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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In June 2005 The Clayton Library Friends (CLF) Board of Directors was told that in effect the CLF didn't have a volunteer program at the Clayton Library. We as a body, have been the most active group in the Houston Public Library (HPL) system taking on responsibilities and activities that needed doing but were really the responsibility of the HPL Staff. However, we had no HPL leadership in the execution of these volunteer duties. This conclusion was the result of my investigation of a CLF volunteer's dismissal by HPL Administration, and review with the Clayton Library Staff, the Mayor of Houston, CLF Director for Volunteer Activities, and CLF member volunteers.

Background: The dismissal of a CLF member as a volunteer by HPL led us to the

identification of serious flaws in our CLF member volunteer activity. Executive Order 1-20 is an example of an employee regulation applied to a CLF member volunteer regarding diversity, ethnic & racial, harassment. We took action to protect our member volunteers from further adversity.

I met with Tony Lambert, Interim HPL Director in August to discuss the results of several HPL actions, most notably responsive to my intent to suspend the Clayton Library Friends volunteer activity until we came to a resolution. Ms Lambert indicated that the HPL had been remiss by not providing volunteer training at any of the branches for quite some time. She said the HPL is taking steps to correct the omission including the development of a volunteer training/orientation program and development of a current and new CLF Volunteer Training Guide to include HPL values (policy) for diversity, ethnic & racial, harassment, etc. The training will be given

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1930 CENSUS IS COMPLETE!

Thanks to Marje Harris and Clayton Library, with a \$20,000 purchase and \$8,000 in donations from CLF members, Clayton Library will now have a complete set of 1930 census microfilm. Due to a huge increase in the price of National Archives Microfilm from \$34 per roll to \$65 per roll, these purchases became more urgent. The CLF Board willingly approved another \$10,500 in additional purchases. Soundex is complete for West Virginia, Louisiana and Arkansas. That leaves Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia yet to be acquired.

Thanks CLF Members, for your recent contributions towards the purchase of 1930 census microfilm rolls. Your generosity added over \$8000 to the microfilm project budget!

1930 Census Facts

2668	rolls of film purchased
\$90,712	total cost
\$20,060	paid by Clayton Library
\$70,652	paid by CLF !!



Clayton Library Friends Financial Report

Balance Sheet At 09/30/05

Acct	Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Postal Service Bulk Mail Acc.....	393.77
Wells Fargo Checking Acc.	166,741.22
Wells Fargo Market Rate Acc.	3,015.08
Woodforest CD.....	100,000.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	270,150.07
TD Waterhouse Investment Acc.	
Portfolio value at 05/31/05	742,359.61
TOTAL ASSETS.....	742,359.61
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	- 0 -
EQUITY	1,012,509.68
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,012,509.68

Cash Flow Report 01/01/05 Through 09/30/05

Category	Description	Amounts
INFLOWS		
411 - Unrestricted Gifts.....		3,154.00
412 - Rest'd Gifts - non Endowment.....		151,014.51
424 - 2005 Dues.....		3,665.00
425 - 2006 Dues.....		65.00
430 - Fund Raising Income		3,594.33
440 - Interest - non Endowment		3.28
450 - Interest - Endowment.....		11,173.29
TOTAL INFLOWS		172,894.41
OUTFLOWS		
510 - Library Purchases.....		25,108.47
520 - Direct Payments to Library.....		90.00
530 - Program Printing & Mailing		2,494.04
540 - Meeting & Seminar Exps		563.48
550 - Misc Prog Exps.....		3,770.71
560 - Library Renovation Project		25,923.49
610 - Audit		5,500.00
620 - Tax Services		1,104.00
650 - M&G Printing & Mailing.....		670.02
660 - Office Supplies		665.43
670 - P.O. Box Rental.....		126.00
680 - Misc M&G Expenses.....		587.13
710 - Fund Raising Printg & Mailg		117.39
720 - Misc Fund Raising Exps		800.07
730 - Fund Raising (Renovation)		20,000.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		87,520.23
OVERALL TOTAL		85,374.18

Donald E. Pusch
Treasurer

HOUSTON POST NEWSPAPER CONSERVATION PROJECT

by Robert de Berardinis

The Houston Post newspaper project that began when Houston Public Library was going to toss out its bound volumes of the Houston Post after not finding a new home for them at any local college or university. CLF Secretary Robert de Berardinis found a temporary home for them at the Harris County Archives, the only county archives in Texas.

