

# THE CLF NEWSLETTER

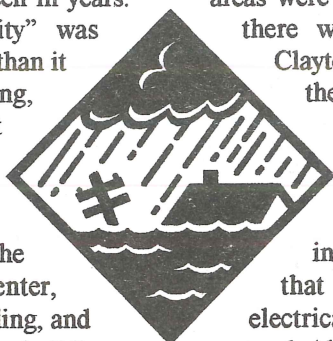
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## The Great Flood (We Escaped!)

During the period June 5-9, when tropical storm Allison "reigned" over Houston, the city experienced the worst flooding it had seen in years. The name "Bayou City" was never more appropriate than it was during those long, soggy days that brought local activities to a near standstill. Some areas near Clayton Library, most notably the Texas Medical Center, experienced severe flooding, and many hospitals and office buildings were still in the process of cleaning up a month after the flood.



Fortunately, Clayton Library was high and dry and was spared the visitation of Houston's bayou waters. There was a minor roof leak on the second floor of the main building, and some of this water dripped down to the first floor near the Alabama section. Also, in the Clayton home, rainwater leaked in through the ceiling and windows on the porch at the rear of

the building and soaked the carpet around some of the family history vertical files. However, both of these areas were quickly cleaned up and there was no damage to the Clayton collection or to any of the library's equipment or furnishings. One reason that Clayton did not experience the kind of severe flooding seen in the Medical Center is that its mechanical and electrical systems are above ground. Also, no part of the Clayton collection is stored below ground level.

Because of area flooding, the library closed early on Wednesday, June 6, and was closed altogether on Saturday, June 9. It was also necessary to cancel the Clayton Library Friends seminar scheduled for June 9 at the Bayland Community Center. The library was closed again on Monday, June 11, as part of the City of Houston's "Recovery Day." ■

## Nominating Committee Elected

At the May 12 membership meeting, Clayton Library Friends elected Mic Barnette, John Dorroh, David Singleton, and Gayle Workman to the CLF nominating committee. The following week, the CLF Board named Jose Guerra as its representative, and at the committee's first meeting, Mr. Guerra was elected permanent chairman. The committee's proposed slate of officers for 2002 will be published in the next newsletter and will be voted upon at the Friends' annual meeting on November 10. ■

### *President's Message*

If you've found yourself in the clutches of the mid-summer doldrums, come on down to Clayton and see some of the new material that's arrived. The CLF board of directors has been in a spending frenzy the last few months, busy acquiring items on the library's want list and purchasing materials from our donors' restricted gift list. Much of this material has come in and is now (or will shortly be) available for patron use. A major item that we acquired is the Republic of Texas Claims: see the donor list at the end of this column. Funds provided by the ExxonMobil Foundation and an anonymous donor made it possible to acquire the 112-reel collection of Baltimore City Registers of Wills. Funds donated by the Paul Carrington Chapter SAR, Mr. Tom Green, and

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**NEXT MEETING**  
**Saturday**  
**August 11, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Bayland Community Center**

**SPEAKER**  
**Cary Hall**  
**Senior Library Assistant**  
**Clayton Library**

**TOPIC**  
**Using City Directories**  
**for Genealogical Research**

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## Clayton Library Friends Financial Report

April 1 through June 30, 2001

**CHECKING ACCOUNT**

Starting Balance ..... \$ 49,125  
Unrestricted Funds ..... 21,479  
Restricted Funds:  
Endowment ..... 900  
Other ..... 13,086  
CLF Operating Funds ..... 13,600  
2002 Prepaid Dues ..... 60  
Deposits, total ..... 8,832  
Unrestricted Funds ..... 3,638  
Restricted Funds:  
Endowment ..... -0-  
Other ..... 4,500  
CLF Operating Funds ..... 695  
2002 Prepaid Dues ..... -0-  
Withdrawals, total ..... 22,971  
Unrestricted Funds ..... 8,790  
Restricted Funds:  
Endowment ..... -0-  
Other ..... 8,803  
CLF Operating Funds ..... 5,378  
Ending Balance ..... 34,987  
Unrestricted Funds ..... 16,326  
Restricted Funds:  
Endowment ..... 900  
Other ..... 8,782  
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2002 Prepaid Dues ..... 60

**SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

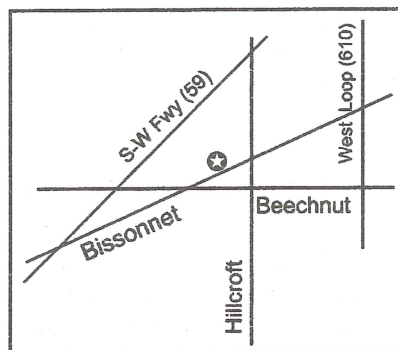
Wood Forest Bank CD ..... 100,000  
IBC CD (endowment fund) ..... 105,962 \*  
Beal Bank CD ..... 15,000 †  
IBC Money Market (endowment yield) ..... 21,794 ‡

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\* The IBC CD endowment contains some endowment yield funds.

