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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I trust that you celebrated the New Year properly.

2006 holds the promise of an exciting year for the Clayton Library, a premier genealogy facility. It is one of the three best public Genealogy Collections in the United States. We at CLF are proud of our work in supporting Clayton.

The feasibility phase of the Clayton House and complex renovation was completed last year and fund raising has started. Now, real renovation of the Clayton House complex will get underway with the GMSA Architect Design Phase completion early this year. These will be the specifications and drawings that will be used in the bidding process and selection of the contractor. We have hired a professional to act as our project manager to guide our way through the detailed coordination with the architect and City of Houston. How soon we are able to bring this Historic Complex to completion will depend on the work to be done, its related cost, and how soon we can get started.

Our Capital Campaign Fund Raising started mid-year 2005. To date we have raised or committed about \$2.7 million toward the restoration, about one quarter of the way to our goal. Fund raising will continue aggressively to reach \$10 million. Out of that fund, CLF will establish a \$2.5 million maintenance endowment so that we are able to maintain the

property in pristine condition as a genealogical research facility.

The CLF is expanding the Acquisitions project to include the collection of:

Additional Texas State Archives and Texas General Land Office;

Additional Texas County Records such as deeds, probate records, marriages, etc. for Harris and surrounding counties and for those counties east of the Trinity River, by purchasing the RHRD collection from the Genealogical Society of Utah or the Texas State Library and Archives;

Seek to obtain directly from the individual counties any records that are not part of the RHRD collection;

Texas Death Certificates (1935-1978);

Texas Birth Certificates (1928-1935);

Texas Marriage Records, 1966-;

Additional colonial Gulf Coast and Mississippi Valley records from foreign archives;

American Indian Records;

African-American Records;

Passenger & Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, 1897-1957 (NARA Publication T717, reels 1-4892);

Remaining 1930 Soundex microfilm;

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Clayton Library Friends Financial Report

Balance Sheet

At 12/31/05

Acct	Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Postal Service Bulk Mail Acc.....	543.54
Wells Fargo Checking Acc.	99,149.88
Wells Fargo Market Rate Acc.	554,172.62
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	653,866.04
TD Waterhouse Investment Acc.	
Portfolio value at 12/31/05	835,310.93
Accrued interest at 12/31/05	6,299.74
TOTAL ASSETS.....	1,495,476.71
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	- 0 -
EQUITY	1,495,476.71
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,495,476.71

Cash Flow Report

01/01/05 Through 12/31/05

Category	Description	Amounts
INFLOWS		
411 - Unrestricted Gifts		10,605.00
412 - Rest'd Gifts - non Endowment		657,514.39
424 - 2005 Dues.....		3,750.00
425 - 2006 Dues.....		10,230.00
426 - 2007 Dues.....		20.00
430 - Fund Raising Income		3,594.33
440 - Interest - non Endowment		5.45
450 - Interest - Endowment.....		29,917.51
TOTAL INFLOWS		715,636.68
OUTFLOWS		
510 - Library Purchases.....		616,626.26
520 - Direct Payments to Library		90.00
530 - Program Printing & Mailing		2,995.18
540 - Meeting & Seminar Expns		463.48
550 - Misc Prog Expns.....		3,956.74
560 - Library Renovation Project		25,923.49
610 - Audit		5,500.00
620 - Tax Services		1,104.00
650 - M&G Printing & Mailing.....		1,381.21
660 - Office Supplies		989.35
670 - P.O. Box Rental.....		126.00
680 - Misc M&G Expenses.....		1,543.13
710 - Fund Raising Printg & Mail		117.39
720 - Misc Fund Raising Expns		800.07
730 - Fund Raising (Renovation)		40,000.00
To TDWaterhouse Investment Acc.		100,000.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		246,616.30
OVERALL TOTAL		469,020.38

Ruby Dusek
Treasurer

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Printed Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850 (need a re-print copy to replace the one currently in the library);

20th and 21st Century Vital Records Indexes;

Acquire Out-of-Print books related to French and Spanish colonial records;

Index to Spanish Marriages for the Military Officers in America;

Index to Spanish Hojas de Servicio;

Corvisier's finding aid on French military records *Les contrôles de troupes de l'Ancien Régime*, vol. 3;

Nancy Miller Surry's two-volume set *Calendar of Manuscripts in Paris Archives and Libraries Relating to the History of the Mississippi Valley to 1803* (reprint)

Also on our 'wish list' are the Government Land Office Records, 1930 Census Soundex Records, New York Passenger Lists, completion of the Cuban Papers, Texas Ranger Records, Military Records, and more. Our radar is on scan for those Texas records we don't yet know about that will need preservation. Last year we found a number of significant documents and preserved them. CLF intends to continue looking. We always welcome donations of funds ear-marked for any of these collections or other items for the library.

