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CLF Nominating Committee Report

The CLF nominating committee proposes the individuals named below as candidates for executive board positions in 2001. These candidates (and any others nominated from the floor) will be voted upon at the November 11 general membership meeting.

President Donald E. Pusch
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2nd VP Alfred Davis IV
Secretary Patricia Palmer Metcalfe
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Director C. David Lodge
Director Robert de Berardinis
Director... Maureen Murphy Singleton
Director A. Bruce Krewinghaus
Director Emily Anne Croom

(Please see candidate bios, page 10.)

CLF Executive Board Changes

At the CLF executive board meeting on October 12, action was taken to fill, by appointment, two vacant positions on the current (2000) board. Al Davis IV, currently serving as a first-term director, was appointed second vice president, replacing Mary Smith Fay who passed away July 7. CLF member David Lodge, who is currently serving as the CLF membership secretary, was appointed to complete the remaining portion of the first year of Al Davis's term. CLF member Bruce Krewinghaus was appointed first-term director to complete the remainder of the first year of office of Patricia Marburger who resigned from the CLF board on July 26. ■

Major Addition to CLF Endowment

On September 10, Clayton Library Friends received a gift of \$108,204 from the Margaret E. Whiteley Charitable Trust. Miss Whiteley, who passed away November 9, 1999, was a charter member of the Friends and served on the CLF Executive Board from 1989 to 1991. In accordance with her wishes, these funds are being added to the Clayton Library Friends Endowment Fund and will serve as a perpetual source of revenue for the continued growth and enhancement of Clayton Library. The CLF Executive Board wishes to express its appreciation, on behalf of the membership, for Miss Whiteley's thoughtfulness and generosity in making this bequest. ■



NEXT MEETING

Saturday
November 11, 10:00 a.m.
Bayland Community Center

SPEAKER

Gay E. Carter
Reference/Documents Librarian
Neumann Library, UHCL

TOPIC

Using the U.S. Serial Set
for Genealogical Research

Time to renew!

On November 1, dues renewal notices for 2001 were sent to the current membership. Unless you have already done so, please take a few minutes to mark the form and mail it with your check to the CLF post office box or drop it off in the CLF office at Clayton. Many of our members use the dues renewal as a means for contributing additional amounts to the Friends. If you would like to do this, please note that checks received prior to January 1, 2001 will be credited to 2000 donations and will be recognized in the February 2001 newsletter. ■

CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

P. O. Box 271078
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Established 1987

Clayton Library Friends is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization under IRS Code 501(c)(3). The sole purpose of CLF is to enrich the resources and facilities of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research.

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Annual Membership Dues

Individual \$10.00
Two people (same address).. \$15.00

Special Friends

Contributor \$1 to \$49
Donor \$50 to \$99
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Sponsor \$250 to \$499
Benefactor \$500 and above

Clayton Library Friends Financial Report

July 1 through September 30, 2000

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Starting Balance \$ 37,976
Unrestricted Funds 19,161
Restricted Funds:
Binding 73
Endowment - 0 -
Other 8,903
CLF Operating Funds 9,829
2001 Prepaid Dues 10

Deposits, total 5,269

Unrestricted Funds 1,626
Restricted Funds:
Binding - 0 -
Endowment 900
Other 2,017
CLF Operating Funds
2000 Dues 725

Withdrawals, total 4,415

Unrestricted Funds 2,426
Restricted Funds:
Binding - 0 -
Endowment - 0 -
Other 611
CLF Operating Funds 1,378

Ending Balance 38,829

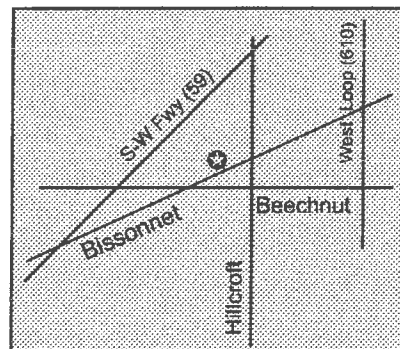
Unrestricted Funds 18,361
Restricted Funds:
Binding 73
Endowment 900
Other 10,309
CLF Operating Funds 9,176
2001 Prepaid Dues 10

ENDOWMENT FUND

Certificate of deposit #1 12,540
Savings account (endowment yield) 4,731*

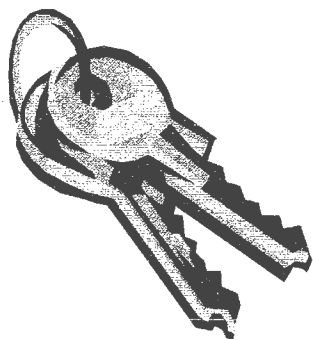
Jose O. Guerra, Jr., Treasurer

*The endowment yield savings account currently includes some funds donated for the endowment. These will be moved to the endowment certificate of deposit at its maturity.



CLF Meeting Location:
Bayland Community Center
6400 Bissonnet, Houston

□ WHAT'S IN THE LIBRARY



Keys to the Repertory: Unlocking The French-Canadian Records of 17th & 18th Century Québec

By Robert de Berardinis

Clayton Library recently received, by anonymous donation,¹ a dual set of the three-volume, English-language instruction booklets, *Keys to the Repertory*,² an essential companion work to the definitive, sixty-three volume *Répertoire des actes de baptême, mariage, sépulture, et des recensements du Québec ancien*.³ The *Répertoire* is the guide to all French-Canadian church records and to most other Canadian genealogical records for the period prior to 1765. It indexes and cross-references every personal name appearing in all of the abstracted records while explaining any relationships mentioned in the underlying documents. Hubert Charbonneau and Jacques Legaré, authors of the *Répertoire*, also wrote the English-language *Keys to the Repertory*. These books are necessary for anyone researching French-Canadians in Québec and should be used "side-by-side" with Jetté's compiled genealogies.⁴

Although the *Répertoire* is the ultimate reference, French-challenged researchers may find it difficult to use. Its organization is bewildering, and the use of codes for citing personal names in the abstracted records is not intuitive. *Keys to the Repertory* solves this problem by providing concise, English-language explanations of the organization and use of the *Répertoire* and the meaning and use of the various codes.

Using the *Répertoire* with the *Keys to the Repertory*, researchers can obtain the correct date, type of record, and, if applicable, the name of the parish church. Photocopies or microfilm of any record in the *Répertoire* are available from either of the following organizations:

Archives Nationales du Québec
C.P. 10450
Sainte-Foy Québec G1V 4N1
CANADA

Or,

La Fédération des Familles-Souches Inc.
C.P. 6700
Sillery, Québec, G1T 2W2
CANADA

at 25¢ (Canadian) per photocopy, a truly great genealogical bargain! For researchers without French language skills, letters in English will get answered, but it is best to include photocopies from the *Répertoire* in any requests sent to either of these organizations (circle the needed record in red).

