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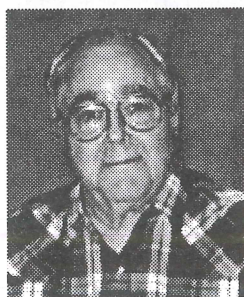
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Clayton Renovation Project has been the subject of a lot of conversation and activity for some time now. I am going to tell you more about its complexity and what will be accomplished.

The City of Houston has not adequately maintained the Clayton House, Guest Quarters, Carriage House and grounds since the property was donated in 1987. As a result all the buildings need considerable repair in spite of the partial renovation completed in 1993, all three buildings are in desperate need of preservation, especially the guest house, which will soon be unusable is left in its current state. After examination of the Clayton Complex, Clayton Family Foundations representatives approached the CLF Board of Directors with a proposition to renovate the buildings, so long as the Board was to manage the project and be in direct control of the funds, project, and the construction contracts.

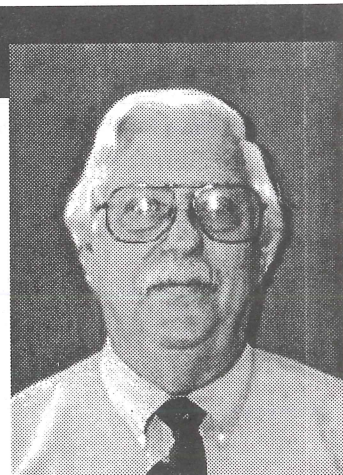
The Board of Directors appointed a Renovation Committee, initially composed of Don Pusch, Dick Warren, Liz Hicks, and Baldemar Silva, to develop a Project Management Plan that would describe the project and identify the participating parties. Goal of the project was to renovate the home, guest quarters, carriage house, and grounds that were part of the original home site of the William Lockhart Clayton family and which is now part of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research.

The CLF Renovation Committee (now composed of Don and Dick) did considerable work to develop the Clayton Renovation Management Plan together with the Houston Public Library, City of Houston, the Harris County Historical Commission, and the Texas Historical Commission. The Plan describes the processes, time lines, organizational interfaces, and control mechanisms that will be used to plan and execute the project and to complete the renovation work. As a working document, the Plan has no legal standing but is intended to clarify the CLF management approach and to describe the

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Donaly Brice to Speak at CLF

Famous Texas Archivist and Historian Donaly Brice of the Texas State Archives will be speaking at the CLF General Meeting on August 13 at Bayland Community Center. Mr. Brice will be lecturing on Texas Confederate Research. This will coincide with the CLF Texas Records Microfilming Project. This will be the only appearance Mr. Brice will be able to make in 2005 due to budgetary constraints. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission has asked CLF to videotape Mr. Brice so that other societies in Texas can have a videotape or DVD of his lecture. Even if you are the descendant of only Union soldiers, Mr. Brice is an extremely captivating and entertaining speaker.





Clayton Library Friends Financial Report

Balance Sheet As of 03/31/05

Acct	Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Postal Service Bulk Mail Acc.....	596.59
Wells Fargo Checking Acc.	62,151.59
Wells Fargo Market Rate Acc.	3,012.53
Woodforest CD.....	100,000.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	165,760.71
TD Waterhouse Investment Acc	
Portfolio value at 02/28/05	738,409.11
TOTAL ASSETS.....	904,169.82
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	- 0 -
EQUITY	904,169.82
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	904,169.82

Cash Flow Report 01/01/05 Through 03/31/05

Category	Description	Amounts
INFLOWS		
411 - Unrestricted Gifts.....		1,845.00
412 - Rest'd Gifts - non Endowment.....		4,510.05
424 - 2005 Dues.....		2,320.00
440 - Interest - non Endowment		0.73
450 - Interest - Endowment.....		1,741.73
TOTAL INFLOWS		10,417.51
OUTFLOWS		
510 - Library Purchases.....		10,059.86
530 - Program Printing & Mailing		615.36
540 - Meeting & Seminar Expns		133.64
550 - Misc Prog Expns.....		1,183.59
560 - Library Renovation Project.....		15,947.20
650 - M&G Printing & Mailing.....		149.00
660 - Office Supplies		587.44
670 - P.O. Box Rental.....		126.00
680 - Misc M&G Expenses.....		10.84
710 - Fund Raising Printg & Mail		5.56
720 - Misc Fund Raising Expns		512.20
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		29,330.69
OVERALL TOTAL		-18,913.18