The CLF board paid \$1,500 to move the 800+ bound volumes from HPL to the Harris County Archives in May 2005. At no time has there been a comparison study to see if the "official" Houston Post microfilm made from the copies formerly at the Texas State Library were of a different edition or included different dates. There are microfilm masters at Houston Public Library, but attempts to ascertain what they contained were ignored.

The second phase of the project began with a conservation study by volunteers. This entails a thorough inventory of each volume as to contents and condition of contents. Volunteers learn a number of conservation techniques and archival practices, both of which can serve the researcher well later.

Impressively, The Humble Area Genealogical Society (THAGS) has sent two busloads of volunteers (see photo below). The Humble volunteers (certainly no pun intended) are Karen Acker, Sharon Alderman, Mary Berwick, Flo Briggs, Sandy Cox, Marilyn Evans, Lillian Hood, Lorene Houk, Gloria Knight, Margaret Lambert, Don MacGregory, Vera Speckles, Bettye Sutton, Marianne Taylor, Pam Walton, Coley Williams, Gloria Williams.



CLF and Bay Area Genealogical Society volunteers, lead by Vernon Gillette, have come once. They were: Lloyd Schemberger, Carolyn Shimek, Claudia M. Grafton, Resa Hennings, Paula Sinning, Neil Miserendino, Annette Bowen, Bernard Freeland, Don White, Ann Davidson, and Renée Philips.

BOOKKEEPER VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Clayton Library Friends is seeking a volunteer (or two volunteers to work as a team) to assist the treasurer in performing bookkeeping services. The volunteer will help set up CLF financial accounts for collections and disbursements and will maintain those accounts throughout the year. Part of the task will also involve processing incoming dues and donations and performing related data entry work.

If you have professional experience using bookkeeping software such as QuickBooks or Peachtree and would be willing to work a few hours each week on the bookkeeping effort, please contact CLF Treasurer Don Pusch at (281) 326-3278 or e-mail pusch@ghg.net.

TEXAS LAND GRANT SEARCH

by Neil Miserendino

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For months, I have planned to discuss searching the Texas land grants. However, I did not wish to merely write about the process with respect to finding the record. I also wanted to personalize the information by using an actual search to demonstrate the process of finding Texas land grants. As I have no ancestors who lived in Texas, I waited to write this article until I found a member who had an ancestor that owned land in Texas. This article is now possible because, when I volunteered to assist at the Houston Archives, another volunteer mentioned that she had an ancestor who owned land in Texas.

To begin, the Texas General Land Office (TGLO) maintains records of original land grants that have an abstract number issued by the TGLO. These records are maintained in the Land Grant Database which is accessible in their offices at 1700 N. Congress Ave., Suite 130, Austin, Texas 78701-1495. The land office has put some information about Texas land records on the Internet. You may access this website for more information: www.glo.state.tx.us/archives/landgrant.html

For researchers who do not wish to travel to Austin and prefer to access records online, the Land Grant Database can be searched from your home computer. The Land Grant Database webpage is linked from the TGLO website or you may use this direct link:

<http://wwwdb.glo.state.tx.us/central/LandGrants/LandGrantsSearch.cfm>

Following is an example of how to search the Land Grant Database using information provided to me with respect to our volunteer's gg-grandfather William A. Earp (born 1837 in Alabama) who spent his adult life in Brown County, Texas. He

died in 1921 in Brown County.

Our intent was to prove that the subject, William A. Earp, served as a Texas Ranger. When we searched TGLO website, we learned that William Earp was indeed in the Civil War and that he held the rank of private. My research volunteer and Earp's direct descendant, sent off for information about Earp's service in the Civil War. However, as of the writing of this article, she had not received a reply. The maiden name of Earp's first wife is unknown, but it is known that she died when their children were very young, and therefore, William Earp remarried. The children's death certificates do not give the maiden name of their mother.

