the stuff of which history is made, such details are the life blood and valued treasure of the family historian. And thanks to the near obsessive drive of John Dabney Shane—for whom the Shane Manuscripts are named—much of this kind of material has been preserved.

Shane, born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1812 to Henry and Nancy (Williams) Shane,² was educated at college and seminary in Virginia and returned to Ohio and Kentucky as a Presbyterian minister. Licensed by the Cincinnati Presbytery on May 31, 1842, he was shortly thereafter ordained by the West Lexington Presbytery and performed his pastoral duties at North Middleton, Kentucky until 1855. Following two years of service with several other churches in that region, he returned to Cincinnati in 1857, where he continued to work as the occasion presented itself within the bounds of the Cincinnati Presbytery. From his earliest

years, he had a passion for collecting and hoarding everything that had any bearing upon the history of the Presbyterian Church in the Ohio River Valley. Possessing a remarkable zeal for his project, Rev. Shane declined pastoral office and set aside any intentions he may have had concerning the establishment of a family so that he could roam the land in his quest. He did, however, preach to many congregations as he visited among the people.

He was to dedicate more than twenty years to historical research, using the oral history technique similar to his contemporary, Lyman Copeland Draper. Shane purposefully sought out those of age and experience to interview, writing down their reminiscences. He copied from family, church, and government records and clipped from newspapers and magazines. While Draper had a deep interest in the military (personal papers in his original collection are rare), Shane was just as interested in the domestic, business, educational, religious, and literary aspects of the time. His inquiries concerning old barrels, trunks, and chests—which he carefully searched—brought him many family letters, records, and other items.

Shane was a frail man, with a very small and close handwriting, and no doubt his extensive traveling, sometimes under less than favorable circumstances, resulted in many periods of ill health. He died of what was then called "inflammation of the lungs." As evidenced by his name always appearing in annual reports, Rev. Shane was apparently held in high esteem as a faithful minister and "a man of God." Yet, only a small notice of his death appeared in the *Cincinnati Commercial* of February 8, 1864: "On Sabbath evening, February 7, at 9 o'clock, Rev. J. Dabney Shane, aged 52 years. Funeral services at the residence of his sister Mrs. A. J. Mulford, 359 John Street, between Clark and Chestnut, Tuesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock."

As genealogists hone their research techniques and become familiar with library resources, they will eventually discover the "special collections" and the wealth of information that can be found in them. The Shane Manuscripts, as the collection is commonly called, is one such hidden treasure. We are extremely fortunate to have, at Clayton Library, both the 32 reels of microfilm of these papers and

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the accompanying *Genealogical Guide*.³

Shane was quite the collector. No matter how insignificant, items that came into his hands were treasured and carefully attended to. And he would not part with any of them! As a result, the Shane Manuscripts are a fascinating source of genealogical information. After seeing Shane's

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collection, the Rev. Joseph M. Wilson made the following comment: “They [the papers in the collection] were on the upper floor of Moore, Wilstach & Co.’s large building on Fourth Street [Cincinnati], and an interesting place it was; the rooms, three in number, were shelved all around from floor to ceiling, divided and subdivided by partitions, pamphlets arranged by subjects and then by years, newspaper clippings carefully rolled up with a memorandum to each stating the name and date of paper and place of publication, magazines, reviews, and periodicals of all kinds having any reference to Presbyterianism, especially in the West; scrap-books in which were collected what are known as ‘broad-sides,’ being circulars, prospectuses, &c., printed on one side only. Being attracted by piles of papers and pamphlets in the middle of the floor, they, he said, were his unarranged material.”

Those familiar with the more famous Draper Manuscripts,⁴ and who recognize the name of Shane within them, may be surprised to find that not all of Shane's material is contained within that collection. In fact, fully half of Shane's material found its way into the possession of the Presbyterian Historical Society,⁵ collected and placed there by Philadelphian Samuel Agnew, Esquire. And it is this portion of Shane's original collection that one will find on the 32 reels of microfilm owned by Clayton Library.

After Shane's death, his collection was sold at auction for about \$3,000 total for books, notes, and manuscripts. Lyman Draper purchased most of the manuscript portion at a cost of approximately \$300, and a portion of that was resold to the Presbyterian Historical Society for \$30.