† Restricted for 1930 census microfilm.

‡ The endowment yield money market account currently includes some funds donated for the endowment.



CLF Meeting Location:  
Bayland Community Center  
6400 Bissonnet, Houston



## □ WHAT'S IN THE LIBRARY

# The Natchez Trace Collection

By Robert de Berardinis

The entirety of the Natchez Trace Collection of English, French, and Spanish documents on ten reels of microfilm is now available at Clayton thanks to a generous donation by the Houston Colony of the Magna Carta Dames in memory of departed members. Judy Riffel's companion book with index, *Calendar of the Natchez Trace Collection Provincial & Territorial Documents 1759-1813* (Baton Rouge: La Comité des Archives de la Louisiane, 1999), is also at Clayton thanks to the generous donation by Mr. & Mrs. Ode T. Carlisle in honor of their daughters.

The Natchez Trace Collection covers primarily a very poorly documented time period and area in the Mississippi Valley. It also contains a few documents from Missouri, Georgia, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Northwest Territory (Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin), Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Ohio for the period 1774-1810. There are even a few documents related to England, France, and Spain. This collection, purchased by the University of Texas in 1985, is made up of six boxes of papers that were originally part of a much larger private collection.

For those researchers wishing to use the Natchez Trace Collection microfilm, it will be necessary first to examine the calendar in order to find the right documents on the reels because the University of Texas did not include frame numbers or other markers during filming (they should have used Aggie microfilers). Following are the gross contents of the ten reels as described in the Riffel *Calendar of the Natchez Trace Collection*, pp. viii-xvii:

### Reel One

Acadian Coast (Cabonoccy): 1812. Attakapas: 1777. Avoyelles: 1783-1806. Baton Rouge: 1798-1812. Concordia: 1803-1812. Feliciana: 1793-1812 and fragments. German Coast: 1768. Iberville: 1772-1810. Lafourche: 1810. Missouri: 1784-1787. Natchez: 1772-1782.

### Reel Two

Natchez: 1783-March 1796.

### Reel Three

Natchez: May 1796-February 1797.

### Reel Four

Natchez: May 1797-1812, with assorted fragments as well as autograph collection. Natchitoches: 1764, 1791, 1796, and 1798. New Orleans: 1767-1794.

### Reel Five

New Orleans: 1795-1799, including *Recueil des Recettes et Secrets, 1800-1812*, and assorted fragments. Opelousas: 1777-1797. Ouachita: 1788-1789.

### Reel Six

Ouachita: 1790-1796.

### Reel Seven

Ouachita: 1797-1811, and assorted fragments.

### Reel Eight

Pointe Coupée: 1759-1777, 1786-1792, 1809-1812.

### Reel Nine

Rapides: 1793-1796, 1810. St. Helena: 1804, 1812 [?]. West Florida: 1807, 1811. Adams County (Miss. Terr.): 1799-1811. Claiborne County (Miss. Terr.): 1805-1813. Jefferson County (Miss. Terr.): 1802-1808. Warren County (Miss. Terr.): 1804-1805, 1811-1812. Wilkinson County (Miss. Terr.): 1804, 1808. No location given (Miss. Terr.): 1808. Georgia: 1785. Kentucky: 1800-1801. Massachusetts: 1810. Northwest Territory: 1785, 1789. Pennsylvania: 1782-1783, 1797, 1801, and 1804. South Carolina: 1774, 1789. Tennessee: 1795-1796. Ohio: 1794. England: 1798. Spain: 1789, 1797, 1805.

### Reel Ten

Unknown locations: 1768, 1773, 1776, 1781-1812. Autographs: 1783-1798. Oversize documents from Concordia: 1807; Iberville: 1805; Natchez: 1793, 1795-

1796, 1804; Ouachita: 1789, 1806; West Florida: 1776, 1779; Adams County (Miss. Terr.): 1801, 1803; North Carolina: 1790; South Carolina: 1801; France: 1809; and Spain: 1786.

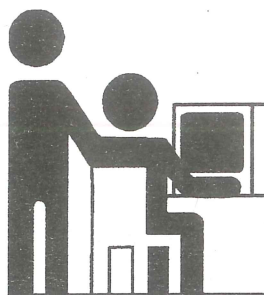
#### URGENT NOTICE !!