High on our list of achievements is our joint participation with the Houston Genealogical Forum in the development of educational seminars to help the genealogy community in their research and in solving brick wall problems. These seminars were successful in 2005 with attendance averaging 65 participants. More significant was the genealogical education provided to experienced as well as beginner genealogists.

Bringing the official Website online is a major project that resisted completion in 2005. We are renewing our goal of an upgraded presence on the Internet that will provide the surfer with information about the "Friends", the Clayton Library and the rewards of being a member and volunteer.

We have not been very efficient with the postal and electronic delivery of the *CLF Newsletter*. A new director is leading the charge to improve our commitment to the membership. We will continue to refine electronic delivery of the *CLF Newsletter* to quickly bring information to CLF members.

If you would like to participate in these exciting projects as a volunteer, contact Sam Lusk at navret@hal-pc.org or any CLF Director.

Dick Warren

CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS VOLUNTEERS FOR 2005

One of the main and important ongoing functions of CLF is providing support to Clayton Library by the scheduling of our volunteers to assist the library staff during working hours. This CLF volunteer program successfully completed over 5,500 hours of scheduled work time in 2005. We are proud to present the following 2005 Clayton Library Volunteers responsible for this selfless contribution:

Acker, Karen	Epps, Laura	McGowan, Nora McLin	Shenberger, Lloyd
Aubin, Tom	Eriksen, Norma	McLaren, Olga C.	Shimek, Carolyn
Austill, Mary	Evans, Joan	McLaughlin, Nelle	Singleton, David B.
Barkley, James	Findley, Martha	McNabb, Winifred	Steves, Myron
Barkley, Leslie	Freeland, Bernard	Metcalfe, Pat	Taylor, Margaret
Barnett, Jerry	Friedman, Susanna	Middlebrooke, Audrey	Teas, Oletia
Barnett, Judy	Fritz, Rose Mary	Minor, Rose	Teas, William
Benton, Lyn	Furby, John	Miseremdino, Neil	Teter, Don
Boudreaux, Jean	Gann, Phyliss	Morton, Kim	Thompson, Bob
Boykin, Sharline	Gilleam, Julia	Moss, Alpheus	Toney, Virginia
Brandhorst, Mary	Gillette, Vernon	Odena, Verna	Turner, Suigetsu
Braud-Jones, Alice	Gorden, Jane	Orr, Ruth	Tye, Ernest J.
Brown, Garey	Hart, David	Parks, Florence	Versluys, Don
Brown, Jane H.	Hartzog, Katie	Patterson, Ann	Vincent, Tressia
Bultema, Stephen	Hazen, Nancy	Pearson, Mary E.	Waghalter, Milton
Burns, Tommy	Hicks, Liz	Peipelman, Chocolate	Warren, Dick
Butterfield, Ivan	Hudson, Ann	Pennington, Frances	Weaver, Marilyn
Clark, Edwina A.	Jarvis, Harry	Phillips, Patricia	Weimer, Wm R
Carroll, Dorothy Howell	Johns, Alice	Phillips, Renee	Wells, Kerry
Carroll, Mildred	Kaufman, Sue	Pryor, Gwen	White, Bettye
Collett, Louisa	Keeline, Don	Pusch, Don	White, Don
Cook, JoAnne	Knight, Paris	Pusey, Betsy	Wilkinson, Winona
Cooper, Grace	Koons, Charles Bruce	Rayne, Stephen	Williams, Sandra
Cowen, Joy	Krewinghaus, Bruce	Rayne, Vickie	Wilson, Charlene
Coy, Gerri	Kroeger, Connee	Reed, Bob	Wilson, Douglas
Coyle, John	Lewis, Ruth	Reed, Katie	Wilson, Pauline M.
Cress, Glen	Lowe, Marjorie J.	Roberts, Jane	Woods, Laura Sanders
Cress, Sharon	Lusk, Sam	Robison, G. Alan	Workman, Gayle
Cunningham, Eva	Lyon, Tom	Robison, Jill J.	Worm, John
Davenport, Wallace	Mancini, Maureen	Russell, Judy Jensen	Wyche, Barbara
de Berardinis, Robert	Marks, William	Ryman, Betty	Wynne, Cicely
Dorsey, Diana	Martin, Mary	Sanders, Marjorie	Yarbrough, Ginger
Dunquez, Betty	Mathews, Alyce	Scott, Alexander	Yarbrough, Jim
Dusek, Ruby	McGarry, Tina	Seltzer, Annabel	
Eaton, Iris	McGowan, John Evans	Serrano, Lucile	