Draper began in early manhood to gather material on all phases of pioneer history in the middle West, specializing in personal sketches of Boone, Clark, Kenton, and other well-known Western men. In 1853 he became associated with the State Historical Society of Wisconsin and thus acquired part of Shane's collection. In a letter that Draper wrote from Madison, Wisconsin on February 5, 1865, he credits his purchase of the Shane papers for the increase in his own collection. “I secured in Sept. at Cincinnati - that of the late Rev. John D. Shane, who was some 30 years collecting - has a good deal new Boone material obtained

from old Kentucky pioneers whom I did not happen to come across. -- As large as my MS. collection was when you [John A. Remsen, Draper's kinsman] saw it in 1852, I think I have quite doubled it since.” In 1865, Draper, in the Society's *11th Annual Report*, referred to Shane as “a singularly industrious collector of matters pertaining to Western history.”

Hall, in the preface to his *Genealogical Guide*, points out that the documents on the 32 reels of film are mostly handwritten and sometimes illegible. Many of the church subscribers names appear as original signatures and are very difficult to read. There is an index in the *Guide*; however, this is an index only to the *Guide* itself, not to the collection. This should not deter the serious researcher, however, as the *Guide* certainly helps. In fact, it makes for interesting and informative reading on its own! It is desirable—perhaps imperative—that both the Shane Manuscripts and the Draper Manuscripts be used together for any research project involving the scope of either.

Most, but not all, of the interviews Rev. Shane had with old pioneers are included in the Draper Manuscripts, while the Philadelphia collection consists mostly of old letters, records, and other materials that were given to him—plus a few interviews.

Shane's collection includes numerous documents with references to individual families throughout the then-West, including family papers, church minutes and membership lists, and newspaper abstracts (1794-1849) containing obituaries and other notices concerning prominent Kentucky and Tennessee pioneers. It is poignant to read the letter of a boy away at boarding school who wrote in 1826, “I hope, dear mother, when I come home[,] you won't make me come back to this place.” Or those of 1812 between wife Judith and “My Dear Dr. [William H.] Richardson,” who was away in the Army; Surgeon, 1st Regt., Payne's Brigade, K.V.M., under General Harrison.

Among the Shane Manuscripts, one will find a memorial sermon given by the Rev. Robert Marshall on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the Bethel Church, Fayette County, which had been organized in 1789. The Rev. Marshall noted that “there is no section of the Presbyterian Church on the American continent whose history has been more interesting or more eventful than that was planned in Kentucky by the early pioneers. Their elevated and indomitable spirit, their love of liberty, both civil and religious, is traced back through Pennsylvania and the Valley of Virginia, across the broad ocean to the North of Ireland and to the heath clad hills of Scotland, where the heroic few stood up against fearful odds and maintained with unflinching courage Christ's Crown and Covenant.” While his message also included a word to the unconverted, it was a fitting sermon of encouragement to the early

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Presbyterians. The sermons and other related materials provide the researcher with not only historical perspective but many names, relationships, and personal data. This is a fertile field of research for those who had ancestors in this area.

Those portions of Shane's collection that are part of the Draper Manuscripts were abstracted in the section called "Kentucky Papers" (volumes 11-19 of series CC). The abstracts appear on pages 470-539 of the *Calendar of The Kentucky Papers of the Draper Collection of Manuscripts*.⁶

Items that remained in "the Shane Collection" include births, marriages, and deaths of a number of families, giving much-sought-after genealogical information. In the papers, for instance, those of Robert Marshall of Georgetown, Scott County, Kentucky (1790-1808), one will find a list of 1810 scholars. And in the papers of Col. Robert Patterson, one will find a hand drawn map, undated, of Bourbon County, Kentucky, as well as land entries and surveys of Evan Shelby of Fincastle County, Virginia, 1775-1783. Examples of papers containing excellent genealogical accounts include those of the Cameron family of Scotland, Ireland, and America and the papers of Andrew Steele, who came from Ireland to Kentucky with two children, Robin and William. The latter set of papers is sprinkled with letters, petitions, and lists, several of which make mention of the Elkhorn area and to the Elkhorn Church. Those with an interest in this area now have valuable material to supplement that contained in the well-known work by Ermina Jett Darnell, *Forks of Elkhorn Church With Genealogies of Early Members*.⁷