Clayton's only copy of the *Calendar of the Natchez Trace Collection* is in the stacks on the first floor for use as a general reference work; however, a second copy is needed for the microprint area on the second floor, as it is difficult to use the film without immediate access to the calendar. Cost of the book is \$27.50, and if a generous sponsor would like to come forward, we would be pleased to purchase the book for the library and place the donor's name on the bookplate. If interested, please contact Robert de Berardinis at [redeberardinis@yahoo.com](mailto:redeberardinis@yahoo.com) or write to him in care of Clayton Library Friends, P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078. ■

## Long-awaited *ProGen* volume released

The new book, *Professional Genealogy*, edited by nationally renowned genealogist Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG, will be available to Clayton patrons as a result of a donation in memory of the late Mary Smith Fay, CG, FASG. This 654-page book is an amazing collection of information on twenty-nine topics pertaining to every conceivable aspect of professional genealogy. Addressing everything from proper study techniques to rules for speakers and lecturers, this is, and will remain for some time, the definitive work on the subject.

The major topics covered in this work range from "Professional Preparation" and "Ethics" to "Professional Research Skills," "Writing," and "Educational Services." They are addressed by such well-known experts as Helen Leary, CG, CGL, FASG; Neil Thompson, CG, FASG; Sandra Hargreaves Luebking; Joan Ferris Curran, CG; and Birdie Monk Holtsclaw. Even the person for whom genealogy is merely an interesting hobby will find this book filled with thought provoking and "hobby" enriching ideas. ■



## HPL Computer Class Schedule

Following is the schedule of HPL-sponsored FREE computer classes for the month of August.

Note that there are two new classes being offered: "Job Searching on the Internet" and "Internet Spotlight" (a class on how to get answers to reference questions concerning the U.S.). Beginner and intermediate genealogists should take advantage of the latter. All classes are taught in the Computer Training Center on the Concourse level at the Central (downtown) Branch, 500 W. McKinney at Bagby. Prospective participants should sign in 30 minutes before starting time, as classes are on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

<i>Class</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
Database Searching – HPL's WebPAC	Aug. 1	Noon
Internet Basics	Aug. 4	Noon
Windows 95 Básica en español	Aug. 8	Noon
Introducción al Internet en español	Aug. 14	5:30 PM
Internet Search Tools	Aug. 15	Noon
Computer Basics	Aug. 18	10 am
Internet Spotlight: Reference USA	Aug. 21	Noon
Job Searching on the Internet	Aug. 22	Noon
Introduction to Power Point 97	Aug. 28	5:30 PM
Database Searching – Full Text Articles	Aug. 29	Noon

Further schedule information can be obtained by calling the Houston Public Library at (713) 236-1313 during regular library hours. The schedule is also available on the HPL web site at:

<<http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/hpl/press/hplevenew.html>>

## New Staff Members at Clayton

Readers may have noticed the HPL "Job Opportunities" flyer that we included in the May newsletter. This (and other library recruiting efforts) paid off with the recent hiring of three new library assistants. We are happy to welcome Angie Gonzales, Joan Garrett, and Rose Combs, library assistants, to the Clayton Library Staff. Also, library assistant Kristin Rankin has returned to the library. These four individuals are welcomed additions to the Clayton Library staff, which has been below full strength for several months. ■



**President's Message** (Continued from page 1)

the Williams Company (matching gift of Mr. & Mrs. Miller Hunter) helped us fund National Archives Microfilm Publication M853, *Numbered Record Books* (Revolutionary War material). Funds provided by the ExxonMobil Foundation (for the volunteer service of Mrs. Eva Cunningham), the Cameron Foundation, and Mrs. Mary Schuelke allowed us to acquire National Archives Microfilm Publication T520, *Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, Maryland, 1897-1953*.

Perhaps the most impressive CLF accomplishment in recent months was the ordering of \$10,000 worth of material on Marje Harris's want list. On March 13 and May 15, the CLF board approved two increments of this funding, all of which went toward bridging the library's fiscal year 2001 budget shortfall. There are too many items to enumerate here, but these were all high priority additions to the Clayton collection, and patrons should be pleased to see what pops up on the "new books" shelf. With these funds, we were also able to acquire all of the residual (unsponsored) items from the Millenium Book Project lists published in previous newsletters.

Because of tropical storm Allison, the library seminar scheduled for June 9 was cancelled; however, you haven't missed out! Cary Hall, who was to conduct this seminar, will be our featured speaker at the August 11 general membership meeting. Ms. Hall, a senior library assistant at Clayton, will speak on "Using City Directories in Genealogical Research." The presentation will also include an overview of the city-directory resources available at Clayton. Directories will be especially critical for finding individuals in the 1930 census schedules, since there were significantly fewer soundex cards prepared for that census. If you would like to hear more about this and other topics related to city directories, plan to attend the August 11 meeting.

Please note the list of UK and Irish books listed on the Millenium Book Project in this issue of the newsletter. Many of these can be purchased only outside the US and are therefore somewhat difficult for HPL to acquire directly. If you see something you would like to sponsor, please sign up. There are several reasonably priced items on this list, and we would very much like to find sponsors for all of them.