Donald E. Pusch
Treasurer

The Houston Genealogical Forum and Clayton Library Friends

Present the Fall Series of Clayton Library Seminars on

Ethnic Studies and Research

Come join us for a new series of classes about different ethnic groups. This series will begin on September 15, 2005 and run through December 8, 2005. Classes will be held on Thursday nights at Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 pm. Social time will be from 5:30p.m. – 6:30 p.m. The fee for each individual class will be \$20. Please complete the registration form (available on the Houston Genealogical Forum's website at www.hgftx.org, the Houston Genealogical Forum's monthly meetings, the Clayton Library Friends meetings and at the Clayton Library) and either mail your payment to The Houston Genealogical Forum at P.O. Box 271466, Houston, Texas 77277-1466 or bring it with you and you may pay at the door.

Make checks payable to "The Houston Genealogical Forum." If you mail your payment please be sure to list the classes you will be attending. For further information you may e-mail Jack Vaughan, president of the Houston Genealogical Forum, at jvvaughan@pdq.net.

- ★ September 15, 2005, Louis Hellewell of LDS Family History Libraries on "Introduction to Foreign Resources."
- ★ September 22, 2005, Marj Lowe, Certified Cherokee Instructor, on "Native-American Ancestry."
- ★ September 29, 2005, Lesley Douthwaite, Clayton Reference Librarian, on "English Ancestry."
- ★ October 6, 2005, Franklin Carter Smith, author and HPL Reference Librarian, on "African-American Ancestry."
- ★ October 13, 2005, Ann Oppman, President, Greater Houston Jewish Genealogical Society, on "Jewish Ancestry."
- ★ October 27, 2005, Elizabeth "Liz" Nitschke Hicks, Genealogist of TexasGerman Heritage Society, on "German Ancestry."
- ★ November 3, 2005, Kay Dix on "Irish Ancestry."
- ★ November 10, 2005, Charlene Machacek Hurta, President of the Texas Czech Genealogical Society on "Czech Ancestry."
- ★ November 17, 2005, Ed Castillo on "Mexican & Hispanic Texas Ancestry."
- ★ December 8, 2005, Robert de Berardinis on "French Ancestry."

The Texas Historical Cemetery Guardianship Association is a new Texas non-profit organization whose purpose is to locate abandoned, neglected, and historic cemeteries primarily in Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, and Matagorda Counties. The Association will research the backgrounds of those cemeteries and raise funds for restoration and preservation activities. The Association's president is Nancy Howard. Meetings are held monthly at the Brazoria County Historical Museum, 100 East Cedar, Courthouse Square, Angleton, TX 77515. For more information, contact Jamie Murray at the museum: research@bchm.org

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roles and responsibilities of the various parties. Specific commitments between the CLF and the City of Houston and between the CLF and its renovation contractors will be captured in separate, bilateral agreements or contracts, each executed at the appropriate time in the project schedule.

According to current planning, the project will be accomplished in four phases:

1. The first phase, now completed, resulted in the preparation of a feasibility study that included a survey of the current condition of the property and a cost estimate for doing the renovation work.
2. The second phase, schematic design and preliminary pricing will focus on the preparation of design alternatives and the selection of a single schematic design to be pursued during the next phase of the project. Using the selected schematic design as a basis, the architect will assemble a preliminary pricing package suitable for use, when approved, as a basis for the development of the architectural construction documents.
3. The third phase, design development and construction documentation, will result in the completion of all necessary design work and the preparation of the construction documents that will be included in the construction bid package. At this point in the project, all aspects of the renovation design will have been completed and all necessary bidding documents will be assembled.

4. Once the general contractor is selected, the project will move into the fourth and final phase, construction. During construction, the approved design will be executed under the oversight and administration of the architect. CLF will maintain overall management control.

In July 2004, CLF received a \$23,000 grant from the Susan Vaughan Foundation to fund the first phase of the renovation project. The bulk of these funds were applied to the architectural services contract between CLF and the architectural firm of Glassman Shoemaker Maldonado Architects (GSMA).