Notes:

1. Given in memory of Isabelle Lafonta Ewing.
2. Hubert Charbonneau and Jacques Legaré, *Keys to the Repertory*, 3 vols. (Montréal: Les presses de l'université de Montréal, 1980-84). (971 R425 CANADA)
3. Hubert Charbonneau and Jacques Legaré, *Répertoire des actes de baptême, mariage, sépulture, et des recensements du Québec ancien*, 63 vols. (Montréal: Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal, 1980-1988). Clayton Library currently owns volumes 8 through 45 (for the years 1700-1765). (971.4 R425 CANADA)
4. René Jetté, *Dictionnaire généalogique des familles du Québec* (Montréal: Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal, 1983). (971.4 J58 CANADA)



Clayton Library Friends Charter Members

As we enter our 15 year, we would like to recognize the following individuals for their work in launching Clayton Library Friends and for their early contributions toward making Clayton Library the fine institution it is today. This list was prepared from our CLF membership files. If any names have been omitted or spelled incorrectly, please contact CLF President Don Pusch at (281) 326-3278.

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Displays "Spice-up" the Library

You may have noticed something different at Clayton during the past few months. In February, in celebration of Black Heritage Month, the Clayton staff set up a display on searching for African-American ancestors. For the display, Clayton staff members assembled a scrapbook of famous African-Americans that included biographical information, pictures, and census records. Also, a new bibliography was compiled, and one of our Clayton patrons contributed information from his family research. The display was very popular and generated a great deal of interest, including a newspaper article in the *Houston Chronicle*. Both staff and patrons were so enthusiastic about the display that we decided to continue with future displays, coordinated with holidays and system-wide library programs.

In March we spotlighted Irish genealogy. The theme for April was "Texas History," in celebration of San Jacinto Day, and the display featured genealogical sources on early Texas settlers. The May display had the theme "The Many Faces of Asia," in celebration of HPL's Asian/Pacific Island Heritage Month. Subsequent displays have featured

the topics "Finding Your Female Ancestors," the American Revolution, German genealogy, and "Genealogy for Kids," presided over by our own fictional character Gene E. Ology. In September we entered our exhibit, "Voices of the Future are Echoes of the Past," in a contest sponsored by HPL's Hispanic Heritage Month Committee, and Clayton won second prize in the Central Library category. Our prizes—a certificate and a piñata—are on display at the front of the library.

Not only do the displays give us the opportunity to showcase different aspects of the Clayton collection, they also give library staff members the opportunity to improve their knowledge of little-known resources that may be unfamiliar to them or to work on presentations that demonstrate their areas of interest or expertise. The library staff enjoys setting up the displays and intends to continue with them—watch for the upcoming military exhibit to commemorate Veterans Day!

Lesley Douthwaite
 Assistant Manager

President's Message

RECORD YEAR

As the year 2000 draws to a close, I'm very proud to announce that we had another record breaking year. As of newsletter deadline, our membership roll stood at 1,616, making us, once again, the largest genealogy-related organization in Texas. Final results of our 2000 fund raising efforts will be reported in the first newsletter of 2001; however, it appears that we will exceed our goal of \$75,000 by a considerable margin. In October, CLF received the proceeds from two large bequests, one from the estate of Mrs. Mary Smith Fay, the other from the Margaret E. Whiteley Charitable Trust. Funds from the Whiteley Trust, in accordance with the terms of the bequest, have been placed in the CLF Endowment Fund.

ACQUISITIONS

At the October 12 executive board meeting, approval was granted for the expenditure of \$15,168 for the acquisition of New York, Texas, and Louisiana city directories for the Clayton collection. The order for this collection has been placed, and the film should be in the library and ready for patron use by the end of the year. Also of significance was the placement of orders totaling \$757 for some fifty books (all related to Texas) using funds contributed by members of the Harris County Historical Commission (in honor of Mrs. Imogene Stevenson Davis).

ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT

We continue to receive strong support from other genealogical societies in the area, for which we are greatly appreciative. On October 7, the Houston Genealogical Forum raised over \$400 for the purchase of Indiana vital records microfilm. Earlier in the year, the Forum contributed periodicals to the library valued at over \$2,000. Recently, we have also received strong support from the

Hispanic Genealogical Society, whose membership donated a fine collection of material to the library and came forward with commitments to provide several books appearing on the Millenium Book Project list. Thanks to all for your support!

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

By the time this newsletter reaches you, you should have received a dues renewal notice in a separate mailing. Please help us continue our strong support to Clayton Library by renewing your membership in 2001 and by making an additional contribution. The library's budget was considerably stretched this year after allocating funds for the procurement of the remainder of the 1920 Soundex film, and we want to ensure that Clayton does not fall behind in its acquisition of newly published books, some of which are only available for short periods of time. A portion of each member's dues goes to CLF operating costs (primarily the newsletter and the annual audit); however, 100% of all donations we receive goes directly toward building the Clayton collection or improving library equipment. Considering the size of our membership, an additional gift of only \$25 per member would put \$40,000 to immediate use for the library.

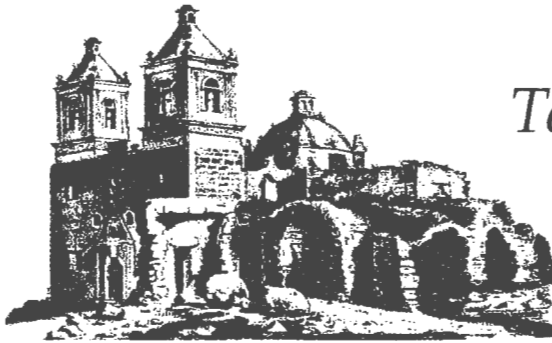
NOVEMBER MEETING

Speaker for our November meeting will be Miss Gay Carter, reference/documents librarian, Alfred E. Neumann Library, University of Houston-Clear Lake. Miss Carter will speak on using the *U.S. Serial Set* for genealogical research. Having used the *U.S. Serial Set* (a part of which encompasses *American State Papers*), I know what a valuable collection this is. Also, as in the past, Miss Carter's presentation is sure to be both informative and entertaining. Hope to see you there!