We repeated the search on the Land Grant Search webpage. Because we did not believe that the last name "Earp" was a common name, we only entered the last name "Earp" as the original grantee. When searching for more common names, researchers should search by adding the first name and possibly the middle initial, e.g., "Jones, Robert" or "Robert B. Jones". When using only the last name "Earp", the result was a listing of about 70 records. We looked down the page and saw two records for "Wm. Earp" in Brown County, and one record for Wichita County. If you, like our researcher, know the county of residence, then you should be able to eliminate the person from Wichita County. If you were unsure of the county, then you should ask for copies of the land grants from whatever counties were listed. As for our project, we could not tell if the "Wm. Earp" in Wichita County was our desired ancestor, even though it was not likely. Therefore, I clicked on the two records for "Wm. Earp" in Brown County. Here is that information:

County: Brown
Abstract Number: 301

District/Class: Travis
Preemption
File Number: 108
Original Grantee: Wm. A. Earp
Acres: 160.00
County: Brown
Abstract Number: 304
District/Class: Travis
Preemption
File Number: 377
Original Grantee: Wm. A. Earp
Acres: 160.00

There were also two records for Susan Earp in Brown County. It would now be up to the researcher to delve further, using the land grant information for Susan Earp. After the land is passed to an owner, the records for that property are kept in the individual Texas counties, so what do you do if you locate a record? Order a copy of the record from the Texas General Land Office.

One of our Clayton Friends board members advised that searching for Texas Land Grants is much more productive when you use the TGLO website to obtain records and to prepare for your visit to the TGLO facility in Austin. She states that, having done on-site research at the TGLO, she found that the office is not equipped for researchers and has only one six-foot table for visitors, which is right in the middle of two employees' work space. The TGLO employees are required to retrieve all the records for you, and if you want copies, they have to run them at a cost of \$1.00 per page! Yes, \$1.00 per page. Additionally, you may not put anything on the table where you work, other than a laptop or a single sheet of paper and pencil, and they vigilantly enforce the rule.

For those members who have ancestors that may have obtained land from the State of Texas, searching the General Office Database is a great resource!



WHAT'S

Bonds and Oaths of County and Republic Officers, 1837-44 and Naturalization Declarations of Intent, 1855 and 1867-69: Texas Supreme Court, Galveston Term, are two of the new titles of the CLF Texas Records Microfilming Project just received. These two titles were paid for by the Texas City Ancestry Searchers thanks to their 2004 garage sale organized by then-President Linda Cooper. At press time, *Military Rolls of the Republic of Texas, 1835-46* (Adjutant General's Office), was being finished and should be at Clayton by the end of September.

The Bonds and Oaths contain an index to the names found therein. The index is also available in the finding aid, *Preserving Texas: The Official Clayton Library Friends Guide to Microfilmed Texas Civil Records, 1826-1868*, both on the first floor of Clayton and second floor. The second floor copy is spiral bound so as to lie flat next to the microfilm readers in order to better assist researchers. This finding aid also contains the information concerning the *Naturalization Declarations of Intent, 1855 and 1867-69*.

Up to now, microfilming has been going at a slow pace. Records Management recently promised CLF that the following very important titles will be shipped to Clayton by the end of 2005:

1. *Republic of Texas Army Papers, 1835-46*;
2. *Republic of Texas Navy Papers, 1835-55*;
3. *Civil War Military Rolls, 1855-65*; and
4. *Military Records of Texas Reconstruction, 1865-70*.

The finding aids to the above four record sets, expected by the end of 2005, are in:

1. *Preserving Texas: The Official Clayton Library Friends Guide to Microfilmed Texas Military Records, 1835-1861*;
2. *Preserving Texas: The Official Clayton Library Friends Guide to Microfilmed Texas Military Records, 1855-66*; and
3. *Preserving Texas: The Official Clayton Library Friends Guide to Microfilmed Texas Military Records, 1865-77*.

By the end of 2005, there will be at least eighteen volumes of CLF finding aids, all edited by Robert de Berardinis.

All of the very large size of the Civil War military rolls after microfilming will not allowed to be personally inspected anymore due to their dilapidated condition.

These rolls were indexed and somewhat abstracted onto index cards by the WPA. These cards are what constitute the eight rolls of microfilm used by Texas Civil War

researchers at Clayton and elsewhere.

Further, there are a number of titles from the Sam Houston Regional Library, part of the Texas State Archives, in Liberty that will be on the shelf by the time the newsletter is delivered. The Logan Papers have a finding aid and an index to the finding aid. Hopefully, the finding aid will be returned from cataloguing by the end of September. There is no finding aid to the rest of the titles. Those titles are:

1. *The William M. Logan Papers, 1830-1852, & the Logan Family Papers, 1836-1873*;
2. *The Orange County, Texas Assessor's Abstract Book, 1835-1901*;
3. *The Jefferson County, Texas Registers of Filed Instruments, 1846-1858*;
4. *The Liberty, Texas Trustee Minutes, 1849-1883*;
5. *The Trustee Minutes of the City of Liberty, Texas, 1849-1883*;
6. *The Typed Transcriptions of the Liberty, Texas Trustee Minutes, 1849-1883*;
7. *Public Records from Jefferson County, Texas, 1838-1893*;
8. *The Day Book of L. B. Wood in Moscow, Texas 1859-62*; and
9. *Public Records from Polk County, Texas, 1849-1888*.