The Feasibility Study, Phase 1, was completed in March. Your Board of Directors is now very close to real renovation activity and will be working with the City of Houston to coordinate the next phases.

Renovation of the Clayton buildings and site will be executed in close coordination with the City of Houston, the Texas Historical Commission, and the major benefactors of the project. Phases 2 and 3 could be completed by the end of the year and we expect to enter Phase 4, construction, in early 2006.

The Board has established a fund to accept other grants and donations to support the renovation. All contributions earmarked for the Renovation Fund will go directly to support the project.

Dick Warren

Houston Genealogical Forum and Clayton Library Friends

Present a seminar

The Records of Early Texas, 1715-1836

9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday, September 24, 2005 ★ Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonet, Houston

Featuring

- Brother Robert D. Wood, SM, of St. Mary's University, on "The Laredo Archives,"
- Sister Maria Carolina Flores, of Our Lady of the Lake University, on "The Spanish Mission Collection of Texas,"
- Carolyn Ericson on "The Nacogdoches Archives and Blake Collection,"
- Marje Harris and Robert de Berardinis on "Early Records at Clayton."

Registration fee: \$15 if paid by September 6.

For information/registration e-mail Jack Vaughan at jvaughanlaw@pdq.net.

Brother Wood is the historian and archivist of the Laredo Archives, housed at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. He is the author of seven books in print indexing, translating, and abstracting the Laredo Archives. Additionally, he is the author of *Life In Laredo: A Documentary History From The Laredo Archives*.

Sister Flores is the director of the Mexican-American Institute at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio. Through her kindness, Clayton Library was able to get photocopies of the translations of the original documents housed at the Franciscan Archives in Mexico. She is the leading authority on the history and records of the missions.

Carolyn Ericson is the author of some forty-four monographs and books translating and indexing the records in and concerning Nacogdoches. Her knowledge of the records concerning Nacogdoches and Los Adaës is without peer in Texas.

Clayton Manager Marje Harris and CLF secretary Robert de Berardinis team up for their presentation and explanations of the Atascosito Archives, the Logan Papers, the Wagner Collection, the Cuban Papers and other ephemera concerning early Texas found at Clayton Library (and usually nowhere else!).



Records of U.S. POWs in the War of 1812 Becoming Available

The historic partnership between the National Society, United States Daughters of 1812, and Clayton Library Friends has moved ahead with the microfilming and receipt of a number of registers of records concerning U.S. POWs in the War of 1812 from the British Public Record Office. Chief among these are the ADM 103/640 Dartmoor Certificates, 1799-1814, which contain the actual death records of the U.S. prisoners massacred on April 15, 1815 at Dartmoor Prison.

CLF First Vice President Iris Collins Eaton took the first batch of microfilm for this project to Washington, DC, for the United States Daughters of 1812 National Convention in April 2005. Among this microfilm are several other registers of registers never before microfilmed. They are:

- ADM 103/382 Quebec, 1813-14
- ADM 103/511 Alphabetical Lists-American Prisoners
- ADM 103/512 Dartmoor, Alphabetical Lists
- ADM 103/513 Dartmoor, Alphabetical Lists
- ADM 103/514 Halifax, Alphabetical Lists
- ADM 103/515 Halifax, Alphabetical Lists
- ADM 103/516 Perth Alphabetical Lists
- ADM 103/623 Dartmoor (Deaths), 180916.

RECORDS FROM CANADA

The Capt. John Asbury Tait Chapter (Houston, Texas), U.S.D. of 1812, through its donations made for the past two years in honor of CLF Secretary Robert de Berardinis for being their annual Battle of New Orleans Day luncheon speaker, paid for the records from the Canadian National Archives concerning American POWs held at Quebec as well as several record books of letters

concerning both U.S. and British POWs during the War of 1812. This is the first time that the entire set has been sent to the U.S. according to the National Archives of Canada.

CLF has made a preliminary calendar of these records. This calendar will also be posted on the new CLF web site in pdf format and will be available in the microfilm finding aids on the second floor of Clayton Library.

Record Group 8, Series C (Microfilm rolls C 3233 and C 3234)

Volume 690

177 pp.

Correspondence and reports, POW lists, no index

Volume 691

204 pp.