Don Pusch
CLF President

Beginners seminar planned for December 9

Clayton Library Friends and the Houston Public Library will host a seminar on December 9 in the Concourse Room, HPL Central. Focus of this seminar will be on the basics of using Clayton Library for genealogical research. Featured presenters will be Marje Harris, manager of the Clayton Library, and Lesley Douthwaite, assistant manager. The seminar will touch on a wide range of topics including the layout of the library, time savers and tips, and how to use the electronic catalog system. The seminar is open to all CLF members at no charge. To register for the seminar, please complete the registration accompanying this newsletter and mail it to the CLF address. ■



Texas Before the Republic: The Béxar Archives

by Don Pusch

TEXAS has existed as a part of the United States for a little over a century and a half; however, her archival legacy extends back more than twice that number of years, encompassing, as well, the period of the Republic of the Texas and the periods of Mexican and Spanish domination. Although portions of this legacy have been lost, due either to intentional destruction or to lack of adequate preservation, much of it remains. One such portion is the Béxar¹ Archives collection, preserved today at The Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin. In this article, we will describe the Béxar Archives and acquaint the reader with the collection's principal finding aids, some of which are available at Clayton Library. Microfilm copies of the original documents and a partial collection of the associated English-language translations also exist; however, except as noted below, these are not currently part of the Clayton Library collection.

DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

The Béxar Archives consists of more than 250,000 pages of manuscripts and some 4,000 pages of printed material produced during Spanish and Mexican domination of Texas from 1717 (the year prior to the establishment of the Spanish presidio at San Antonio) to 1836 (the first year of the Republic of Texas).² The collection constitutes, in effect, the single largest portion of the surviving Spanish colonial and Mexican provincial archives of Texas. Although a large part of the collection deals with governmental activities that took place at San Antonio, it contains many documents dealing with La Bahía, Nacogdoches, and other settlements. Also found in the collection are documents dealing with individuals and families entering Texas from neighboring regions, including Mexican states. Documents in the collection range over a wide variety of different types, including legal proceedings, procurations, writs, affidavits, summonses,

administrative correspondence, dispatches, military reports and troop lists, censuses, election announcements, brand licenses, edicts, appointments, proclamations, regulations, receipts, registers, passports, invoices, wills, property inventories, ledger books, contracts, diaries, itineraries, appointments, oaths of allegiance, treaties, slave sales, property conveyances, arrest warrants, and many others too numerous to mention. Because of the breadth of this collection, the likelihood is good that any family living in Texas during the period 1717–1837 will be mentioned somewhere among the component documents.³

HISTORY OF THE COLLECTION

The component papers of the Béxar Archives were amassed during the Spanish and Mexican periods, first while the seat of government was at Los Adáes⁴ and, after 1772, when the seat of government was located at San Antonio. Principal sources for the material include the various governors' offices (correspondence and judicial records), the treasury (primarily tax related documents), the military establishment (payrolls, rosters, enlistment papers, service records, inspection reports, correspondence, and records of military investigations and inventories), the municipality of San Fernando de Béxar (census records, militia reports, tax lists, judicial records, and city council minutes), and individual citizens (primarily personal letters).

With the establishment of the Republic in 1836, the Béxar Archives became, in effect, a relic of the previous era and of significantly less important with respect to government administration. As a result, documents in this archive remained in San Antonio and were left under the control of Bexar County authorities. The archive remained there until 1899, at which time the Commissioners Court of Bexar County transferred the bulk of the papers to the University of Texas Archives. A small number of documents, those of particular interest to the county—

marriage records, deeds, probate files, and Spanish mission records—were retained by Bexar County, becoming part of the Bexar County Archives.⁵

When received by the University of Texas, the Béxar Archives documents were in general disarray, having been moved, scattered, and reassembled during the periods of revolution, war, and changes in government. Recognizing that the original archival integrity had been irreparably disturbed, University of Texas archivists devised their own structure for organizing the collection. Accordingly, the collection was divided into printed and manuscript material, with the printed material (a comparatively small part of the collection) further divided into four sub-series. Within each segment of the collection, the component documents were then placed in chronological order. For this reason, many documents that at one time had been part of specific record groups—for example, military records—are today scattered throughout the collection.⁶

In 1967, a project was initiated to microfilm the Béxar Archives in order to protect the original documents and to make the collection more accessible to researchers. This resulted in production of a 172-reel microfilm set⁷ and, later, a 26-reel set of translations.⁸ These are, today, the principal sources used by historians and genealogists working with the collection.

ARRANGEMENT OF THE BÉXAR ARCHIVES

The Béxar Archives collection and the corresponding microfilm reels are arranged according to the following structure:⁹ (Errata is imaged on reel 172.)

General Printed Series

- Coahuila y Texas Official Publications, 1826–1835 (reel 1)
- General Government Publications, 1730–1836 (reels 1–6)
- Non-government Publications, 1778, 1811–1836 (reel 6)
- Undated Material (reel 7)

General Manuscript Series

- 1717–1836 (reels 8–167)
- Undated Material (reels 168–171)

TRANSLATIONS

University of Texas Translations. In accordance with the original agreement with the Commissioners Court of Bexar County, the University of Texas Archives undertook the project of translating the Béxar Archives into English. To date, approximately one fourth of the collection (mostly pre-1798) has been translated. For the convenience of researchers, a printed guide was developed and both the translations and the guide were microfilmed.

Robert Bruce Blake Translations. Robert Bruce Blake (1877–1955), one time county clerk of Nacogdoches County, Texas, working over a thirty-year period, prepared transcriptions and translations of many historically significant documents from the Nacogdoches Archives, the General Land Office, and the University of Texas Archives. Included in his translations are a number of Béxar Archives documents. Following Blake's death, his collection was donated to the University of Texas Archives where it was assembled into a multiple-volume typescript referred to as the Robert Bruce Blake Research Collection. It consists of seventy-five primary volumes and eighteen supplementary volumes. Volumes 20 and 70 through 75 contain Blake's transcriptions of selected Béxar Archives documents from the period 1749 to 1835. Likewise, supplementary volumes 1 through 9 contain Blake's translations of selected documents from the period 1745 to 1835. Clayton Library owns a copy of the Blake Collection typescript; this is shelved at the beginning of the Texas section, call number 976.4 B636 TEX. According to the staff at The Center for American History, the University of Texas translations are independent of those made by Blake.¹⁰

PRINCIPAL FINDING AIDS

The Béxar Archives Microfilm Guide. During production of the microfilm publication, the National Historical Publications Commission sponsored preparation of the *Guide to the Microfilm Edition of the Bexar Archives*.¹¹ This is a compact, three-part work, part one covering the years 1717–1803; part two, 1804–1821; and part three, 1822–1836. Listed in the *Guide* are single-paragraph descriptions of the contents of each reel of microfilm, providing the researcher with a quick means for surveying the entire collection. The second and third parts of the *Guide* include indexes to names of persons and places mentioned in the reel descriptions. For the researcher's convenience, applicable portions of the *Guide* are imaged on the microfilm.