Another example of items in the Shane Collection is the journal and marriage register (about 30 pages) kept by the Rev. Mr. Joseph P. Howe, minister in South Carolina and Clark County, Kentucky, from October 14, 1798, to April 7, 1816. And what a delight to find that, from the Library Company of Philadelphia, Rev. Shane saved the account book kept by John Todd, Jr., librarian, 1784-1785. A young lawyer, Todd died of yellow fever in 1793. His widow, Dolly, was to later marry James Madison, who became President of the United States. Dealing mostly with financial concerns, Todd's account book lists the names of those owing fines and includes a list of purchases: "1/2 gallon Madeira, 1 bushel oysters, 4 Loafs of bread, Limes," etc.

While neither Shane nor Draper could have foreseen the great interest of genealogists yet to come, together these two pioneers in oral history have given us treasures of cultural history. From the Shane Manuscripts we find the price of Madeira wine was \$2.00 a gallon in Paducah, Kentucky; butter was 18 cents a pound in Paris, Kentucky; and a slave, described as "a fine cook and a good boy," was

priced at \$1500. Christians, who on occasion tipped a glass or two, are recorded for censure. In one portion of the collection are found the names of Agnes Glaze, Osburn Tucker and wife, Nat'l Collins and wife, Walter Tucker and wife, and some 35 others who had been removed from the church roll.

Researchers going through the Shane Manuscripts will find details of daily life and customs that really put "meat on the bones" of their ancestors. The material, like a good book, is hard to put down!

Considering the sheer magnitude of Shane's collection, we can only imagine the awe with which Draper, himself a pioneer in oral history, must have approached the possibility of acquiring it. Shane's keen interest in the entire Ohio River Valley has left us not only a valuable history of frontier Presbyterianism but a cultural history of the first American West. Get out that map, and if your family was ever in the area where the Rev. Shane traveled, be sure to access his important collection.

NOTES:

1. A charter member of the Clayton Library Friends, Trevia Beverly is a professional genealogist who conducts genealogy classes and publishes *The Tejas Gazette* under her firm, Tejas Publications & Research.

2. Otto A. Rothert, "Shane, The Western Collector," *The Filson Club Quarterly* 4:1:1930.

3. William K. Hall, *The Shane Manuscript Collection, A Genealogical Guide to the Kentucky and Ohio Papers* (Galveston, Texas: The Frontier Press, 1990). GEN 972 H181 USA.

4. See Josephine L. Harper, *Guide to the Draper Manuscripts* (Madison, Wisconsin: State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1983). GEN 973 H294 USA.

5. Address of the Presbyterian Historical Society is 425 Lombard Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147. Telephone (215) 627-1852.

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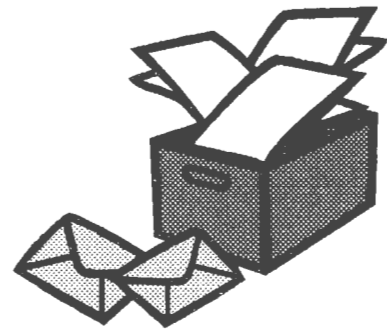
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❑ Beginners column:

Is Your Research Growing by Heaps and No Bounds?

by Gay E. Carter



Do you have stacks of papers “filed” under the piano bench? Or the dining room table? Can you use your dining room table for dining? If these questions strike a chord, you must be a genealogist! When doing genealogical research, sooner or later you will have to tackle the thankless job of organizing all those notes, family group sheets, photographs, and other papers you have worked so hard to collect.

What is the “best” way to organize? The way that makes sense to you. That doesn’t sound very helpful, but think about it. Like choosing a car, a camera, or a software program, choosing a method of organizing genealogical research is highly subjective. When I first organized my files, I found separating the information first by surname and then by type of records seemed logical to me, and I could always find the information I was looking for. After reading about organizing a surname by locality, I thought that made sense, so I tried it. I couldn’t find anything! I would find myself thinking, “I know I found them on the 1830 Census, now where is that record?” No matter how logical the system, if it doesn’t fit the way *you* think, you will not use it effectively.