Correspondence and reports, indexed (includes Jan. 17, 1814 Returns of U.S. POWs in Quebec)

Volume 692

265 pp.

Correspondence and reports, indexed (includes 1814 list of 77 British officers held as hostages in U.S.)

Volume 693

202 pp.

Correspondence and reports, indexed

Volume 694

131 pp.

Correspondence and reports, indexed

Volume 694 A

238 pp. and tipped in page, no index
General Entry Book of American Prisoners of War at Quebec (includes 1990 POWs, list of special discharges at end of entry book)

Volume 695

234 pp.

Correspondence, reports, warrants, posts, and decrees, indexed

Volume 696

300 pp.

Correspondence, reports, warrants, posts, and decrees, indexed

Volume 697

300 pp.

Correspondence, musters, returns, inquiries, no index

The United States Daughters of 1812 is a ladies lineage society dedicated, "...to promoting patriotism and to preserve and increase knowledge of the history of the American people by the preservation of documents and relics, the marking of historic spots, the recording of family histories and traditions, the celebration of patriotic anniversaries, teaching and emphasizing the heroic deeds of the civil, military, and naval life of those who molded this government between the close of the American Revolution and the close of the War of 1812, and to urge Congress to compile and publish authentic records of men in civil, military, and naval services from 1784 to 1815 inclusive."

AVAILABLE AT CLAYTON

At press time, the following records are available or on order at Clayton Library:

- ADM 101/89/1 Bahama (Ship), 1812-14
- ADM 103/14 Barbados, 1812-15
- ADM 103/26 Bermuda, 1812-15
- ADM 103/27 Bermuda, 1815
- ADM 103/28 Bermuda (Discharged), 1814-18
- ADM 103/56 Chatham (Ship), 1812-13
- ADM 103/57 Chatham (Ship), 1813
- ADM 103/58 Chatham (Ship), 1813-14
- ADM 103/59 Chatham (Ship), 1814
- ADM 103/87 Dartmoor, 1813-14
- ADM 103/88 Dartmoor, 1814
- ADM 103/89 Dartmoor, 1814
- ADM 103/90 Dartmoor, 1814
- ADM 103/91 Dartmoor, 181415
- ADM 103/167 Halifax (Nova Scotia), 1812-14
- ADM 103/168 Halifax, 1814-15

ADM 103/169 Halifax (Discharges), 1813
 ADM 103/170 Halifax, 1813-14
 ADM 103/171 Halifax (Exchanges), 1812-15
 ADM 103/176 Hector (Ship), 1812-13
 ADM 103/177 Hector (Ship), 1813-14
 ADM 103/190 Jamaica, 1812-18
 ADM 103/243 Nassau (Ship), 1812-13
 ADM 103/244 Nassau (Ship), 1813-14
 ADM 103/248 New Providence, 1812-15
 ADM 103/268 Plymouth, 1812-13
 ADM 103/269 Plymouth, 1813-14
 ADM 103/270 Plymouth, 1814-15
 ADM 103/342 Portsmouth, 1812-13
 ADM 103/343 Portsmouth, 1813-14
 ADM 103/382 Quebec, 1813-14
 ADM 103/409 Stapleton, 1812-13
 ADM 103/465 American, 1812-15
 ADM 103/511 Alphabetical Lists-American Prisoners
 ADM 103/512 Dartmoor, Alphabetical Lists
 ADM 103/513 Dartmoor, Alphabetical Lists
 ADM 103/514 Halifax, Alphabetical Lists
 ADM 103/515 Halifax, Alphabetical Lists
 ADM 103/560 Parole Prisoners, 1812-15, French & American
 ADM 103/569 Parole Prisoners at Dartmoor (American), 1813-15
 ADM 103/571 Parole Prisoners at Halifax (N.S.), 1803-13
 ADM 103/573 Parole Prisoners at Jamaica, 1812-15
 ADM 103/622 Chatham Deaths, 1804-14
 ADM 103/623 Dartmoor, 1809-16
 ADM 103/625 Halifax, French and American, 1803-15
 ADM 103/626 Deaths of Prisoners: Jamaica, 1813-15
 ADM 103/640 Dartmoor Certificates, 1799-1814