The Béxar Archives Calendar. A typewritten calendar to manuscripts in the General Manuscript Series of the Béxar Archives exists at The Center for American History. During microfilming, the calendar was imaged directly onto the corresponding reels, with approximately 35 pages of calendar for each 1,000 frames of microfilm. In general, entries in the "Béxar Archives Calendar" contain the date of the manuscript, a brief description, and the microfilm frame number on which the manuscript begins.¹² Where possible, the descriptive information in the calendar entries includes the name of the document's author, the name of the recipient, the place of origin of the document, the number of pages, and the type of instrument (draft, signed original, etc.). According to a source at The Center for

American History, the calendar is being prepared for eventual access on the Center's web site.¹³

The Béxar Archives Name Guide. In 1989, Adán Benavides, Jr., completed work on a name guide to the typewritten calendar of the General Manuscript Series. Published as *The Béxar Archives (1717-1836): A Name Guide*, this work provides the researcher with an aid for locating documents whose calendar entries mention specific names. It is important to recognize, however, that the calendar entries themselves do not, in many cases, include all of the names mentioned in the manuscripts. In any given document, for example, a contract, the calendar (and therefore the *Name Guide*) may contain only the names of the principal parties, omitting those of other individuals mentioned in the contract. Also, in the interest of brevity, Benavides intentionally excludes some types of documents from the *Name Guide*. Excluded are certain pieces of official correspondence, censuses, and, in general, documents characterized primarily as lists, such as tax rolls, military muster rolls, and lists of voters.¹⁴ For these reasons, the *Name Guide* cannot be used as a comprehensive index to the Béxar Archives.

Entries in the *Name Guide* are arranged alphabetically by surname and given name. Subentries contain, in date order, a brief description of the documents in which the name appears, a code for each document's place of origin (if known), the date of the document, and a citation to the reel and frame number of the microfilm on which the document is imaged.¹⁵

Benavides's *Name Guide* also contains an excellent overview of the Béxar Archives and provides essential information regarding the *Name Guide's* scope, content, and limitations. It also contains several appendices that provide the researcher with helpful information, including (in Appendix D) a list of the personal and place name abbreviations used in the work. A six-page glossary gives English translations for many of the Spanish words encountered in the *Name Guide*. Clayton Library's copy of the *Name Guide* is shelved in the Texas section, call number 976.4 B456 TEX.

Index to the Béxar Archives Translations. As the University of Texas translations progressed, individual volume indexes were created. When the translations were later filmed, the volume indexes were imaged onto the respective reels. The index cards used in compiling the volume indexes were then alphabetized to form a single master index. Currently, this index exists only as a card file at The Center for American History.¹⁶

Blake Collection Guide and Index. A guide to the Blake Collection volumes has been prepared by the East Texas Research Center, Stephen F. Austin State University, and is

available on the Center's web site at <http://libweb.sfasu.edu/etrc/collect/manuscript/blakmain.htm>. Two hardcopies, made from the web site's electronic version, are available at Clayton and are shelved next to the Blake volumes, call number 976.4 B636 TEX. The East Texas Research Center also has a 36-drawer, card-file index to the Blake Collection.

AVAILABILITY OF THE MICROFILM

As mentioned previously, Clayton Library does *not* currently own the Béxar Archives microfilm. It is, however, one of a number of items library management would like to acquire to enhance the collection of Texas material, especially material of this type, which deals with the very earliest of Texas records. Clayton Library Friends has contacted the publisher and obtained the following pricing information:

Béxar Archives (manuscript images):	
1717-1803, 31 rolls	\$3,810
1804-1821, 38 rolls	\$4,670
1822-1836, 103 rolls	\$12,650
Béxar Archives Translations:	
1717-1812, 26 rolls	\$3,200

Various publisher discounts of up to 25% are available depending upon the number of reels purchased and the date of the order. Individuals or organizations wishing to donate funds for this acquisition are asked to contact CLF President Don Pusch at (281) 326-3278. Renewing CLF members can support this acquisition directly by including a designated gift when sending in their dues renewal. Simply mark your donation, "Béxar Archives Microfilm."

Notes:

1. Pronounced *bay-yar*, the appellation is a legacy from the name of the Spanish villa, San Fernando de Béxar (often called San Antonio de Béxar), founded at the site of present-day San Antonio in 1731. Walter Prescott Webb, ed., *The Handbook of Texas* (Austin: The Texas State Historical Association, 1952), 2:550.

2. Chester V. Kielman, *Guide to the Microfilm Edition of the Bexar Archives*, [part 1] 1717-1803 (Austin: National Historical Publications Commission, 1967), 9.

3. For example, the 1830 census of San Antonio, one of the Béxar Archives documents, names some 1,500 individuals. For a translation, see Gifford White, *1830 Citizens of Texas* (Austin: Eakin Press, 1983), 77-112.

4. The first capital of Texas, located near the present town of Robeline, Louisiana. Webb, *The Handbook of Texas*, 2:81-2.

5. That portion of the original archives retained in Bexar County is described in Carolyn Beson, comp., *A*

Guide to the Bexar County Archives in the Office of the County Clerk Robert D. Green, revised ed. (n.p., 1975). (976.435 B556 BEXAR) See also, Carlos Eduardo Castañeda, *A Report on the Spanish Archives in San Antonio, Texas*, Yanaguana Society Publications, vol. 1 (San Antonio: Yanaguana Society, 1937), available in the Texas Room, Houston Public Library Central.

6. The original archival arrangement of the documents can be gleaned from the many inventories produced by the Spanish and Mexican officials responsible for their safe keeping, transfer, and receipt. Several such inventories are described in Adán Benavides, Jr., "Inventories from the Béxar Archives," appendix A in *The Béxar Archives (1717–1836): A Name Guide* (Austin: University of Texas Press, 1989), 1111–2. (976.4 B456 TEX)

7. Chester V. Kielman and Carmela Leal, eds., *The Béxar Archives at the University of Texas Archives*, 172 reels (Austin: National Historical Publications Commission, 1967–1971). The most recent edition of the microfilm (1990) is published by University Publications of America, Bethesda, Maryland.

8. *The Béxar Archives Translations*, 26 reels (Bethesda, Md.: University Publications of America, 1990).

9. Benavides, *The Béxar Archives*, xii.

10. Correspondence with Ralph Elder, assistant director, The Center for American History, 12–16 October 2000.

11. Kielman, *Guide to the Microfilm Edition of the Bexar Archives*, 3 parts. (Austin: National Historical Publications Commission, 1967–1971). Clayton owns only part 2, (1717–1803). (976.435 K47 BEXAR) Note that this guide is shelved, incorrectly, with Bexar County material. The other two parts of the *Guide*, covering the years 1804–1821 and 1822–1836, respectively, are available in the Texas Room at Houston Public Library Central.