The key to organization is to have a plan and to be consistent. It is helpful to read about various methods, such as those described in William Dollarhide’s *Managing a Genealogical Project* or John F. Vallentine’s article, “Organizing Genealogical Materials Systematically.”

First decide how you want to group your genealogical material: by surname, by locality, by families, by individuals, or by types of records. Many researchers use a combination of divisions, such as having a surname binder divided by families or by localities. It may make sense to you to keep family groups together followed by the research on that family. One genealogist maintains surname binders divided first by locality and then by type of record (family group sheets together, census records together, etc.). How will you think to look for that marriage record the next time you want to use it? Under the individual’s name, the county

jurisdiction, or the fact that it is a marriage record?

Next think about the physical method of filing. Do you prefer manila folders, 3-ring binders, or a combination of both? Do you have filing cabinet space or shelf space? Once you have decided on your filing system, make the commitment to spend some of your research time setting it up and, more importantly, keeping it up. How much time do you want to devote to the filing process? If the system is too elaborate or requires a lot of recopying, chances are you will bog down or get discouraged and put it off until you get a “round tuit.”

One filing system, devised by genealogist Joan Whitsett, uses third-cut manila folders. She suggests using the left-tab folders to set up one file folder per ancestor. Use your 5-generation chart as a starting point and make a file for each person on it. In the folder put a chronology or life summary of the ancestor, a family group sheet, a list of searches, and a list of correspondence. An excellent source of forms to help you with this (and other research tasks) is Emily Croom’s *Unpuzzling Your Past Workbook*. You may choose to keep the actual documents you find behind the list of searches. This keeps all the research on one ancestor in one handy place. A modification that I use is to keep my general research in surname binders but documents pertaining to a specific individual in his or her folder. I have found the chronology to be the most helpful aid for focusing and organizing my research on an individual.

The right-tab folders are for each surname in general. When you find information about the surname or find people of the same surname that at first do not appear to be connected to you, this gives you a place to store the material. The surname tabs also serve as dividers within the file. The center-tab folders are reserved for “potential ancestors” (the ones William Dollarhide calls “suspicious”!)—people who seem to be direct ancestors but who need further investigation. Or you can use the center-tab folder for one of your collateral relatives about whom

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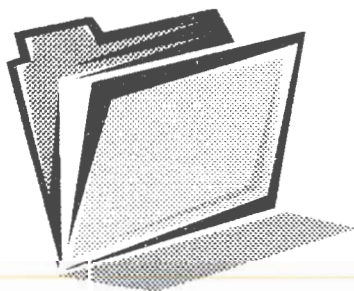
you have gathered a lot of material.

As I was setting up my files in this way, I discovered I needed to allow for having the same surname on two different lines. I wanted a way to know quickly which folder I was working with, particularly if it was out of the file. I decided to color-code my lines. To keep it simple, I divided my research into four lines: one for each grandparent. I found color-coded file labels and gave all surnames connected with my Carter line one color, all surnames connected with my Loftin line another color, and so forth. I extended this color coding to my surname binders by using white "create-a-cover" binders and using colored paper inserts.

Once you have created your folders or binders, you will have one alphabetical arrangement of all of the ancestors you are researching. If you color code the labels, you will also be able to tell at a glance which surnames belong on the same line. A very handy overview of your genealogical project!

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CLF-Sponsored Research Trips

Plans are now being made to conduct research trips in to the Washington-Virginia area in October and to Salt Lake City in January. To sign up for one (or both) of these trips, please contact the CLF trip coordinator, Dr. Art Allee, at (713) 748-3473.

Washington-Virginia October 26th through November 5th

This trip begins with a flight from Houston (Hobby) to Washington DC (BWI) on Sunday, October 26th. While in the Washington area, accommodations will be provided at the Comfort Inn in Arlington, Virginia, and we will have five full days to visit the National Archives, Library of Congress, the DAR Library, and other resources in this area. On November 1st, we will move on to Richmond, Virginia (accommodations pending), where we will visit Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown on November 1st and enjoy a "first Thanksgiving" style dinner at the Berkeley Plantation on November 2nd. On November 3rd and 4th we will visit the new Library for Genealogical Research in Richmond. The group will then return to Houston on Wednesday, November 5th. Those travelers not wishing to participate in the Richmond segment of the trip may return to Houston on November 1st.