### REPUBLIC OF TEXAS CLAIMS

On June 12, I was pleased to submit an order to the Texas State Library for the 259-roll set of Republic of Texas Claims. By the time this newsletter reaches the membership, the Republic of Texas Claims microfilm should be available for patron use in the second floor microprint area at Clayton. The article that appeared in the

February newsletter apparently sparked quite a lot of interest, and most of the funds for this collection were raised very quickly. Also, we were able to make several presentations to local lineage societies, and this seems to have gotten even some non-CLF members interested in the project.

Total cost of the film was \$4,682, and as of June 12, we had raised \$3,966. The CLF Board then voted to make up the \$716 balance out of unrestricted funds so that the order could be placed. This does not mean it is too late to sponsor a roll of this film, as we will continue to accept cash gifts for this collection until the \$716 figure is offset. The cost of a roll of film is \$17.50, and sponsors' names will be placed on the box labels of the rolls they sponsor. If the sponsor wishes, we can also designate rolls of film as memorial gifts. To sponsor this acquisition, just send your check to the CLF post office box. Mark the memo field, "Republic of Texas Claims." If we receive more than the \$716 offset, we will contact donors to see if they would like their gifts redirected to another collection.

If you are not familiar with the Republic of Texas Claims, please see the article in the February 2001 newsletter. One great thing about this collection is the fact that an online index is available. This can be accessed from an Internet-equipped home computer or from one of the public access terminals at Clayton or other branches of Houston Public Library. Simply go to

<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/repclaims/index.htm>

We would like to thank the following individuals and organizations who contributed funds for the acquisition of this collection (as of July 7, 2001):

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Don Pusch



## 1880 US Census on CD-ROM: National Index a Major Feature



By Don Pusch

In June, Clayton Library received, as a gift from Ellen K. Brundage, the Family History Library's CD-ROM edition of the *1880 United States Census and National Index*. This publication consists of fifty-five compact discs, all of which have now been placed in a disc carousel next to the CD-ROM terminals at Clayton. To use this new research tool, simply double click on the "1880 US Census" icon and then follow the on-screen directions. For the most part, the system is intuitive and easy to use. Special features of the software, such as word searches, are explained in help files that can be accessed from the application's tool bar.

A great deal of work went into the development of this CD-ROM publication, which contains approximately 50 million names and captures the more important data contained in the original population schedules. The search engine included in the system brings to the researcher a powerful tool for finding individuals and families in this "problem" census year. For years, the primary finding aid for the 1880 population schedules has been the 1880 soundex microfilm; however, the 1880 soundex, unlike the soundex produced for 1900, 1910, or 1920, includes only those households that had children ten years of age or younger. This eliminated many households from the soundex and compounds the task of finding people in the 1880 population schedules. The 1880 CD-ROM census solves this problem—and many others.

### GETTING STARTED

When the application opens, the first thing to appear is the Family History Resource Files menu. From this menu, the researcher can select either **1880 United States Census** or **1880 United States Census Index**. In spite of the titles, both include the same index tool, the difference being that the **1880 United States Census Index** spans the entire US. Elsewhere in the application (including the various help files) the **1880 United States Census Index** is referred to as the "National Index." If you know the state, or even the region, in which an individual was residing in 1880, it is best to begin the

search by selecting **1880 United States Census**. This will take the researcher directly into the census index for a particular region of the country (New England, Atlantic States, Cumberland, Southern States, Prairie States, Great Lakes, and Western States). Use the National Index only if you do *not* know the resident state or region in which the person you are researching resided in 1880.

### 1880 UNITED STATES CENSUS

When the **1880 United States Census** is selected, a search screen appears into which the researcher can type the name of the person they are searching plus any other known data that might help limit the search. This includes, in addition to the name, the gender, birth year and range, race (Asian, Black, Mexican, Mulatto, Native American, or White), birth place (county, state), and census place (town, county, state, region). After inputting this data (or as much as possible), click **OK**. The system may then ask for another disc. Once this is provided and the disc searched, the system returns a split screen showing, at the top, an alphabetical listing of all the individuals who meet the search criteria. This data is displayed on a single line showing first and last name, relationship to head of household, birth year (computed), gender, race, birth place, and census place. When one of these individuals is selected with the cursor, that person's complete household appears in the lower half of the screen. This is an outstanding feature of the software, as it allows the researcher to scan quickly through the list of individuals and, at the same time, to observe the households in which each person appears, even though these households may be widely separated in the actual census schedules. Doing this manually using the soundex and census microfilm can take hours of tedious research.

### NATIONAL INDEX

When the **1880 United States Census Index** is selected, the system brings up the National Index search screen. This is identical to the search screen described above. The principal difference is in the results screen,



which, instead of being split, is composed of a single screen on which appears an alphabetical listing of the individuals (nationwide) who meet the search criteria. It is identical to the top half of the **1880 United States Census** search results screen. Clicking on one of the names on this list sends the research directly to the regional disc that contains the complete household data for that person. Thus, whether one uses the **1880 United States Census** or the **1880 United States Census Index**, the research path always leads back to the household data contained in the **1880 United States Census**.