12. The use of frame numbers facilitates locating individual documents on the film; however, one reviewer has observed that the placement and legibility of the frame numbers are less than adequate. Jesús F. de la Teja, review of the 1990 University Publications of American edition, in "Microform Review," *The Journal of American History* 77, (March 1991), 1443–4.

13. Correspondence with Ralph Elder.

14. Benavides, *The Béxar Archives*, xv, xvii.

15. *Ibid.*, xix.

16. Correspondence with Ralph Elder.

Candidates for 2001 Executive Board Offices

Don Pusch, nominee for CLF president, is currently serving in that office. For the past nine years, he has served as editor of *The CLF Newsletter*. Other CLF posts include CLF director and volunteers chairman (1992–1993), computer learning center coordinator at the 1994 NGS Conference, and CLF web page curator (1995–2000). He is a native Texan and a graduate of Texas A&M University. Now involved in writing and research full-time, his past professional life included twenty years in the Air Force and ten years in management positions with NASA contractors on the Space Shuttle and Space Station programs.

Liz Hicks, nominee for CLF first vice president, is currently serving in that office. Since 1994 she has served as chairman of the CLF "Angels" program, which has helped Clayton sustain its fine collection of subscription publications. Liz has also served on the CLF board as second vice president (1997–1998), membership chairman (1997–1998 and 2000), and volunteers chairman (1997). From 1994 to 1997 she was a contributing editor of *Tree Talk* (Cherokee County Genealogical Society). She has written a number of articles for *The CLF Newsletter*.

Alfred Davis IV, nominee for CLF second vice president, served on the 2000 CLF board as a director until his

appointment as second vice president on October 12. He is currently state projects director for Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and is chairman of the Harris County Historical Commission. He served six years on the Texas Historical Commission (1989–1995) and is an ex officio member of San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board and the Greater Houston Preservation Alliance. Al is a long-term Texas resident and a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Houston. He is vice president of the Paul Carrington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

Pat Metcalfe, nominee for CLF secretary, is currently serving in that office. Previous experience on the CLF executive board includes first vice president (1997) and president (1998–1999). As a member of the Houston Genealogical Forum, Pat is currently serving as co-librarian of that organization's portable library of exchange journals and audio tapes. She also finds time to work as a CLF volunteer, to attend NGS and FGS conferences, and to work as a genealogy merit badge counselor for the Boy Scouts. Her educational background includes degrees in education, textile research, and counseling and guidance.

Jose Guerra, nominee for CLF treasurer, is currently serving in that office. He is a native Texan and a graduate of Texas A&M University, from which he holds a degree in business administration. Jose is vice president of Olsen and Guerra Lumber Company in Houston and has been active in Rotary Club chapters in both Houston and Corpus Christi. He is a member of the Hispanic Genealogical Society of Houston, where he is currently serving as president. For the past three years he has served as that organization's journal editor and for the past four years as web page curator. His avocations include genealogy and family history, computers, and tennis.

David Lodge, nominee for first-term CLF director, is currently serving as an appointed first-term director. David is a graduate of Rice University and holds an MS degree from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School. Since retiring from the Navy in 1984, he has been a member of NASA's Space Shuttle and Space Station teams as an employee of Rockwell International and the United Space Alliance. Last year, he joined the firm of Booz Allen and Hamilton as a project developer for Space Station simulation and planning applications. David's work for CLF has included set-up of the computer learning center at the 1994 NGS conference, development of Clayton's web-based microfilm finding aid, and development of the CLF database system.

Robert de Berardinis, nominee for first-term CLF director, is a former grocery chain executive with experience on two boards of directors. A native of Louisiana, he has published over thirty articles on French-language genealogy, history, and records in a variety of national, state, and regional journals. He is a frequent contributor to *The CLF Newsletter*. Robert, a former student of Mary S. Fay, C.G., F.A.S.G., has also published on more traditional American genealogy in the South. He is currently seeking certification by the Board for Certification of Genealogists. He is married to Julia Sanders, daughter of Jerry and Marilou Sanders.

Maureen Singleton, nominee for first-term CLF director, is a native Houstonian and fourth generation Texan. She is married to David Bryan Singleton, a former CLF president. David and Maureen are the proud grandparents of Shannon Colleen Singleton, the daughter of their son Robert and his wife Shelly. In her vocational life, Maureen is an attorney in the School and Public Law section of Bracewell & Patterson. In addition to being a member of Clayton Library Friends, she belongs to a number of lineage societies and is a member of the Houston Genealogical Forum, having served as president of the Forum for two terms. She is a member of the Editorial Board of *The Houston Lawyer*, the Title II Advisory Panel for the State of

Texas, the Garland Walker Chapter of the American Inns of Court, and the Speakers Committee of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

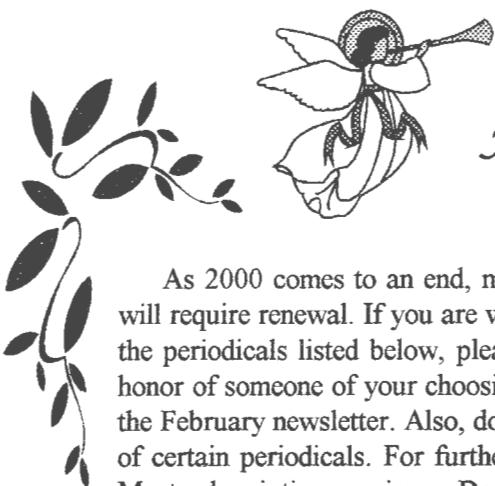
Bruce Krewinghaus, nominee for second-term CLF director, is currently serving as an appointed first-term director. He has been involved in genealogical research for the past thirty years and has a strong interest in the Midwest and eastern United States areas and in various European areas, especially the German states. He is in the process of writing several family history books and is collecting data for a study of the transportation systems used by German emigrants. Bruce is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and holds BS and PhD degrees in chemical engineering. Professional experience includes thirty-three years with Shell Oil, where he managed several different groups prior to his retirement in 1999. He is now engaged full time in research, writing, and volunteer activities.

Emily Croom, nominee for second-term CLF director, has been active in genealogy for over thirty years. She is an accomplished author and lecturer, and over the past seven years has published four widely known books on genealogy, including her latest, *The Sleuth Book for Genealogists: Strategies for More Successful Family History Research*. She holds BA and MA degrees in history and teaches genealogy classes in the Houston area. A member of CLF since 1995, Emily has also been active in the Houston Genealogical Forum and several other genealogical societies. She is a frequent contributor to *The CLF Newsletter*, the *Family Tree Magazine*, and other journals.