In addition to this list, we must mention the Clayton staff members, specifically David Hardin and Irene Walters. These two librarians coordinate and schedule our precious time to Clayton's calendar. Sandy Scott, our CLF Volunteer Coordinator for 2005, worked devotedly to maintain the high standards that CLF expects from their volunteer program.

*Thank you all for the exceptional efforts and energy you shared with Clayton this year.
We are the better because of it.*



A Silent Hero

The Clayton Library Friends Volunteers do an outstanding service for the Clayton Library, volunteering over 8,000 hours last year, equivalent to four full-time librarians. So many do so much that it is almost impossible to identify any one contribution.

There is an exception...

The Board of Directors is deeply, deeply indebted to Charles David Lodge for his voluntary service in maintaining Clayton Library Friends membership records, tracking directed contributions, developing member mailing lists and various other membership reports. He provides tireless and accurate data entry of the membership database.

The data David keeps directly supports the Board of Directors in the development budgets, membership status, membership campaigns, individual member renewal reports, library resource acquisitions, mailing lists for both the posted and electronic newsletters, and more.

David's contributions are generally not visible to the membership. But the Officers and Directors need and use the information he provides. His weekly reports are essential to support the assigned tasks of officers and directors. It requires his constant attention.

Charles David Lodge is our Silent Hero.

NEW CLF BOARD MEMBERS



Frances Trimble

Frances Guerra Trimble was born in Laredo, Texas and moved to Houston in 1965. She worked as a secretary in the Artificial Heart Program and in various other positions until starting a family in 1971. From 1975-1978, she conceived, produced, and directed a statewide media research project, funded by the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health at The University of Texas at Austin. The project included radio, TV, and print materials on depression and anger. It was aired statewide and in Mexico and Canada. Frances also wrote a brochure on disaster preparedness and the emotional response to disaster that was distributed by the Houston Chapter of the

American Red Cross. She has served on the Board of the Mental Health Association of Houston & Harris County and for a brief period on the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County board.

In 1999 she wrote "Who Was Marcus Sewell? An Investigative Summary Using Tennessee, Alabama and Texas Land/Genealogical Records" for *Tennessee Ancestors*, a publication of the East Tennessee Historical Society. This essay began as research done on her own ancestors, who migrated to Texas during the Republic period. She has also written a book about her family, titled *Make Some Lone Star Your Resting Place...a true story of land, politics and murder in early Texas*.

One Hundred Years of Champions and Change -The History of Austin Country Club was published in 1999. She is currently finishing work on *The One Hundred Year History of Houston Country Club* and *The Houston Pilots: Silent Servants of Progress*.

Frances is a member of the East Tennessee Historical Society, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, First Families of Tennessee, First Families of Bexar County, and has recently begun serving as PR Chairman for the Lady Washington Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution.

Samuel Stowell Lusk, DDS, MS, was born in Rapid City South Dakota and grew up in Pawnee, Oklahoma. His college experience included



Sam Lusk

Kemper, University of Oklahoma, Baylor, Tennessee University, and George Washington University. He is a retired Capt, US Navy 1981, and a retired Associate Professor (Emeritus), The University of Texas Dental Branch 2000. Sam served on vestry at Holy Spirit, Houston and Trinity, Houston, and is a board member of the Episcopal Medical Missions Foundation and the Trinity Endowment Fund.

Sam is a CLF Volunteer at the Clayton House and a former Volunteer Coordinator for the house. He is about to publish the first of a three-four volume work of "Lusks in America".