#### USING THE SEARCH ENGINE

Because of the multiple data fields available on the search screens, they can be used in rather unconventional ways. For example, searches can be performed for a person even though his or her surname is not known. This is useful, for example, in the case where a young woman suddenly "drops out" of her parents' household in 1880, having possibly married and moved with her husband

(see inset) presents only seven columns of data (name, relationship to head of household, sex, marital status, race, age, and birthplace). This is done so that the household appears in a very compact, readable format, with the data on each person appearing on a single line. In the detailed view, the data from three additional columns are presented (occupation, place of birth of father, and place of birth of mother). These appear indented on a second line below the person's name. (To toggle between abbreviated and detailed views of the household, simply put the cursor on the household and click the **Show Details** icon on the tool bar.) At the top of each household view is shown the census place (typically, town, county, state), the Family History Library film number, the National Archives microfilm publication and reel number, and the page number of the population schedule. With this information, the researcher can then locate the microfilm and verify the data. Even though the 1880 CD-ROM census is a great research tool, the data it contains, like the data from any secondary source, should always be confirmed.

Census Place: New Orleans, Orleans, Louisiana

Source: FHL Film 1254459 National Archives Film T9-0459 Page 297D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>Delia MANION</b>	<b>Self</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>ENG.</b>
Mary MANION	Dau	F	S	W	21	ENG.
Thomas MANION	Son	M	S	W	14	LA.
Andrew MANION	Son	M	S	W	8	LA.
Kate MANION	Dau	F	S	W	5	LA.

#### Abbreviated Household View

(name unknown) to a different region of the country. Consider the following case: Eleven-year-old Rebecca appears in her parents' household in 1870. She is white and born in Indiana. She does not appear in her parents' 1880 household. To search for Rebecca, type in (or select from the appropriate pick lists) all of the known information on her (first name, gender, birth year, birth place, and race). If using the National Index, you will be presented with a list of all the Rebeccas, nationwide, who meet this profile. Although this may produce quite a few women, it does give the researcher a good starting place for further research. The "no surname" search capability is something that has never before been possible for the 1880 census and is one of the many advantages inherent in electronic databases.

#### HOUSEHOLD DATA

Once you arrive at a particular household, the system offers a selection of two separate views of the household data, one abbreviated, one detailed. The abbreviated view

#### NEIGHBORING HOUSEHOLDS

Once a family is located in the census, it's also a good idea to examine neighboring households, as these often contain other related individuals. To view neighboring households, find the target household (as detailed above) and then click on the **Neighbors** tab at the top of the screen. This will display the target household in the center of the screen with the neighboring households shown above and below in enumeration order. In this way, it is possible to browse the neighborhood in the same way that one would "crank" through the census on a microfilm reader.

#### ADVANCED QUERY SEARCHES

One of the most powerful features of the 1880 CD-ROM census is the capability it provides to search for specific words or phrases that appear in the household records. For example, it is possible to search for occurrences of the word "policeman" or "Afghanistan." This is particularly useful if you are looking for an

individual with a common name such as John Williams. If John was known to have been a saddler, for example, it may be possible to find him by searching on the word "saddler" using the advanced query search.

To start the advanced query search, select **Search** from the menu bar and then **Neighbors - Advanced Query** from the pull-down menu. This will cause the advanced query screen to appear, and you can input the word or phrase on which to search. To build an appropriate query, you may wish to read first the associated help file, as the query system uses various symbols to implement Boolean operators and wildcards. This is perhaps the only complex aspect of the 1880 CD-ROM census. Almost all other software features are intuitive.

#### QUALITY OF THE DATA

This writer examined the data from ten households that appear on the 1880 CD-ROM census and compared these to data taken directly from the population schedules microfilm. The results were quite impressive. All of the information from the ten households examined was entirely correct. This is not to say that all of the information in the system is accurate. The individuals who input the data for the CD-ROM experienced the same kinds of problems any researcher might experience when transcribing data from microfilm. Also, names that are difficult to read on the microfilm are likely to be rendered in different ways by

different transcribers. If you are looking for the "Rushmore" family in 1880, you might also want to search on "Ruskmore" and even "Bushmore."

To help researchers with spelling variations, developers of the 1880 CD-ROM census search engine did a very clever thing. In many cases, the exact spelling of a name need not be rigidly adhered to in performing a search. For example, searching on the name "Singleton" will find individuals with both the name "Singleton" and the name "Singelton." This "smart" feature of the software reduces the need to search on every possible spelling variation.