The title, *The Typed Transcriptions of the Liberty, Texas Trustee Minutes, 1849-1883*, was also digitized and OCR'ed (Optical Character Recognition) in order to be full-text searchable similar to the books online at Heritage Quest. Should the technology not prove too elusive, the text will appear on the CLF web site www.claytonlibraryfriends.org. Otherwise, it will be available on CD-ROM at Clayton Library. The title, *Public Records from Jefferson County, Texas, 1838-1893*, contains a number of small record sets, some as few as six pages. This roll contains:

1. *Marks & Brands Books, 1838-49, 1849-66*;
2. *Commissioners' Court Minutes, 1838-40, 1840-41*;
3. *Commissioners' Court Minutes, "Transcribed," 1838-40*;
4. *Muster Roll of Reserve Militia, 1870*;
5. *Scholastic Censuses, 1892, 1893*; and

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By Robert de Berardinis

6. *Record of Power of Attorney, 1838-40.*

The school censuses contain a rare census of an African-American school from 1893. The *Commissioners' Court Minutes* contain a wealth of names.

The title, *Public Records from Polk County, Texas, 1849-1888*, also contains a number of small record sets. It also includes a store account ledger that will complement the title, *The Day Book of L. B. Wood in Moscow, Texas, 1859-62*. In 1852 Knight moved to Moscow and shortly thereafter became Polk County Clerk and his ledger book becomes a fee book for filing instruments at the clerk's office. This roll contains:

1. *Register of Separate Property of Married Women, 1849-72*;
2. *W. J. Knight Mercantile Store Ledger, 1850-52* (in Swartout); and
3. *Scholastic Censuses, 1859*.

By the end of October, two of the first four Harris County Justice of the Peace docket books will be filmed and on the shelf. CLF volunteer Judy Henderson working with Harris County Archivist Sarah Jackson, C.A., compiled a complete index of names found in the docket books. The title is Judy Henderson, comp., *Preserving Texas: The Harris County Justice of the Peace Docket Books of W. B. Reeves, 1849-1853, and M. F. De Bajligethy, 1860-1869*. This finding aid will be available after its return from cataloguing. The other two docket books are in terrible condition and must undergo conservation. Harris County Judge Robert Eckels is writing the introduction to the finding aid.

At press time, the Texas State Archives is sending the Texas Adjutant General Department service records to CLF for microfilming in Houston. They are:

1. Army of the Republic Service Records, 1836-45;
2. Navy of the Republic Service Records, 1836-45;
3. Mounted Volunteers Service Records, 1854-61;
4. Minute Men Service Records, 1855-62, 1872-74;
5. Texas State Troops Service Records, 1861-65;
6. Confederate States Army Service Records, 1861-65;
7. State Police Service Records, 1870-71;
8. Frontier Forces Service Records, 1870-71;
9. Frontier Battalion Service Records, 1874-1901;
10. Texas Volunteer Guard Service Records, 1881-1903;

11. United States Volunteers (Spanish American War) Service Records, 1898;
12. Regular Rangers Service Records, 1855-61, 1901-35;
13. Special Rangers Service Records, 1916-34;
14. Loyalty Rangers Service Records, 1918;
15. Railroad Rangers Service Records, 1922-35; and
16. Texas National Guard Service Records, 1901-[ca. 1929].

For most of the records through the Civil War, the term service record may be misleading. Through the Civil War, the service record usually consists of documents that give evidence of the veteran performing military service in the capacity identified in the documents. After the Civil War, the documents become more regularized in a modern sense.

These records have been already digitized and as a result of the CLF microfilming, will be available in digital format at Clayton Library as well as on microfilm. They are also currently available online at the Texas State Archives web site.

CLAYTON BREEZES THROUGH RITA

We are happy to report that Clayton Library and its collection suffered no damage during hurricane Rita. Library Manager Marje Harris reports that the main building and the Clayton House both weathered the storm well and there was no broken glass, roof leaks, or flooding.

On Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the hurricane, Clayton staff members fully implemented the library's emergency plan so that, by late Wednesday evening, the collection was buttoned up tight and ready for Rita. Books on the bottom shelves in the Clayton House were removed to higher shelves or table tops and the bottom shelves of all map cases and vertical files were removed, placed on the tops of the cases, and covered in plastic. In the main building, plastic was installed vertically along the bookshelf ranges facing the windows to the east and west, and all of the computer workstations on the first floor were unplugged and elevated.

Several of Clayton's staff members evacuated prior to Rita, but most were back and able to support recovery operations on Monday, September 26. As a result, the library was open and fully operational the following day.



HARRIS COUNTY RECORDS BEING MICROFILMED

Clayton Manager Marje Harris and Robert de Berardinis recently concluded an agreement with the Harris County Clerk's office for Clayton Library to purchase microfilm of the marriage records of Harris County and the one roll of conserved probate records, *Probate Records, Aar to Allen, S., 1836-1891* (the rest are in the process of being conserved as funds permit). Furthermore, Harris County Clerk Beverly Kaufman will allow Clayton Library to microfilm the following volumes:

1. The Spanish Land Grants of Harris County and Deed Record, Volume B, 1829-1843;
2. Probate Record, Volume One, Alamo Defenders;
3. Probate Record, Volume Two, Goliad;
4. Probate Minutes, Transcribed, Volume A;
5. Probate Minutes, Transcribed, Volume B; and
6. Probate Minutes, Transcribed, Volume C.

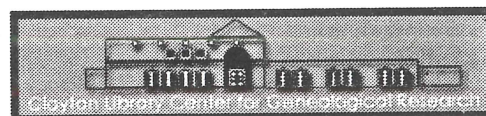
The Probate Records in Volume one and two contain the wills the men who died at the Alamo and Goliad. Their story and preservation is straightforward. When Juan Seguín left the Alamo to ride to Gen. Sam Houston, he brought with him the wills of those men who chose to write one. After San Jacinto, Houston has them placed in the clerk's office of Harris County, the same as with the Goliad wills. Of course the Probate Records in Volume one and two contain other early Harris County wills and probate papers.

The transcribed probate minutes are typed transcriptions of the documents contained in the probate "cans,"

or tri-fold packet holders. The first can, *Probate Records, Aar to Allen, S., 1836-1891*, has been microfilmed, but as Clayton Library's funds and donations permit, the other transcribed probate minute books will be microfilmed (there are many).

Robert de Berardinis will manage the microfilming for Clayton Library as well as produce the finding aids that will accompany the microfilm.

If that were not enough, Clayton Library will be buying, as funds permit, the survey abstract books for East Texas, Central Texas, and South Texas as well as the survey maps from the Texas General Land Office. In Texas, the original survey can also mean the original land holder. As the parcel was divided or pieces sold off, county assessors would abstract the sale because in many cases, particularly when selling land to family or relations, deeds were not recorded. But because property taxes were paid, the assessor would be able to determine the transfer (and usually the correct date). For example for Harris County, there are survey books, volumes AM, and an index. There also are nine statewide supplemental volumes.



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Beginning Saturday, October 1, 2005, Clayton will be open
Monday, 9 am - 5 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 am - 9 pm
Friday and Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm

SOME EXCITING ADDITIONS

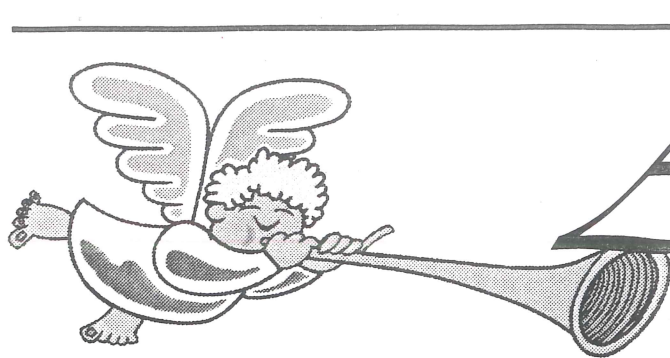
By Robert de Berardinis

CLF member Maurice Adams of Austin is allowing CLF to microfilm and digitize the visitation book of Sarah Robinson McGowen, wife of early Houston Mayor and Harris County Judge Alexander McGowen, and the two visitation books of her daughter Kate McGowen who married. John Joseph Brashear, Harris County Clerk and Judge. One of Kate and John Brashear's children, Sam Houston Brashear, was mayor of Houston at the turn of the century. These beautifully leather worked volumes, after the appraisal currently underway, will probably be donated to the Harris County Archives after CLF microfilms and digitizes them.