Salt Lake City January 18th through 25th

This trip will begin with a non-stop flight from Houston (Intercontinental) to Salt Lake City on Sunday, January 18th. Accommodations for the week will be at the Howard Johnson Hotel, a short walk from the LDS Family History Library. On arrival, there will be an optional tour of Gardner Village in the Salt Lake Valley (for shopping and eating!). At week's end, we will enjoy an evening dinner on the roof of the old Hotel Utah with speaker Jayare Roberts. This trip will afford lots of uninterrupted time to do serious research at the famous Family History Library. If you haven't visited this facility, you have no idea as to the quantity and quality of research material available there. Our return has been set for the afternoon of Sunday, January 25th, so that those who wish to may hear the Mormon Tabernacle Choir on Sunday morning.



Irish Research at Clayton Library

Notes on Dr. Ryan's talk and comments on the Clayton Library's collection of Irish research material by John Dorroh.

ON June 8th, Dr. James Ryan spoke to Clayton Library Friends at a special seminar on research in Ireland. Ryan is director of BioResearch Ireland, a biochemical research company, and was in Houston for a special international convention. He is also publisher of Flyleaf Press and an international speaker on the subject of Irish genealogy.

Ryan began with a brief history of Ireland and the different races that have invaded it: the Celts, the Normans, the Scots, and finally, the English. Ireland's history is interwoven with its relations with and struggles against powerful neighbors to the east. Ryan pointed out that each group had left its particular mark on the surnames of Ireland. The well-known Irish surname Fitzgerald contains the Norman *fitz* meaning "son of" and is derived from the Norman-French *fils* which, in turn, comes from the Latin *filius*, meaning "son."

A popular misconception about Irish research is that all records were burned in the Public Records Office fire in Dublin in 1922. It is true that all the registered wills and many church parish records were destroyed in the fire, but abstracts had been made of these wills, so that the important genealogical information has been preserved. Deeds were recorded centrally in Dublin since 1708; these are all extant. Many court records and church records are also still in existence in Dublin and Belfast, and many local records are available at the county and parish level.

Several major sources for researchers exist for Ireland. Probably the best known is Griffith's Valuation. Other nation-wide sources are the Tithe Applotment Books, the Hearth Money Rolls, and the national censuses, two of which remain in their entirety: 1901 and 1911. Dr. Ryan discussed each of these and how to use them. He also discussed the guides to beginners for Irish genealogy and the periodicals available, particularly Tony McCarthy's *Irish Roots*.

On Thursday after his talk, Dr. Ryan visited Clayton Library and was given a tour by manager Marje Harris. Looking over the Irish section of Clayton's foreign collection, he declared that it was one of the best he had seen outside of Ireland. He found one book that is very rare and hardly to be found in Ireland.

A national system of taxation of real estate was estab-

lished in Ireland by the Tenement Act of 1842. The tax was to be assessed on estimated value of the real property of each landholder and leaseholder. Surveys were done beginning in the 1840s recording these individuals by name and appraising their property. Richard Griffith was the national supervisor of this undertaking, which was officially known as the "Primary Valuation of Tenements" and is now generally referred to as Griffith's Valuation.

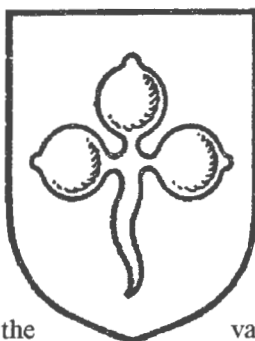
The valuation was done by subdivision of county, barony, civil parish, and townland. For example, George Doragh is found in County Antrim, the barony of Lower Antrim, the civil parish of Connor, and the village of Connor. The report is arranged in a chart with the point of reference on the Ordinance Survey map, the name of the land or leaseholder, the immediate lessor, total acreage, and valuation. Sometimes other details were provided such as the name of the male tenant's father. This was done to distinguish between people of the same name, such as William Doragh, son of James, and William Doragh, son of George. Functions of specific plots of land are noted, such as house, garden, store, school, or graveyard.