#### BRINGING HOME THE DATA

The CD-ROM terminals at Clayton are set up with ink-jet printers that can be used to print household data from the 1880 CD-ROM census. When you find the household you are looking for (in either abbreviated or detailed view), simply print it out using the system's print feature. The library charges 15 cents per sheet.

#### IN SUMMARY

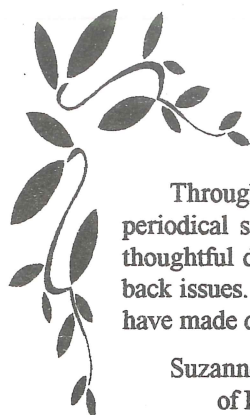
The 1880 CD-ROM census is one of the best finding aids this writer has seen. It is easy to use and yet very powerful, certainly miles ahead of the soundex and much more flexible than existing printed indexes. If you need to search the 1880 census, go first to the CD-ROM. You will not be disappointed! ■

## New Copy Machines Arrive!

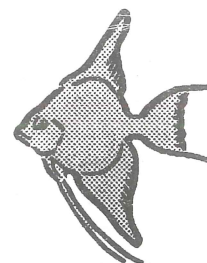
In June, Clayton Library received five new copy machines (funded out of the HPL budget). As anyone who has used the library the past several months knows, the old copy machines were on their last legs, often out of service or performing poorly. The new Xerox machines—four in the main building and one in the Clayton home—are now operational, providing better quality copies and more copy features. The new machines have the capability to reduce or enlarge; however, at this time, they are equipped for use with only one paper size (8½ x 11).

The cost of individual copies went up from 10¢ to 15¢; however, the new copy vending cards make it possible to reduce the cost to as low as 10.4¢ per page. The basic card can be purchased for \$1 and will carry an initial value of 75¢. Patrons can then add value to the cards at the card servicing stations. (There is now one in the main building as well as the Clayton home!) When \$5 is added, the card value is actually \$5.55. For \$10, the value goes to \$12.20. And for \$20, the value goes to \$28.80. Patrons can still use coins in the copy machines, and there are bill changers in the copy room that accept \$1, \$5, \$10, and \$20 notes. Copy cards for the new machines are "universal" and may be used at any HPL branch library. The old cards can no longer be used; however, patrons should not discard them if they have any value remaining. The library is considering ways to reimburse patrons, so check with the front desk for the latest information. ■





## Angels Report



Throughout the year, many of our members provide funds that allow the Friends to acquire periodical subscriptions for Clayton Library as part of CLF's Angels Program. We also have many thoughtful donors who contribute back issues of periodicals or donate funds that allow us to purchase back issues. Clayton Library Friends wishes to thank the following individuals and organizations who have made donations in support of the CLF Angels Program since our last acknowledgment:

Suzanne Sandlin Gay: Back issues (1990–1996) of *Genealogija* (Lithuanian publication), in honor of Emily Magdeleine Ragauskis Rankin Brown and in memory of Francis Theodore Ragauskis.

David B. Singleton: All back issues (1990–2000) of the *Anchorage Genealogical Society Quarterly*, in memory of Foster McMullen Singleton.

Juanita Yates Garver: Various back issues of periodicals dealing with Rutherford and Williamson Counties, Tennessee, and Pope County, Arkansas, plus back issues (1991–2000) of *The Septs* (Irish publication).

Dallas Genealogical Society: Missing back issues (1996–1999) of the *Dallas Genealogical Society Journal*.

Jerry Slagle and Bernice Broniecki: Back issues of the following periodicals in memory of their parents, John J. and Lois M. Slagle: *Gleanings*, *Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Quarterly*, *The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine*, *Jots from the Point* (Western Pa.), *North Hills Genealogists Newsletter* (Pa.), *Clark House News* (Pa.), *Review* (Swiss American Historical Society), *The Midland Ancestor* (England), and *Irish Roots* (issue no. 38).

Most of the periodical subscriptions sponsored by CLF are renewed annually, and at the end of 2001, we will once again be seeking individuals or organizations to continue these subscriptions in 2002. We have already received commitments for a number of periodicals; however, the following periodicals *do not* have sponsors at this time:

*Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine*. \$15.00.

*Annals of Wyoming*. \$20.00.

*California State Genealogical Alliance Newsletter*. \$20.00

*The Carolina Herald and Newsletter and Greenville County Gen. Soc. Journal* (S.C.). \$20.00.

*Central Alabama Genealogical Society Biannual*. \$22.00.

*Central Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly*. \$20.00.

*Chicago Genealogist*. \$20.00/yr., \$250.00/life.

*Clarke County Historical Society Quarterly*. (Ala.) \$20.00.

*Cobblestone* (national children's publication). \$29.95.

*Family History Capers* (Washtenaw County, Mich.). \$10.00.

*The Family Tree* (UK). \$47.50.

*Flint Genealogical Quarterly* (Mich.). \$17.00.