Volunteer needed to assist with CLF office tasks

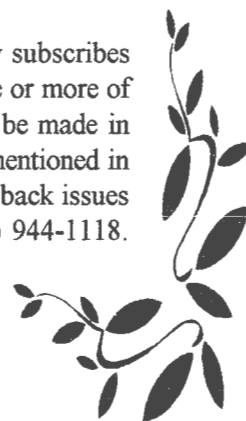
Clayton Library Friends is in need of a volunteer to help with administrative tasks in the CLF office at Clayton Library. Tasks include picking up mail, making and distributing copies, and keeping a few supplies in stock. This work will require about one to two hours of your time twice a week, but on a very flexible schedule. No typing or computer use required.

If you would like to support the Friends in this volunteer position, please call CLF President Don Pusch at (281) 326-3278. ■



Angels Report

As 2000 comes to an end, many of the periodicals to which Clayton Library subscribes will require renewal. If you are willing to become an "Angel" by underwriting one or more of the periodicals listed below, please let us know. If you desire, the donation can be made in honor of someone of your choosing, and both the donor and the honoree will be mentioned in the February newsletter. Also, donations are needed for the acquisition of missing back issues of certain periodicals. For further information please contact Liz Hicks at (713) 944-1118. Most subscriptions expire on December 31, 2000.



Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine, \$15
American Genealogy Magazine, \$22.50
Annals of Wyoming, \$20
Appalachian Roots (West Virginia), \$18
Area Footprints (Colorado), \$17
Argll Colony Plus (Carolina Scottish Heritage Soc.), \$20
Blue Grass Roots (Kentucky), \$15
Carolina Herald and Newsletter (S. Carolina), \$10
Central Alabama Gen. Soc. Biannual, \$20
Central Georgia Gen. Soc. Qtrly., \$20
Chicago Genealogist, \$18
Connecticut Maple Leaf, \$20
English Researcher, \$12
Family History Capers (Washtenaw Cty, Mich.), \$14
Family Puzzlers: The Next Generation, \$50
Family Tree (British Isles), \$42
Flint Genealogical Qtrly. (Michigan), \$17
Florida Historical Quarterly, \$45
Foothills Inquirer (Colorado), \$15
Gems of Genealogy (Wisconsin), \$10
Genealogical Society of Vermont Qtrly., \$20
Genealogy Bulletin (Heritage Quest), \$18
Georgia Gen. Soc. Qtrly., \$25

Illinois State Gen. Soc. Qtrly., \$25
Indiana Genealogist (Indiana Gen. Soc.), \$20
Journal of the Polish Gen. Soc. of America, \$20
Le Raconteur (Louisiana), \$15
Lifelines (northern New York), \$25
MASSOG (Massachusetts Soc. of Genealogists), \$30
Middle Tennessee Journal of Gen. and History, \$20
Minnesota Genealogist, \$15
Montgomery Gen. Soc. Qtrly. (Alabama), \$15
Northeast Miss. Historical & Gen. Soc. Qtrly., \$15
Nugget and CGS Newsletter (Cal.), \$30 (for both)
Revista (Cuban Gen. Soc.), \$20
Ross County Gen. Soc. Newsletter (Ohio), \$12
Rowan County Register (North Carolina), \$25
S.E.N.A (S. Eastern Native American Exchange), \$20
Seneca Searchers (Ohio), \$10
Tap Roots (Alabama) \$20
Tennessee Gen. and History (mid-Atlantic states), \$20
The Dakota Homestead (North Dakota), \$8
Topeka Gen. Soc. Qtrly., (Kansas), \$15
Upper S. Carolina Gen. & Historical Soc. Qtrly., \$20
Washington State Gen. Soc. Newsletter, \$10

New Standard Interface

HPL Databases On-line: Part 3, Using the OCLC Basic and Advanced Searches for Genealogy

by Robert de Berardinis

Houston Public Library's online databases available through OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) offer Clayton Library patrons or home users a wealth of resources for genealogical research. These include the following:

1. **Article First** is a "topical" index to articles in about 12,500 journals (including history journals) covering the last 10 to 12 years. Many of the articles covered by this database are available online or copies can be obtained for a small fee.

2. **Biography Index** is an index to biographies found in a number of reference sources, including some journals. It usually contains data on only well-known historical or political figures.

3. **Books in Print** is the online version of the multi-volume guide found at bookstores.

4. **Contents First** is a search engine for the tables of contents to over 12,000 journals (including history journals) for about the last 10 to 12 years.

5. **OCLC Union List of Periodicals** is a comprehensive list of periodicals found in WorldCat (see no. 8 below). It should be used in conjunction with Ulrich's *International Periodical Directory* at Clayton (016.5 U45). For more information, see Gay Carter's article, "A Brief Look at Ulrich's *International Periodical Directory*," in *The CLF Newsletter* 14 (February 2000): 15.

6. **Periodical Abstracts** is a database that is useful for searching general topics; however, references to history or historical information are occasionally found there.

7. **Wilson SelectPlus** provides full-text articles found in the various W. H. Wilson databases. These cover some history journals for the last ten years or so.

8. **WorldCat** is the listing of materials held in almost all academic, state, and municipal libraries as well as some foreign libraries and the Library of Congress (see *The CLF Newsletter* 14 [February 2000]: 9-13, available online at <http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/clayton/ml001.html>). Materials

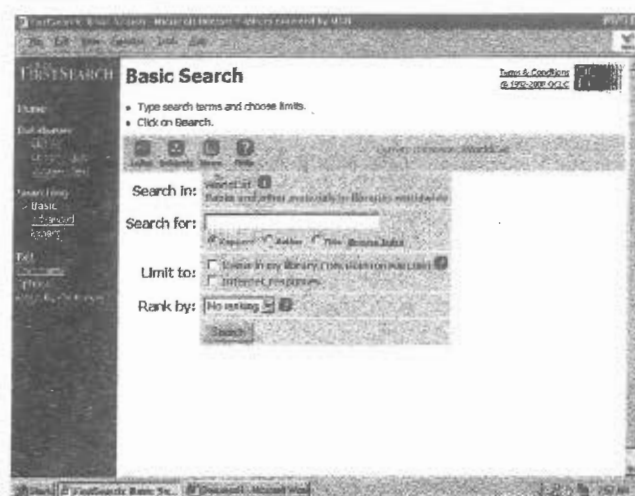
include books, dissertations, periodicals, microfilm, and microfiche.