OUTSTANDING SERVICE.. CLF RECOGNIZES DON PUSCH FOR HIS LEADERSHIP

In recognition of his long service to Clayton Library Friends, Don Pusch was presented with a plaque by the CLF board on January 17, 2006, at its January meeting.

Don has been active with the Clayton Library Friends for 15 years. In 1992 he took on the job as editor of *The CLF Newsletter* and continued in that position for the next ten years, helping it to grow into the professional publication that it is today. Under Don's leadership the newsletter won first place in the 1997 NGS Newsletter



Competition in the category of Major Genealogical Societies. The presentation was made at the national convention in Denver, and Don was able to be at the convention with several CLF board members to receive the award. Part of Don's success with the newsletter was his attention to high editorial standards and his constant urging of members to submit a variety of articles highlighting the Clayton Library collection or providing information on how to get the most out of it.

As the Computer Learning Center coordinator at the CLF-hosted NGS Conference in 1994, Don was an essential cog in making the conference a success. He was the original designer of the CLF web site in 1995 and served as curator of the site up until 2006. He also served two years as a CLF director and was volunteers chairman in 1992 and 1993.

In 2000 Don was elected President of CLF and was reelected in 2001 for a second term. During that time period, large contributions and grants continued to flow into the CLF treasury, and he enlisted the help of interested members to develop a more capable record-keeping system. In 2002 he was elected Treasurer, a position he retained for four years, a tenure that was longer than any previous CLF treasurer.

Don's interest and expertise in colonial French history and the French sailing navy of the eighteenth century have found their outlets in his many speaking, writing, and editing activities. Some of his more notable works include the following:

- *Selected Papers by Winston De Ville*. Ville Platte, Louisiana: Provincial Press, 2000 (editor)
- *Mississippi Valley Mélange*, vol. 4. Ville Platte, Louisiana: Provincial Press, 2000 (coeditor with Winston de Ville)
- "Employees of the Marine in the Colony of Louisiana, 1759." *Louisiana Genealogical Register* 47: 69-87 (September 2000)
- "The Capture of the *Chariot Royal*," *Le Réveil Acadien* 18: 79-84 (November 2002). This article received the 2002 Editor's Award from the Acadian Cultural Society.
- *The Naval Service Dossier of Jean-François Le Large*. Seabrook, Texas: Petite Presse du Lac, 2003.
- In work: *Convoy to Louisiana: The Logs of the flûte Fortune and the frigate Opale, 1758-1759* (a complete English translation of these two log books).
- In work: *Kerlérec's Cipher: The Encoded Dispatches of the Last French Governor of the Province of Louisiana* (an analysis of the encryption techniques used in the governor's correspondence).

Although Don has officially retired from the CLF executive board, we expect to continue seeing him around the library and involved in CLF projects where he can lend his expertise.





IS THERE A DOCUMENT IN THE HOUSE?

Government Documents in Genealogical Research

By Gay E. Carter

Where would you go if you wanted to use government documents? An archive? Perhaps a university or large public library? These would be correct choices, but you might be surprised to learn that government documents can be available in almost any library. Not too long ago, Loretto Szucs wrote an introductory article

Of Callard's 195 suggested titles, Clayton has or has access to 80 of them, a good 41 per cent. And this isn't even counting such things as all of the National Archives microfilm collections

about using government documents for genealogy entitled "Government Documents: No Genealogy Here?"¹ The question just as easily could be turned around when thinking about a genealogy library such as Clayton: "No government documents here?"

Taking a bibliography prepared by Carole Callard of the Library of Michigan² as a starting point, I searched the Houston Public Library catalog, limiting the results to Clayton Library, to test this theory. Of Callard's 195 suggested titles, Clayton has or has access to 80 of them, a good 41 per cent. And this isn't even counting such things as all of the National Archives microfilm collections.

Government publications cover any imaginable subject, so you'll find a variety of resources

and topics. What kinds of publications are useful for genealogical research?

When you are ready to take a trip, you turn to travel guides for help and suggestions. Guides to resources give the same kind of aid for "touring" a collection of research materials. Examples of this type of publication are *Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives* (3rd ed., 2000;

016.9291 L697 USA), *Guide to Research Collections of Former United States Senators, 1789-1982* (016.328 G946 USA),

The Confederacy: A Guide to Federal Archives Relating to the Civil War (016.9737 B415 USA) and its counterpart *The Union: A Guide to Federal Archives Relating to the Civil War* (973.7 M965 USA). Taking the time to read about a collection before going to use it can save researchers much valuable time while on site.