STILL NEED DONATIONS

The following registers are awaiting donations before they can microfilmed:

ADM 103/86 Crown (Ship), 1813-14
 ADM 103/517 Alphabetical Lists (of American Prisoners). Plymouth. A-L
 ADM 103/518 Alphabetical Lists (of American Prisoners). Plymouth. K-Z
 ADM 103/519 Alphabetical Lists (of American Prisoners). Plymouth. A-M
 ADM 103/520 Alphabetical Lists (of American Prisoners). Plymouth. N-Z
 ADM 103/639 Chatham Certificates, 1799-1814
 ADM 103/644 Plymouth Certificates, 1799-1814
 ADM 103/646 Portsmouth Certificates, 1799-1814
 ADM 103/647 Stapleton Certificates, 1799-1814
 ADM 103/648 Parole and Various Certificates, 1799-1814
 ADM 105/44 Reports of Visitations of Prisoner-of-War Depots and Hospitals by Members of the Transport Board, 1796-1814
 ADM 105/45 Returns of the Names of Escaped Prisoners-of-War, 1810-13
 ADM 105/46 Returns and Statements of Numbers of Prisoners-of-War and Exchanges; Reports on Claims on Late Prisoner-of-War Department, 1810-20
 ADM 105/59 Prisoners of War: Miscellaneous Papers, 1795-1820
 ADM 105/60 Prisoners of War: Miscellaneous Papers, 1795-1820
 ADM 105/61 Prisoners of War: Miscellaneous Papers, 1795-1820
 ADM 105/62 Prisoners of War: Miscellaneous Papers, 1795-1820
 ADM 105/63 Prisoners of War: Miscellaneous Papers, 1795-1820
 ADM 105/64 Prisoners of War: Miscellaneous Papers, 1795-1820
 ADM 105/65 Prisoners of War: Miscellaneous Papers, 1795-1820
 ADM 105/66 Prisoners of War: Miscellaneous Papers, 1795-1820
 ADM 105/93 Instructions for the Management of Prisoners of War on Parole, 1809

CHEROKEE HISTORY CLASS TO BE TAUGHT BY MARJ LOWE

Cherokee Nation Certified Instructor Marj Lowe, a Clayton Library Friends member and volunteer, will be teaching a class on Cherokee history at Bear Creek Community Center and another class on Native American genealogy in the fall Clayton Library Seminar Series. Marj, an alumna of the National Institute of Genealogical Research, received her certification several years ago from the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma. Incidentally, Mrs. Lowe has one Cherokee grandparent.

Mrs. Lowe's fall seminar on Native American genealogy will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2005 at Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonet, Houston. For more information and registration, e-mail Houston Genealogical Forum President Jack Vaughan at jcvaughanlaw@pdq.net.

The following is the reprinted announcement for Bear Creek course on Cherokee history. "The Cherokee Nation History course, which is part of an initiative to rejuvenate knowledge of Cherokee history and culture, will be offered by Bear Creek Community Center on Tuesdays, June 7th, 14th and 21st at 6:30 p.m. The three session course will be taught by Cherokee Citizen and Cherokee nation approved instructor, Marjorie Lowe. This curriculum was awarded 'Honors' as a national finalist in Harvard University's 'Honoring Nations' project recognizing tribal initiatives in self-government and self-determination. Class enrollment is limited to the first twenty five persons who call Bear Creek Community Center, 281-859-1566."

See list of Native American records that will be coming to the Clayton Library soon on page 6.



NATIVE AMERICAN RECORDS COMING SOON

Clayton Library will have some new microfilm concerning Native American records by May. Clayton Library Friends has purchased the following rolls of microfilm at the direction of Clayton Manager Marje Harris.

From the Oklahoma Historical Society (each item is a single roll):

- AMD 026 Emmet Starr, Manuscripts, Old Cherokee Families and their Genealogies, Index to Surnames, "B-Z." No index for "A."
- AMD 028 Emmet Starr, Manuscripts, Old Cherokee Families and their Genealogies, Family Histories.
- AMD 029 Emmet Starr, Manuscripts, Old Cherokee Families and their Genealogies, Miscellaneous Notes.

(Note: Clayton Library already has AMD 027.)