A map of baronies and parishes is found at the beginning of each county's records. Then there is an alphabetical index to each county surname showing the page of each landholder or leaseholder for both Griffith's Valuation and for the Tithe Applotment Books. And good news for all researchers using Griffith's—the records are in typewritten form!

To further ascertain the location of your ancestor in Griffith's Valuation, a book is available to pinpoint each townland in the valuation: *Alphabetical Index to the Townlands and Towns, Parishes, and Baronies of Ireland* (GEN 941.5 G326 IRE). Griffith's Valuation itself is on microfiche in cabinet 70, drawer 10.

The tithe, in this context, was an assessment on church members to provide money for the upkeep of the church. In many rural areas, tithes were paid in kind until the early nineteenth century when Parliament required tithes to be paid in money. Tithe Applotment surveys were conducted from 1823 to 1837 in each civil parish to determine the amounts due from landholders. These records are on microfilm and found at Clayton Library in cabinet 66, drawers 10

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and 11. From a cursory examination, it appears that different counties have different information. Columnar headings for the applotment from County Tipperary are the tithepayers' names, the size of holdings in acres, the quality of the land rated numerically from 1 to 9, the rate per acre, the total, and "observations." In County Clare, reports are separated into two categories of tithes: vicarial tithes and tithes of the holy rectory.

A much earlier census of Ireland can be found in the ten-volume set, *The Civil Survey A.D. 1654-1656* (GEN 941.5 I68 IRE). This civil survey was ordered by the English Parliament in conjunction with the allotment of Irish land to satisfy obligations for soldiers' pay. The survey records information obtained from inhabitants and relates to geographical, proprietorial, and economic matters. Not all of this survey has survived.

Edward MacLysaght has written several accounts of Irish surnames, all of which are found at Clayton Library (GEN 941.5 M166 IRE). Titles include *Irish Families*, *More Irish Families*, *Supplement to Irish Families*, and *A Guide to Irish Surnames*.

For the more advanced researcher, there are two other works of interest. The first is the three-volumes of Irish court records published in James Mills' *Calendar of the Justiciary Rolls...* (GEN 941.5 I65 IRE). These are reprints of court proceedings in Ireland from 1295 to 1314, during the reign of Edward I of England. The second is Michael A. O'Brien's *Corpus Genealogiarum Hiberniae* (GEN 941.5 O13 IRE), which contains pedigrees and other genealogical material from the earliest literary period up to 1500. This latter work is drawn from manuscript sources and, in particular, the twelfth-century Oxford manuscript designated Rawlinson B.502. The majority of reports in this book are in Gaelic.

A listing of all of Clayton's material on Irish research is indeed beyond the scope and intention of this report, but the following are some that are noteworthy and should be consulted by the researcher:

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Announcing the Fall CLF Beginners Seminar

The second 1997 Beginners Seminar will be held on Saturday, November 15, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center, 2020 Hermann Drive.

Margaret J. Harris, Manager of Clayton Library, will speak on "How to Use Clayton Library Effectively." Marje is an excellent lecturer, and her knowledge of the library is without parallel. Emily Croom will talk about "What You Need to Know Before Going to the Library." Emily is the author of several nationally distributed books on genealogical research and is an excellent lecturer as well.

This seminar will assume little or no prior knowledge in genealogical research. Because of the expertise of the speakers, however, almost anyone will be able to learn something new.

You must be a member of Clayton Library Friends and you must pre-register in order to attend; however, there is no cost to attendees. If you are not now a member, simply send in your dues with your enrollment. The deadline for registration is November 5, 1997, and seating will be limited to 100 people. For more information contact Charlie Jensen, Seminar Chairman, at (281) 596-0114.

Please note that we are announcing two separate seminars in this newsletter, the beginners seminar described above and the Virginia seminar described on page 15. To register for the beginners seminar, please complete the form at the bottom of this page (not the one on page 15). ■

Funding for Tennessee land grants sought

Clayton Library is seeking to acquire the 46 rolls of microfilm of the Tennessee Land Grants from the North Carolina State Archives. Called the "First Series," these rolls of microfilm contain the original warrant papers on file at the North Carolina Archives for warrants (Revolutionary War) made in Tennessee during 1783-1797. They are the records of the North Carolina Secretary of State, Land Grant Office.