Actually, many of the travel guides produced by the National Park Service can be useful to genealogists, too. Those relating to historical sites often give brief but substantive information about the history or culture of the site and its time period. If your interest is in the Civil War, you might take a look at *Manassas National Battlefield Park, Virginia* (975.5 W746 VA; also available online at <http://www.nps.gov/mana/>) or *Fort Sumter:*

National Monument, South Carolina (975.7 B261 SC; also available online at <http://www.nps.gov/fosu/>). Is the American Revolution more your cup of tea? Try *Fort Stanwix, Rome, New York* (<http://www.nps.gov/fost/>) or *Yorktown Battlefield, Virginia* (<http://www.nps.gov/yonb/index.htm>). How about tracking down those migrating ancestors? Take a look at the *Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail* (<http://www.nps.gov/mopi/>) or the *Trail of Tears National Historic Trail* (<http://www.nps.gov/trte/>). Whether or not you plan to visit the parks, you will learn significant background detail that will help you understand the lives and experiences of your ancestors.

It's a good research habit to check for bibliographies on your research topic, whether they are published separately or as part of a book or journal article. As might be expected, the Library of Congress publishes many genealogically helpful bibliographies. *Generations Past: A Selected List of Sources for Afro-American Genealogical Research* (016.929 L425 USA), *Hidden Research Resources in the German Collections of the Library of Congress: A Select Bibliography of Reference Works* (016.943 K92 USA), *Revolutionary America, 1763-1789: A Bibliography* (973.3 G353 USA), and *Railroad Maps of the United States: A Selective Annotated Bibliography of the Original 19th-Century Maps in the Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress* (016.912 L697 USA) are just a few. Check out many other titles

on the Library of Congress Genealogy Reading Room web site (http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/bib_guide/bibguide.html).

Biographical directories and personnel lists are always potentially useful for family historians. Somebody's ancestors will be found in the *Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774-1989* (923.2873 W872 USA; also available online as *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress* at <http://bioguide.congress.gov/biosearch/biosearch.asp>, *Women in Congress, 1917-1990* (923.2873 W872 USA), the State Department's *Diplomatic List* (<http://www.state.gov/s/cpr/rls/dpl/>), or *Key Officers of Foreign Service Posts* (<http://foia.state.gov/MMS/KOH/keyoffcity.asp>).

Official publications such as *War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies* (973.74 U58 USA) are well-known resources. Look also for the *Papers of the Continental Congress, 1774-1789* (973.312 U58 USA Microfilm), the *American State Papers* (333.10973 U53 USA; also available online at <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwsp.html>), the *Territorial Papers of the United States* (973.U58 USA), and the *Historical Register and Dictionary of the United States Army from Its Organization, September 29, 1789, to March 2, 1903* (353.6 H473 USA)

You will have noticed by now that many government publications are available electronically as well as in print. You can access these titles either through Clayton's Internet connections or from home. Other electronic publications you might want to sample are the Library of Congress's *Country Studies* (<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/es/cs/home.html>), *United States Army Unit Histories* (<http://carlisle-www.army.mil/usamhi/UnitHistories.html>), or *Library of Congress Manuscripts: An Illustrated Guide* (<http://www.loc.gov/rr/mss/guide/>). Speaking of manuscripts,

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don't overlook the *National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections* (<http://www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/>)!

While this article concentrates on federal publications, remember that state governments publish, too. One of the best descriptions of federal land and the rectangular survey system is the *Official Ohio Lands Book* (K 68 OHIO), published by the Auditor of the State of Ohio in 2002. It is illustrated with maps and has clear explanations of the history of public land surveys. You already may be familiar with *Guide to Genealogical Resources in the Texas State Archives* (976.4 T355), published by the Texas State Library.

If this glimpse into government documents hasn't whetted your appetite, or even if it has, be

sure to read Curt B. Witcher's excellent overview of how and why to use government documents for genealogical research.³ See also my handout and bibliography for more tips and articles about exploring and using government publications.⁴ As you cite your sources (you *are* doing that, aren't you?) on your next visit to Clayton, keep an eye out for government documents.