*Florida Historical Quarterly*. \$40.00.

*The Foothills Inquirer* (Col.). \$15.00.

*Gems of Genealogy* (Wisconsin). \$10.00.

*Georgia Genealogical Magazine*. \$35.00.

*Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly*. \$25.00.

*The Giles County Historical Society Bulletin* (Tenn.). \$10.00.

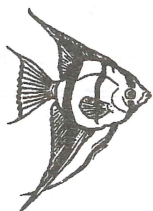
*Greenville Chapter Journal* (S.C.). \$20.00.

*Hoosier Journal of Ancestry*. \$17.50.

*Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly*. \$25.00.

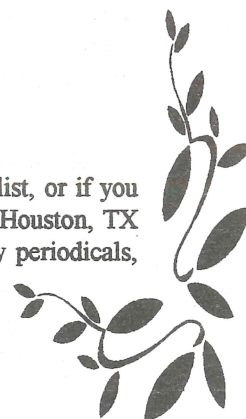
*Indiana Genealogist.* \$20.00.  
*Le Raconteur (La.)*. \$15.00.  
*Lifelines (N.Y., Canada)*. \$25.00.  
*Lithuanian Heritage Magazine.* \$29.95.  
*MASSOG (Mass.)*. \$25.00.  
*The Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History.* \$20.00.  
*Montgomery Genealogical Society Quarterly (Ala.)*. \$12.00.  
*Northeast Alabama Settlers.* \$15.00.  
*The Northeast Mississippi Historical & Genealogical Society Quarterly.* \$15.00.  
*Polish Footprints.* \$20.00.  
*The Prairie Gleaner (west central Mo.)*. \$12.00.  
*Revista (Cuban Gen. Soc.)* \$20.00.  
*Rodziny (Polish Gen. Soc. of America)*. \$20.00.  
*Ross County Genealogical Society Newsletter (Ohio)*. \$12.00.  
*Rowan County Registers (N.C.)* \$25.00.  
*Seneca Searches (Ohio)*. \$10.00/year, \$100.00/life.  
*Southside Virginia.* \$20.00.  
*Tap Roots (east Ala.)*. \$20.00.  
*Tennessee Genealogy and History.* \$20.00.  
*Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly (Kans.)*. \$15.00.  
*Upper South Carolina Genealogy & History.* \$20.00.  
*Vermont Genealogy.* \$20.00.  
*Washington State Genealogical Society Newsletter.* \$10.00.

Houston Public Library also funds a number of periodicals for Clayton Library; however, for several of these, Clayton is missing back issues. Members who own back issues of any of the following are encouraged to donate them to Clayton Library through Clayton Library Friends:



*Ancestry (Nebraska State Gen Society)*  
*Central Virginia Heritage*  
*Copper State Journal (Ariz.)*  
*Deep South Quarterly (Ala.)*  
*Dusty Trails (Okla.)*  
*Mennonite Quarterly Review*  
*Mississippi Genealogical Connections*

If you would like to help CLF continue to fund the periodicals shown on the first list, or if you have back issues of those on the second, please contact Liz Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030, (713) 944-1118. Also, before donating subscriptions or back issues of any periodicals, please contact Liz and she will determine if the library needs such material. ■



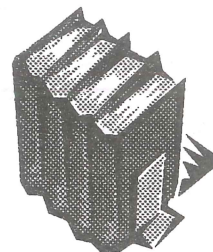
## 2000 Audit Available

Each year, the financial records of Clayton Library Friends are audited by the firm of Durio & Company, P.C., Certified Public Accountants. The audit of CLF's 2000 financial records was completed in early May and presented to the CLF Executive Board on May 15. Subsequently, a small quantity of these have been published for use primarily as supporting documentation for grant applications. CLF members who would like to examine the audit or obtain a copy may contact CLF President Don Pusch, telephone (281) 326-3278 or e-mail [pusch@ghg.net](mailto:pusch@ghg.net). ■



CLF Millenium Book Project

## These Books Need a Home (Like Clayton Library!):



Here's another opportunity to help with Clayton's book buying budget. *As always, each donor's generosity in sponsoring one of these books will be acknowledged in a beautiful bookplate affixed to the inside front cover of the book.* If the donor wishes, the library can also include on the bookplate the name of an ancestor, family member, or friend whom the donor wishes to honor or memorialize. The bookplate can also show the donor as "Anonymous" or "A Friend." If you would like to sponsor a book, please e-mail Robert de Berardinis at [redeberardinis@yahoo.com](mailto:redeberardinis@yahoo.com) or write to him in care of Clayton Library Friends, P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078. We sometimes have several people wanting to sponsor the same book, so please contact Robert before sending in a check.