This acquisition will allow a person who finds an ancestor in the North Carolina DAR book to immediately search the index and consult the actual records on these 46 rolls of film. The cost is \$12 per reel, total cost \$552. We must have the total amount before the film can be ordered. At only \$12 per reel, this is a real value, since the North Carolina State Archives charges \$8 for a single copy of a grant requested from out-of-state.

The 'Friends' and Clayton Library thank Donna Hinson for bringing this information and opportunity to our attention. Donna has also donated the index for this group of records.

Anyone interested in helping acquire these records may contact Elizabeth Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030, (713) 944-1118. ■

E-Mail Volunteer Wanted

The Clayton Library Friends Homepage generates several e-mail inquiries each month. These are

mostly questions about Clayton Library, but people often ask research-type questions as well. I am seeking a volunteer to handle these inquiries. If you would like to support this effort,

have e-mail, and are reasonably knowledgeable of Clayton Library, please contact me at pusch@ghg.net.

Don Pusch

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Who were the Huguenots?

Part 2

By Vivian Hill Jordan

In part 1 of this article (*The CLF Newsletter*, vol. 11, no. 2), we provided a brief historical background on Huguenot origins and described the National Huguenot Society. We now focus on specific Huguenot resources at the Clayton Library.

It is important to recognize that, although the Huguenots were French, Huguenot ancestors in America are more likely to be found in the English, Dutch, and German colonies than in those of the French. The notable exception being French Acadia. For this reason, many of the Huguenot sources at Clayton will be found in the Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Virginia sections of the library. Those sources that address general Huguenot immigration to America will be found in the USA section. If you are fortunate in tracing a Huguenot ancestor back to Europe, you will find some excellent research material in Clayton's foreign collection.

If you are curious as to whether or not a Huguenot ancestor is to be found in your family tree, you may wish to search the compiled lists of Huguenot names maintained by the National Huguenot Society. See, for example, Arthur Louis Finnell's 1995 compilation, *Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors of the National Huguenot Society* (GEN 973 F514 USA). Also, state Huguenot societies have published biographical compilations, for example, the Huguenot Society of Maryland's *The Huguenots: Their History and Legacy: Biographies of Ancestors of Members of the Huguenot Society of Maryland* (GEN 975.2 H891 MD).

Following is an annotated bibliography of the main portion of Clayton Library's collection of specific Huguenot references. This is not exhaustive. As with any ethnic group, sources of genealogical information may be found throughout the collection, especially for the years following the period of original immigration.

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Announcing the September CLF Virginia Seminar

Registration is now open for the September 20th CLF seminar on Virginia research. Featured presenters will be Clayton Library Manager Marje Harris and author-lecturer Emily Croom. See page 15 for further details and a registration form. ■

❑ WHAT'S IN THE LIBRARY

The Yellow Book of Funeral Directors

By: Elizabeth Nitschke Hicks

Do you know about *The National Yellow Book of Funeral Directors*? If not, you should. This annual serial, published by Nomis Publications, Youngstown, Ohio, is easy to spot on the ready reference bookcase. Look for the (you guessed it) yellow cover and the call number GEN 363.75 N277 USA.

This book lists all the funeral homes in the U.S., Canada, and some foreign countries.

At the beginning of each state listing in the U.S. section, in the upper left-hand corner, is the address of the state's Bureau of Vital Statistics and the cost to obtain a copy of a death certificate.

Example: Texas

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Texas Dept. of Health
1100 W. 49th St., Austin, TX 78756
\$9.00 [for the first certificate]- Add'l. \$3 ea.
(512) 458-7111

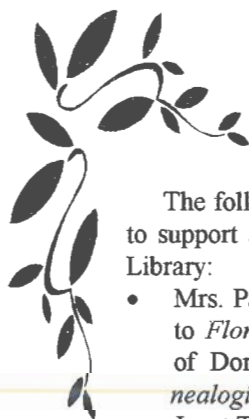
This is followed by State Board of Health information and an alphabetical listing (by city) of funeral homes. The listing contains the name of the funeral home, the address,

and the phone number. African-American funeral homes are marked with the notation "BLK" following the name of the funeral home.