Recently, the OCLC user interface underwent a major change to bring the various search features closer to a single standard. Now, learning one basic search screen allows the user to understand all of the other OCLC search screens. Unfortunately, with these changes, the essential Periodical Contents Index database is no longer available and the various humanities databases have dropped references to history journals.

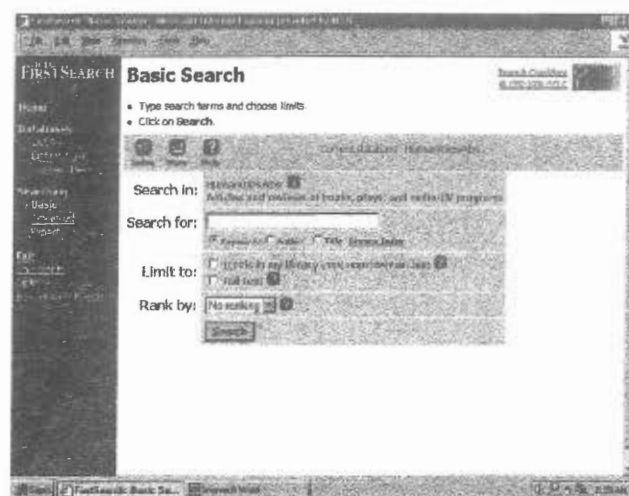
Although the above listed databases are not specific to genealogy, they can be helpful in researching various historical journals for genealogical data, since history and genealogy do go "hand-in-hand." In history journals, it is always a good idea for researchers to check the sources the historians use. By "following the footnotes" (and bibliography) to the source material, the genealogist may uncover previously unknown information. These databases, like others described in previous newsletters, expand the resources of Clayton Library to include the holdings of many thousands of other libraries.

Requirements for Access

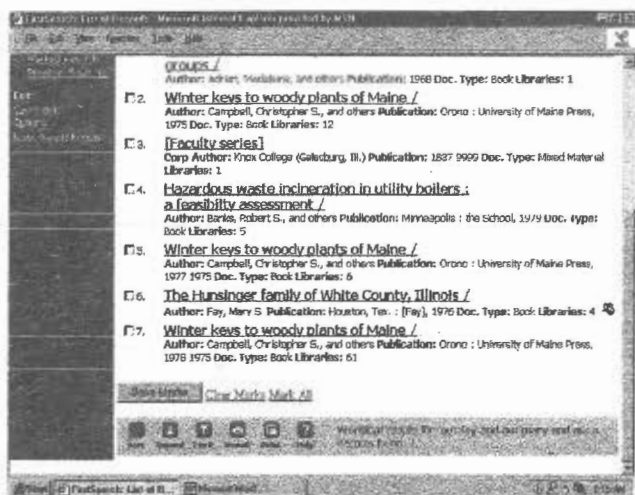
To access these databases, the researcher will need a Houston Public Library card or Power Card, now available free to residents of Harris and adjacent counties. Additionally, the researcher will have to make a small and fairly simple change to his browser (Microsoft Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator). These changes are found on the link, "**You need to follow these instructions to enable remote access**" on the "Databases Online" page mentioned below. Single left-click anywhere on **follow these instructions**. This will bring up details of the required software change. If problems are encountered, assistance is available from HPL telephone reference at (713) 236-1313 during library hours. HPL telephone reference can also help with the actual use of the databases.



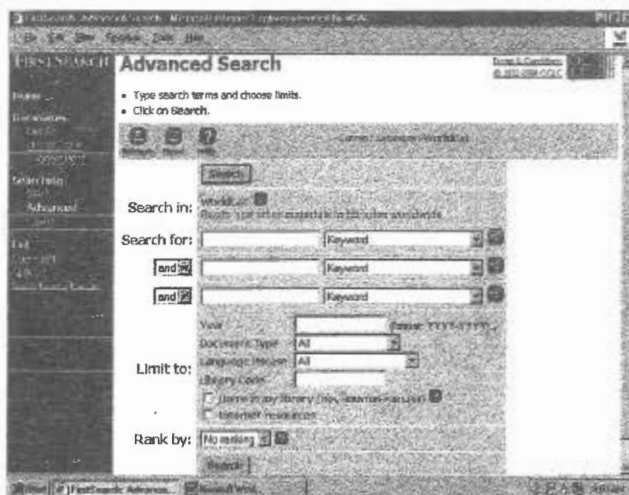
WorldCat Basic Screen (fig. 1)



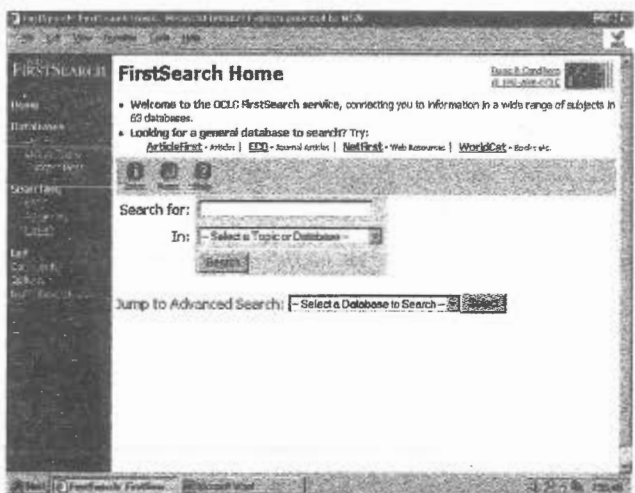
Humanities Abstracts Search Screen (fig. 2)



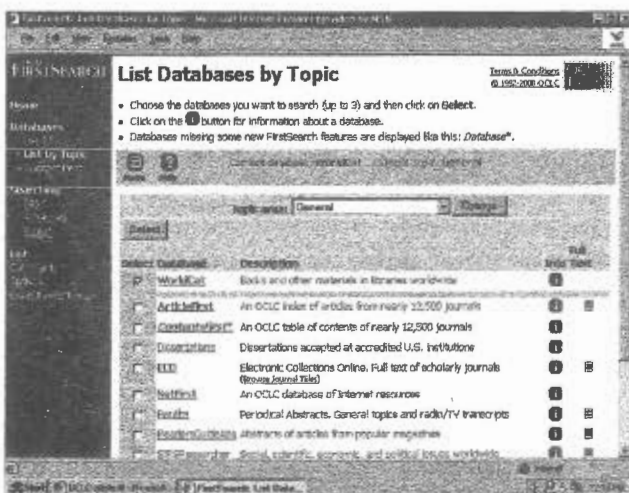
Search Results Screen (fig. 3)



Advanced Search Screen (fig. 4)



OCLC Home page (fig. 5)



OCLC topical database listing (fig. 6)

Examples

Because of the importance of WorldCat in finding resources and ordering them through interlibrary loan, the first example focuses on that database. After accessing the HPL main catalog page (<http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/hpl/catalog.html>), single left click on the link, "**Databases Online at Houston Public Library.**" A new screen appears titled "Databases Online." All of these databases are available, either at terminals in the library or through remote access from home computers. To find the WorldCat database, scan down the page to near the end of the alphabetical listing, where the title "WorldCat" will appear in the left-hand column. Then single left click on the link "**OCLC First Search.**" If remote access is being used, this will bring up an input screen for Power Card holders. Type in the card holder's last name and the card number and then click the **SUBMIT** button. This brings up the "basic" WorldCat search (see fig. 1). The blue area on the left lists links to the various websites composing OCLC online, and is the same for all their databases (for an example, see fig. 2, Humanities Abstracts search screen). The screens allow for a keyword, author, or title search as well as a browse search. Often, a search will return a large number of results.