- KA 1 Kiowa Agency Census & Enrollment: Census of Kiowa, Comanche, Apache and Wichita & Affiliated Bands, Undated & 1869-1883 (*Clayton Microfilm rolls cover 1895-1939).
- KA 2 Kiowa Agency Census & Enrollment: Census of Kiowa, Comanche, Apache, Caddo & Wichita & Affiliated Bands. 1883-1890.
- KA 3 Kiowa Agency Census & Enrollment: Census of Kiowa, Comanche, Apache, Caddo & Wichita & Affiliated Bands. 1890-1894.
- KA 4 Kiowa Agency Census & Enrollment: Census of Kiowa, Comanche, Apache, Caddo & Wichita & Affiliated Bands. 1893-1901.
- KA 52 Kiowa Agency Births, Marriages, Divorces, Deaths, Wills and Related Records (1869-1925): Wills (1890-1924); Cemetery (1896-1924); Vital Statistics (1893-1919): Births (Undated and 1895-1924); Marriage Register (Volume) (1893-1901); Marriage Licenses (Volume) (1905-1907), Marriages (1871-1901); Report of Legal Marriage (Undated and 1902-1924); Divorce Docket (Volume) (1917-1919).
- PA 1 Pawnee Agency Census & Enrollment, letters and documents sent and received June 4, 1894 through March 28, 1927. Census volumes and lists for the Nez Percé, Kaw, Tonkawa, Pawnee and Oto and Missouri, 1880-1926.
- QA 1 Census and Enrollment. Letters and documents received December 10, 1877 to June 11, 1897. Census volumes and lists for the Cayuga, Miami, Modoc, New York, Nez Perce, Ottawa, Confederated Peoria, Potawatomi, Quapaw, Seneca, Eastern Shawnee and Wyandot.
- SFSA 1 Sac and FoxShawnee Agency census and enrollment. Letters and documents, sent & received. December 6, 1865 through May 5,

1924. Census volumes and lists for the Iowa, Mexican Kickapoo and Oto 1881-1920.

- SFSA 2 Sac and FoxShawnee agency census and enrollment. Census volumes and lists for the Citizen Potawatomi, 1883-1921.

From the National Archives:

- T 500 Records of Choctaw Trading House, 1803-1824, 6 rolls.
- T 1029 Letter Book of Natchitoches Sulphur Fork Factory, 1809-1821, 1 roll.
- M 142 Letter Book of the Arkansas Trading House, 1805-1810, 1 roll.
- M 1059 Selected Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs Relating to the Cherokees of North Carolina, 1851-1905, 7 rolls.
- M 234 Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs, 1824-1881, Rolls # 113-18, 143-44, 185-87, 237-40, and 806-07.

These seventeen rolls represent the records and correspondence relating to the removal of the "Five Civilized Tribes" or nations into the Indian Territory (now Oklahoma). The material represented is as follows:

Cherokee Agency, 1824-80

Cherokee Emigration

- Roll # 1131828-36
- Roll # 1141837
- Roll # 1151838
- Roll # 1161839-54

Cherokee Reserves

- Roll # 1171828-40
- Roll # 1181841-50

Chickasaw Agency, 1824-70

Chickasaw Agency Emigration

- Roll # 1431837-38
- Roll # 1441839-50

Choctaw Agency, 1824-78

Choctaw Agency Emigration

- Roll # 1851826-45
- Roll # 1861846-49
- Roll # 1871850-59

Creek Agency, 1824-76

Creek Agency Emigration

- Roll # 2371826-36
- Roll # 2381837
- Roll # 2391838-39
- Roll # 2401840-49

Seminole Agency, 1824-76

Seminole Agency Emigration, 1827-59

- Roll # 8061827-46
- Roll # 8071848-59

SANDY POINT CEMETERY

by Melodey M. Hauch

Historic Sandy Point Cemetery is located in Sandy Point, Texas, approximately two miles north of Rosharon in Brazoria County. A Texas State Historical marker stands beside FM 521 near the cemetery, which is on private

property approximately one-half mile from the road. The cemetery is the resting place for two of Stephen F. Austin's Old

Three Hundred colonists in Texas: Francis Bingham and John W. Bradley. The land surrounding Sandy Point Cemetery was not on one of Brazoria County's many antebellum plantations but was surrounded by five plantations. The Bingham Plantation was located to the north, the Coffee Plantation to the west, and the Compton, Smith and Tankersley plantations to the south. Members of all of these families were buried there.