The redoubtable CLF Typing Ladies are transcribing the books. Their value is twofold. First, they give evidence of upper class social intercourse from the 1830s through the 1860s in Houston. Secondly, they give evidence of people being at a place in time because visitation books were signed and dated at the residence of the owner. Thus, the books become a type of "mini-census," i.e., identifying people at a given place in time. CLF will own the microfilm master, but a copy will be made available for inter library loan.

These are unique historical and genealogical treasures from the Republic and Ante Bellum periods. After the books are available at the Harris County Archives, researchers should go and see them. They will also be available for inspection at the November General Meeting.

The finding aid for these books will also include a descendant genealogy or a provenance of ownership, which, according to Stevenson, is what determines evidentiary value. The finding aid will also include an index. It will also include some scans of some of the entries.



Angels Report

by Liz Hicks, CLF Director

"ANGELS NEEDED"

The Angel Program was created in 1994 to provide funds for periodicals and back issues that the library does not have the funds to purchase. Anyone interested in becoming an "Angel" by underwriting one or more of the following for the 2006 subscription year should contact, Liz Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030, (713) 944-1118 or email: erootrot@usa.net. Please remember donations can be made in memory or honor of someone(s) and acknowledged in the CLF Newsletter. A bookplate can be placed in the bound periodicals at the end of the year.

<i>Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine</i>	\$15.00
<i>Annals of Wyoming</i>	\$20.00
<i>Argyll Colony Plus</i> (Scottish Heritage NC)	\$30.00
<i>Bluegrass Roots</i> (KY)	\$15.00
<i>Carolina Herald and Newsletter</i> (SC)	\$8.00
<i>Central Georgia Gen. Soc. Quarterly</i> (Multiple counties)	\$20.00
<i>Chicago Genealogist</i> (ILL)	\$20.00
<i>Chronicles of Smith County TX</i>	\$20.00
<i>Family History Capers</i> (Washtenaw Co., MI)	\$10.00
<i>Family Tree Magazine & CD</i> (United Kingdom) ..	\$78.00
<i>Foothills Inquirer</i> (CO)	\$15.00
<i>Gems of Genealogy</i> (WI)	\$10.00
<i>Genie</i> (Ark-LA-TX Gen. Assn.)	\$20.00
<i>Georgia Gen. Soc. Quarterly</i>	\$30.00
<i>Georgia Settlers</i> (Multiple counties East Georgia)	\$18.00
<i>Greenville Co. Gen. Soc. Journal</i> (SC)	\$20.00
<i>Illinois State Gen. Soc. Quarterly</i>	\$25.00
<i>Indiana Genealogist</i>	\$30.00
<i>Kith 'n Kin</i> (Sandusky, Ohio)	\$10.00
<i>Knox County Kentucky Kinfolks</i>	\$15.00
<i>Le Raconteur</i> (LA)	\$15.00
<i>Lifelines</i> (Northern NY American-Canadian)	\$30.00
<i>MASSOG</i> (Mass.)	\$25.00
<i>Middle TN Journal of Genealogy and History</i> ...	\$25.00
<i>Minnesota Genealogist</i>	\$30.00
<i>Mississippi River Routes</i> (Vicksburg Gen. Soc.) ..	\$20.00
<i>Montgomery Gen. Soc. Quarterly</i> (AL)	\$12.00
<i>Northeast Mississippi Hist. and</i> <i>Gen. Soc. Quarterly</i>	\$15.00

<i>Polish Footprints</i> (Polish Gen. Soc. Of Texas) ...	\$20.00
<i>Prairie Gleaner</i> (West Central Missouri)	\$15.00
<i>Rodziny</i> (Polish Gen. Soc. Of America)	\$20.00
<i>Ross County Gen. Soc. Newsletter</i> (Ohio)	\$13.00
<i>Tap Roots</i> (East Alabama Gen. Soc.)	\$20.00
<i>Tennessee Genealogy and History</i>	\$20.00
<i>The Times</i> (NC)	\$15.00
<i>Upper South Carolina Gen. And History</i>	\$20.00
<i>Vermont Genealogy</i>	\$20.00
<i>Yakima Valley Gen. Soc. Bulletin</i> (WA)	\$20.00
<i>Connecticut Ancestry</i> (Stamford Gen. Soc.)	\$25.00
<i>Families</i> (Ontario Genealogical Society, Canada)	\$45.00
<i>Goingsnake Messenger</i> (Cherokee-Oklahoma) ..	\$15.00
<i>Idaho Genealogical Society Journal</i>	\$19.00
<i>Maine Genealogist</i>	\$20.00
<i>Ohio Records and Pioneer Families</i>	\$20.00
<i>Wisconsin State Genealogical</i> <i>Society Newsletter</i>	\$25.00