For this example, the WorldCat basic search screen will be used to look for books by author Mary Fay. Type "fay mary" (capitalization and punctuation not needed) in the data entry screen. Then select the **AUTHOR** button and single left-click the **SEARCH** button. A new screen appears with multiple results (see fig. 3). If the results are too numerous, the **SORT** and **LIMIT** buttons (single left-click to access) allow the researcher to prioritize the results. Single left-clicking on the title link brings up a new screen that can be used to initiate an interlibrary loan (ILL). Single left-click on the **ILL** button and follow the procedures as the screens direct. If the loan material is microfilm or microfiche, it is best to specify Clayton as the receiving library, as other branches of HPL do not have microform copy machines capable of producing 11x17-inch copies.

By using the Advanced Search window (see fig. 4), the researcher can either pare down or sort the results for easier searching. As an example, consider the task of finding books on New Orleans residents by author Winston De Ville. Using the basic search screen and typing in "de ville winston" yields 106 results. To avoid reading the entire list, the researcher can now use the advanced search feature to narrow the search. Single left-click on the link, "**Advanced,**" in the blue area. The advanced search screen appears. Type in "de ville winston" in the top data entry screen and select "**Author**" from the adjacent drop down menu. In the next line, leave the Boolean operator "**and**" alone, type "new orleans" in the data entry screen, and

leave "**keyword**" in the search type drop down menu. With this configuration, search results are reduced to ten.

Boolean Logic


The Boolean logic feature allows the researcher to link search words with the operators **And**, **Or**, and **Not** and is incorporated into many other online search engines, e.g., Yahoo. When two or more search words are linked with **And**, the search produces only those results that contain *all* of the search words. By contrast, search words linked with **Or** produce results that contain *any* of the search words. The operator **Not** is used to eliminate from the search results those records that contain a specific word. In the previous example, if the search had been set up as "de ville winston" **And** "new orleans" **Not** "spanish," the search would produce only those works written by De Ville about New Orleans that did not contain the keyword "spanish."

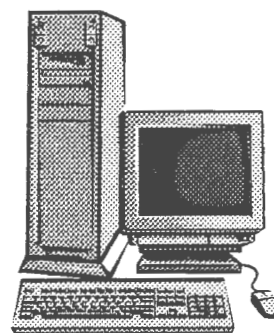
Other Features

Another useful general search feature is the link (in the blue area) to the OCLC home page (see fig. 5). This allows the researcher to widen the range of available information or resources. Also, the researcher will note that the "**ECO**" link allows for direct access to the full text of articles online. The "**NetFirst**" link is another feature of which researchers should avail themselves. This is the broadest possible area for finding results.

Another feature not to be overlooked is the ability to switch databases while in OCLC. In the blue area to the left of the screen, single left-click the link, "**List by Topic.**" A new screen appears (see fig. 6). This allows the researcher to switch to another database more suited for the topic being covered. Similarly, the link in the blue area, "**List All,**" will give the complete list of OCLC databases. Again, this is another method for switching databases by choosing from the entire list.

HPL recommends that, at the conclusion of an OCLC database session, researchers use the "**Exit**" link to disconnect from the system. To do this, single left-click the link, "**Exit.**"

As has been shown over the past several issues of *The CLF Newsletter*, these databases offer the researcher access to materials that, if used properly, will speed up and enhance the quality of the researcher's genealogical efforts. The techniques employed here, especially those involving Boolean operators, will also "train" the researcher in performing advanced searches in other databases. 



Volunteers Report

by Chuck Chambers

On October 21, almost a dozen volunteers participated in the library training class offered by the Clayton Library staff. This is a great way to become familiar with the library and to qualify for volunteer service. Volunteers are used in two main areas: shelving support on the first floor and microprint desk support on the second floor. If you would like to participate in these activities, please contact CLF board member Chuck Chambers, e-mail captbwt@aol.com. We are now working with library management to set up a training schedule for 2001, so don't get left out!

Sincere thanks to the following library volunteers who supported the library with their time and talents during 2000:

Elmer Bailey	Joanne Hattan	Pat Metcalfe
Louise Bohanon	Carlee Heit	Florence Parks
April Gonzales-Calp	Liz Hicks	Nancy Polk
John Coyle	Harry Jarvis	Gwen Pryor
Eva Cunningham	Eileen Jones	Mary Glenn Smith
John Dorroh	Bruce Koons	Jackie Teel
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Date: Saturday, December 9, 2000

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p. m.

Place: Concourse Room
Houston Public Library (Central)
500 McKinney

Parking: Parking (charged by the hour) is available in the library's underground parking garage (enter off of Lamar). Also, on Saturdays, free on-street parking is available at any parking meter marked with green stripes.

Introduction to Clayton Library: Materials and Catalog/Internet

Marje Harris, Manager of the Clayton Library
Lesley Douthwaite, Assistant Manager of the Clayton Library

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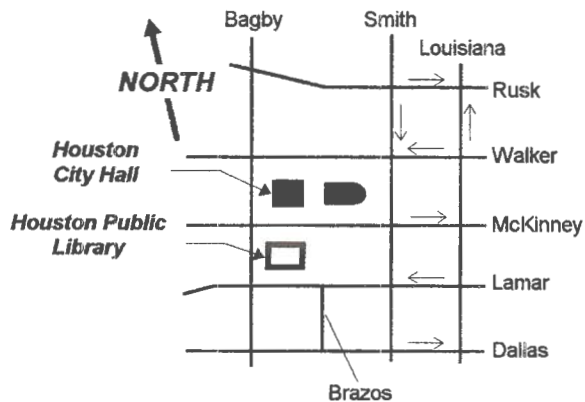
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You must be a member of Clayton Library Friends, and you must pre-register in order to attend.

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For more information contact Pat Metcalfe at 713-721-3936.



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