### Guides to New York Historical Resources in New York Repositories

These guides are absolutely indispensable for genealogical research in New York State, *especially for Revolutionary and Colonial era research.* Most of the items in these guides are not found on Family History Library microfilm or other manuscript databases. The New York Historical Resources Center began compiling a list of collections open to the public in 1978. The Historical Documents Inventory is the result, and these printed guides are the culmination of that effort. The following guides, organized by county, are need by Clayton Library:

- Albany:
  - Vol. 1. \$10.00.
  - Vol. 2. \$7.00.
  - Vol. 3. \$7.00.
- Allegany. \$10.00.
- Bronx. \$29.00.
- Broome. \$9.00.
- Cattaraugus. \$7.00.
- Cayuga. \$7.00.
- Chatauqua. \$22.00.
- Chemung. \$9.00.
- Chenango. \$7.00.
- Clinton. \$16.00.
- Columbia. \$13.00.
- Cortland. \$9.00.
- Delaware. \$7.00.
- Dutchess. \$29.00.
- Erie:
  - Vol. 1. \$19.00.
  - Vol. 2. \$9.00.
- Essex. \$10.00.
- Franklin. \$7.00.
- Fulton. \$6.00.
- Genesee. \$7.00.
- Greene. \$13.00.
- Hamilton. \$7.00.
- Herkimer. \$7.00.
- Livingston. \$6.00.
- Manhattan:
  - Vol. 1 (Perf. Arts). \$13.00.
  - Vol. 2 (City Univ.). \$13.00.
  - Vol. 3 (Nat. Hist. Mus.). \$29.00.
  - Vol. 5 (Social Sci.). \$17.00.
  - Vol. 6 (Art Museum). \$9.00.
  - Vol. 7 (Jewish Orgs.). \$17.00.
- Monroe:
  - Vol. 2. \$18.00.
  - Vol. 3. \$22.00.
- Niagara. \$7.00.
- Onondaga:
  - Vol. 1. \$22.00.
  - Vol. 2. \$11.00.
  - Vol. 3. \$22.00.
- Ontario. \$18.00.
- Orange. \$16.00.
- Orleans. \$4.00.
- Oswego. \$9.00.
- Otsego. \$21.00.
- Putnam. \$7.00.
- Queens. \$22.00.
- Rensselaer. \$9.00.
- Richmond. \$18.00.
- Rockland. \$9.00.
- St. Lawrence. \$21.00.
- Saratoga. \$7.00.
- Schoharie. \$6.00.
- Schuyler. \$6.00.
- Seneca. \$7.00.
- Steuben. \$9.00.
- Sullivan. \$6.00.
- Tioga. \$7.00.
- Tompkins. \$13.00.
- Ulster. \$19.00.
- Warren. \$7.00.
- Washington. \$7.00.
- Wayne. \$7.00.
- Westchester. \$31.00.
- Wyoming. \$7.00.
- Yates. \$7.00.

### Books from the United Kingdom and Ireland

An important service that the Friends renders to the library is acquiring foreign titles. Because of City of Houston rules regarding vendor qualifications, it is difficult—sometimes impossible—for HPL to purchase books and film directly from foreign countries. Listed below are a few such books for which funds are needed. Without CLF sponsorship, these might never appear in the Library's England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, and Ireland collection. (Price includes postage.)

- *Scottish Family Histories*. \$20.00.
- *Burial ground index... in the SGS Library*. \$5.00.
- *Short Guide to Records at SRO*. \$7.00.
- *Burial Grounds in Glasgow*. \$5.00.
- *Tracing Scottish Local History in the SRO*. \$15.00.
- *Jamaican Records*. \$15.00.
- *Researching Irish Australians: Directory of Research with Will Abstracts and Gravestone Inscriptions*. \$12.25.
- *Civil Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in Ireland: A Practical Approach*. \$6.60.
- *Funeral Register of 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Belfast, 1712–1736*. \$16.00.
- *Merchants in Plenty: Joseph Smyth's Belfast Directories of 1807 and 1808*. \$14.45.
- *Explore Your Family's Past*. \$45.00.
- *My Ancestors Were Methodists*. \$8.00.
- *My Ancestors Were Congregationalists*. \$8.00.
- *Tithe Surveys for Historians*. \$28.00.
- *Ulster Emigration to Colonial America, 1718–1775*. \$28.00.
- *Index of Wills Proved in the Archdeaconry of London 1700–1807*. \$28.00.
- *Index to the Bank of England Will Extracts 1807–1845, 6 fiches*. \$45.00.
- *Marriages Census and Other Indexes*. \$12.00.
- *Poor Law Union Records, Pt. 1: S. E. England and E. Anglia*. \$14.50.
- *Poor Law Union Records, Pt. 2: Midlands and N. England*. \$14.50.
- *Poor Law Union Records, Pt. 3: S. W. England, the Marches, and Wales*. \$14.50.
- *Poor Law Union Records, Pt. 4: Gazetteer of England and Wales*. \$16.00.

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