The following societies have agreed to do a periodical exchange with us for 2006:

Flint Gen. Society (MI),
Florida Historical Society,
Giles Co. Historical Society (TN),
The St. Croix Valley Gen. Society (WI),
Cuban Gen. Society,
Topeka Gen. Society (KS),
Bismarck-Mandan Hist. & Gen.
Society (ND),
South Dakota Gen.
Society.





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to ALL current volunteers as well as new volunteers when they sign up.

HPL also acknowledged that CLF would have the ability to participate directly in any volunteer member's disciplinary process when necessary, at the Clayton Library level. The process developed jointly by the Clayton volunteer coordinator, David Hardin, and CLF volunteer coordinator, Sandy Scott, will resolve volunteer problems and concerns at the Clayton Library and in confidence, before they escalate to adverse action by HPL.

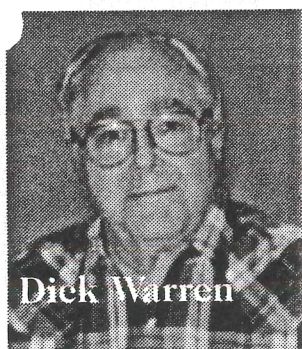
The new CLF Volunteer Training Guide will be disseminated at the new training/orientation sessions. Current CLF volunteers will receive this training and it will be required for all new volunteers. This training is in addition to "how to" training such as shelving, micro-print desk, etc.

The CLF Board has directed that all CLF member volunteer activity including recruitment of CLF member volunteers will require that:

1. A written agreement is reached between CLF and HPL regarding volunteer-employee status with a complete enumeration of rights and responsibilities on both sides as well as forms of formal redress. Further, the agreement must include the primacy of CLF to administer its program and be ratified by the CLF Board before resumption of the program. To date the requirement has not been satisfied.
2. The current CLF member volunteer cadre is made aware of the lack of volunteer orientation regarding the HPL policy and procedures. Further, any future change to the policy and procedures will be immediately forwarded to all CLF member volunteers.
3. CLF member volunteers are made aware of their status as HPL volunteers and must concur in writing to the proposed new system as iterated in point 1. above, for any future activity.

Dick Warren

CLF 2006 OFFICER NOMINEES



Dick Warren

Dickie K. "Dick" Warren, nominee for CLF President, is currently serving as the President and previously served as First Vice President and as an appointed CLF Director and Program Chairman. Dick is a founding member of the Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) and is currently serving as that group's second vice President in charge of member programs. Other affiliations include National Institute for Genealogical Research alumnus, the Houston Genealogical Forum and the Cherokee Cultural Society. Dick is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in physics. He is a former Air Force officer who went on to technical management positions with NASA and NASA-affiliated contractors, specializing in Flight Crew Mission Operations. He has been involved in every manned space program from Project Mercury to Space Station and has had tours of duty at Johnson Space Center, Goddard Space Flight Center, Kennedy Space Center, and NASA headquarters. Dick has been recognized with a Presidential Community Service Commendation for his work with public education in the Friendswood public schools and for his service on the Friendswood Board of Education.



Iris Eaton

Iris Collins Eaton, nominee for CLF First vice president, is the founding president of the National Society of Madison Family Descendants. Iris has a degree from the University of Houston with majors in history and education. After teaching history six years for HISD, she joined Merrill Lynch as a broker. Iris was one of the first women to become a Merrill Lynch Vice President. Retirement last year has given her time to travel, visit the homelands of her ancestors, and to participate in a life long love of genealogy. Iris is a member of the Colonial Dames, DAR, and The Daughters of 1812. She is currently serving as the President of the National Headquarters Endowment Trust Fund for 1812 in Washington, D.C. Iris' mother was a first generation American; her mother's parents were German immigrants. Grandfather Stoesser was an early rice farmer in Liberty County. Her father's families were very early Virginia settlers and she has enjoyed tracing the Collins, Catlett, Madison, May, Marchbank and

faliaferro Families. Iris is looking forward to searching Underwood, McDonald, Daugherty, Burrows, O'Quinn, Hathorn, Gaines, Wilson, Baldwin, Minor, and Gartman. Her long-term dream is searching the German and Swiss ancestors.