The *Yellow Book* has additional sections with state listings of veterans' hospitals and cemeteries and the names and addresses of companies specializing in shipping, embalming, cremating, and transporting human remains. There is even a listing for "mummifying services." Also included is other useful information such as the addresses of foreign consulates and daily newspapers.

Recently, a friend sent me the death certificate for her cousin who died in 1952 in Scott and White Hospital, Temple (Bell Co.), Texas, and asked me to find the person's place of burial. The death certificate gave the name of the funeral director—Edward Pace—but did not give the name of the cemetery. The *Yellow Book* did not have a listing for a Pace Funeral Home in Temple, so I selected two funeral homes at random, one in Temple and one in nearby Belton, Texas. Using the fax numbers given, I sent each a note describing the information I needed. Within 24 hours, I received a return fax and a phone call. From this I learned that there had been a Pace Funeral Home in Temple that had been taken over by the Hewitt Funeral Home. Sadly, when I contacted the Hewitt Funeral Home, I learned that old records from the Pace Funeral Home had been burned. I did, however, learn the names and locations of two cemeteries where this person might have been buried.

Although this bit of research was not entirely successful, it is easy to see how *Yellow Book* information might be used. Older funeral homes are often sold out to new ones, and in many cases the old records do survive. *The Yellow Book* may be able to help you find your way along the trail to these records. ■



Angels report

The following "Angels" have made donations to support acquisition of periodicals for Clayton Library:

- Mrs. Patsy Fox Andrews. 1997 subscriptions to *Florida Historical Quarterly*, in memory of Dorothy Doyl Andrews, and *Flint Genealogical Quarterly* (Michigan), in honor of Janet Tyler Fox.

- Dr. and Mrs. Robert N. (Naomi Ford) Fivecoat. *United Daughters of the Confederacy Magazine*, vols. 55-58 (1992-1995) as well as several books.
- The Houston Genealogical Forum. Over 70 titles of periodicals, 1992-1994.

Angels are needed for acquisition of missing back issues of various periodicals. If you would like to be an Angel by contributing funds for this or by underwriting subscriptions for Clayton's collection, please contact Elizabeth Hicks, 746 Edgemoor Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030, (713) 944-1118. ■

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Margaret J. Harris, Manager, Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

"Virginia after Statehood"

Emily Croom

Author of *Unpuzzling Your Past* and *The Genealogist's Companion & Sourcebook*

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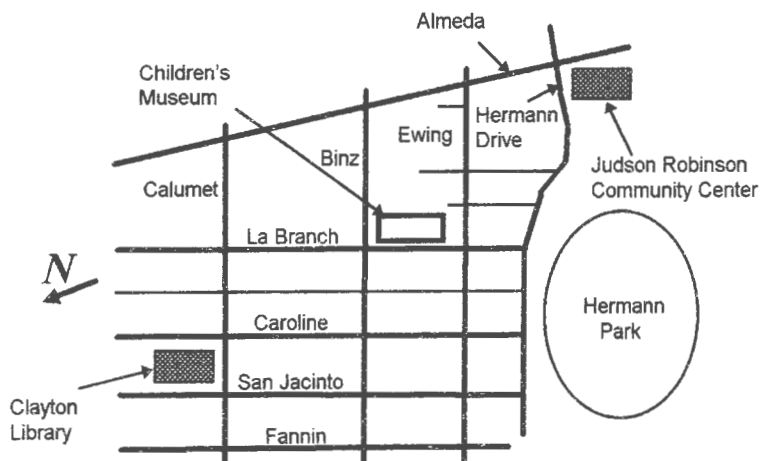
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Please note:

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Recent microfilm acquisitions

Just before the newsletter went to press, we were advised of two very recent additions to the microfilm collection. John Dorroh reports that the library received the remainder of the 716 rolls of Pennsylvania Soundex (National Archives series M1584). John also reports that the 76 rolls of World War I Draft Registration Cards (Texas) have arrived and are available for patron use. We will have more information on the Draft Registration Cards in the next newsletter. ■

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