William Jefferson Kyle (1803-1864) and Thomas Jefferson Coffee (1805-1858) were prominent local businessmen buried at Sandy Point with members of their families. Four Confederate soldiers were buried at Sandy Point: Aurelius J. Terry, Clinton Terry, J. Glassell Smith, and Harrison Tankersley. Aurelius Terry was also a veteran of the Mexican War. The Terrys were brothers of Col. Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Terry, organizer and leader of Terry's Texas Rangers. He was killed leading the Rangers during their first battle in 1861. The cemetery's historical marker and other sources claim that Col. Terry was temporarily buried in Sandy Point Cemetery before his remains were moved to Glenwood Cemetery in Houston. Convincing

evidence, including published eyewitness accounts, state that Col. Terry was originally buried at his Oakland Plantation in the Sugar Land area. Glenwood Cemetery records show that his remains were moved from Sugar Land to Houston in 1880.

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Two formal surveys of Sandy Point Cemetery have been conducted, the earliest

in 1948 by the Daughters of the American Revolution's Asa Underwood Chapter. In 1963, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Cradle of Texas Chapter, completed their own survey of the cemetery and published it with other Brazoria cemeteries in 1965. Surveys conducted since then have been incomplete due to weed overgrowth and fallen trees. In June 1998, local resident Cathy Nash met with the Brazoria County Historical Museum's director to report the cemetery's deplorable condition.

The Museum's Cemetery Committee was formed that day led by Nash, and restoration at Sandy Point began soon after. The cemetery was fenced with

funds provided by the Velasco Cemetery Association, an action necessary to prevent cattle from knocking tombstones over while using them as scratching posts. An elaborate brick mausoleum standing near the entrance to the cemetery was collapsing due to trees growing through the bricks. This mausoleum was built around 1859 and has been painstakingly restored by committee members under the

guidance of master bricklayer, Boots Ermis. Many tombstones have been cleaned and reset.

Transcription errors in the earlier surveys were partially caused by duplicate markers and are still shown on several Internet websites. Attempts to get these errors corrected have been unsuccessful. I recently entered all known Sandy Point burials on the Rootsweb Tombstone Transcription Project, and plan an article listing the burials in the TSGS publication, *Stirpes*. There are eighty-eight known burials in Sandy Point Cemetery. The earliest existing tombstone is dated 1852, and the latest burial took place in 1996.

Sandy Point Cemetery was granted Historic Cemetery Designation by the Texas Historical Commission in 2003, and a marker celebrating this status was dedicated on May 22, 2004. Nearly one hundred people attended the ceremony including thirty-two descendants and relatives of the Sandy Point residents buried in the cemetery. The restoration continues in 2005, now in its sixth year. I

Sandy Point Cemetery was granted Historic Cemetery Designation by the Texas Historical Commission in 2003

am currently compiling biographies for a book about the persons buried in Sandy Point Cemetery, several of whom are my cousins.

Melodey M. Hauch is a member of the Texas Historical Cemetery Guardianship Association, a new organization dedicated to the location and preservation of Texas cemeteries. She is also a member of the TSGS from District 4, the League City Genealogical Society, and Texas City Ancestry Searchers.

NEXT MEETING

May 14, 2005

Retired Clayton Manager Maxine Alcorn will speak on "Using the Leonardo Andrea Collection for South Carolina Research."

Clayton Librarian Irene Walters will speak on "Highlights of New York State Research."



Maxine Alcorn

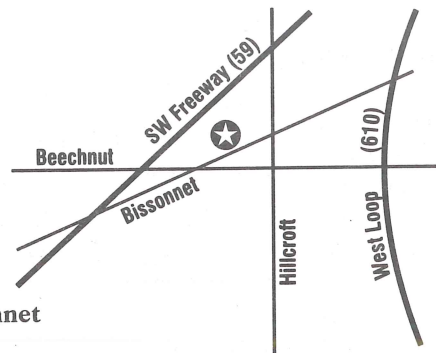


Irene Walters

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Location:

Bayland
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Center

6400 Bissonnet
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