Don Teter

Donald L "Don" Teter, nominee for CLF 2nd Vice President. Don came on the Board during 2004 when a resignation occurred. Some of Don's activities include memberships in CLF, Baytown Genealogy Society, Greater Houston Jewish Genealogy Society and Friends of the Texas Room. He is a past president of the Texas Jewish Historical Society and compiler and editor of their book, *Texas Jewish Burials*, a documentation of 34,000 interments. He graduated from Rice Institute, with a degree in Chemical Engineering, and worked in the synthetic rubber and other engineering industries for 33 years. He is currently doing volunteer work at the Texas Room and working on a project of the GHJGS, extracting life cycle events from the Jewish Herald-Voice, a current Houston weekly newspaper which has been published since 1908.



Alice Braud-Jones

Candidate for Secretary of the CLF Board; **Alice Braud-Jones** was elected to the board in June '05 and is the managing editor of *The CLF Newsletter*. A native Texan and an avid genealogist, she has been interested in family history since childhood. Alice has carefully tracked and proven many of her ancestral lines back to the 15th and 16th centuries through careful study and personal on-site research at local, national and international repositories. Ms. Braud-Jones is a firm believer in continuing education and toward that end has completed the following relevant courses:

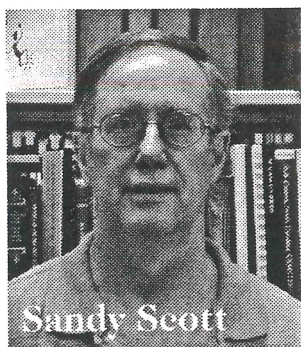
- Samford University, IGHR:
 - British Ancestry Research
 - French Ancestry Research
 - Irish Ancestry Research
 - Land Records
 - Trans Appalachian South
- British Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research
- National Genealogical Society American Genealogy, A Basic Course

- National Institute of Genealogical Research (NIGR)
- Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy Researching the Old South

Alice holds memberships in many genealogical and lineage societies and serves as:

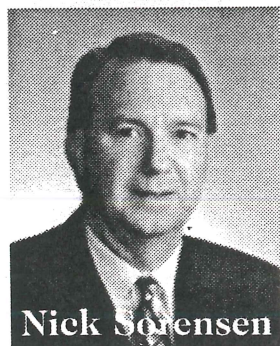
- National Vice-Chair, Genealogy, New Chapter Development NSDAR
- National Speaker's Staff NSDAR
- 1st VP Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS)
- Secretary, UDC, Fort Virginia Point Chapter

Other relevant experience includes serving as NSDAR State Corresponding Secretary and a 6 year gubernatorial appointment to the Texas State Board of Examiners.



Sandy Scott

Alexander Perry "Sandy" Scott, nominee for CLF director, is currently serving as as the CLF volunteer's coordinator. Sandy is president of the San Jacinto Chapter, Association of Professional Genealogists, and holds memberships in the Houston Genealogical Forum, the National Genealogical Society, and the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. His family roots go back to Scotland on his father's side and colonial New York and New England on his mother's. He has been actively researching his family for the past ten years, is a professional genealogist, and has published four family histories. Sandy is a graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago and for almost twenty-five years was employed in the petrochemical industry.



Nick Sorensen

Nick H. Sorensen joined the Board during 2005 following the resignation of another director. He obtained his undergraduate degree and his J.D. from Brigham Young University and is a partner with the law firm of Porter & Hedges, L.L.P. in Houston where he has practiced finance and general business law for almost 20 years. He is involved with the Boy Scouts of America and is active in other church, civic, and charitable organizations. Surrounded by a family of genealogists, Nick accepted an invitation to join the CLF because of his strong support of CLF's mission and its goals.

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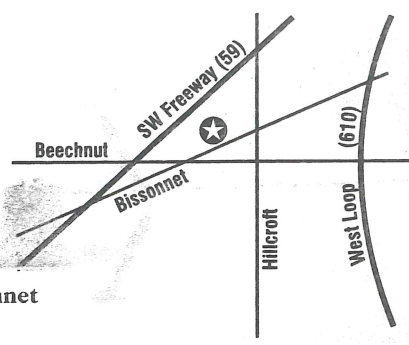
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