¹Loretto Dennis Szucs, "Unlikely Sources: Government Documents: No Genealogy Here?" *Ancestry* 12 (January/February 1994): 24-25. Also available at <http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/anemag/2604.asp>.

²Carole Callard, "Pursuing the Past: Genealogy and Government Documents," *Proceedings of the 11th Annual Federal Depository Library Conference, October 21-23, 2002*, published online on GPO Access, FDLP Desktop, at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/pubs/proceedings/02pro_callard.html.

³Curt B. Witcher, "Delving into Federal Government Publications," *Ancestry* 16 (September/October 1998): 53-57. Also available at <http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/anemag/742.asp>.

⁴Gay E. Carter, "Pursuing the Past: Annotated Bibliography of Government Resources for Genealogical Research," *Proceedings of the 11th Annual Federal Depository Library Conference, October 21-23, 2002*, published online on GPO Access, FDLP Desktop, at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/pubs/proceedings/02pro_carter.html.



Angels Report

by Liz Hicks

We wish to thank the following Clayton Library Friends who have earned their wings by donating funds in support of the Angels program:

- ★ **Marjorie J. Lowe**, *Goingsnake Messenger* (Cherokee-Oklahoma), renewal for 2006 in honor of the Goingsnake Heritage Association.
- ★ **Jackie Darden Rundstein**, *Tap Roots*, renewal for 2006 in honor of her Dardens who migrated from Lee and Russell Counties, AL; and donation to Angel program.
- ★ **Patsy and Mike Andrews**, *Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine*, in memory of Thomas Gilbert Andrews; *Families* (Ontario Gen. Soc.) and the *Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly*, in honor of Janet Tyler Fox; and donation to Angel program.
- ★ **Wally E. Davenport**, *Mississippi River Routes* and *Arkansas Family Historian* renewals for 2006.
- ★ **Laurie E. Rasbery**, renewal for *Le Raconteur* (LA), in loving memory of Eunice Domingue Toussel.
- ★ **David Pitts**, renewal for *Northeast Mississippi Historical and Genealogical Society*.
- ★ **Jack Calkins**, renewal for *Clarke County Historical Society* (AL).
- ★ **Maureen Singleton**, 2006 renewal for *Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter* in memory of Henry Jeremiah Murphy, Sr.
- ★ **John L. Davis**, subscription to Clark County (AR) Historical Association and Museum's *Clark County Historical Journal* in memory of his father, Logan Davis.

Angels are still needed for the following periodical subscriptions:

The Family Tree Magazine (British Isles) \$78.00 (comes with CD)

Kith 'n Kin (Sandusky, Ohio) \$10.00

Rodziny (Polish Gen. Soc. Of America) \$20.00

Chicago Genealogist (Newberry Library) \$20.00

If you are interested in donating funds for any of these subscriptions, please contact:

Liz Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030, phone: (713) 944-1118 or email: erootrot@usa.net. Donations for binding are also appreciated.

In addition to those listed in the November *CLF Newsletter*, the following societies have agreed to a periodical exchange with us for 2006: Minnesota Genealogical Society, Yakima Valley Genealogical Society (Washington), and the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County, Michigan.



CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS MEETING

Date: Saturday, February 11, 2006

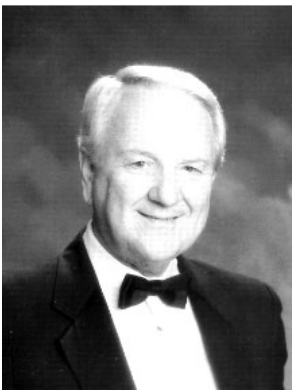
Time: 10:00 — 12:00 noon

**Place: Bayland Community Center
6400 Bissonnet St., Houston, TX**

Speaker: Donald E. Lee

Topic: *Lee After Appomattox*

Brief Description: This is a part of Lee's life that most people, including historians, tend to overlook. However, it is the part where he made his greatest and most lasting contributions to this country as a "healer" and as an educator.



Donald E. Lee is Past Commander of the Albert Sidney Johnston Camp No. 67, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Past Commander of the Albert Sidney Johnston Camp No. 5 of the Military Order of Stars and Bars, and immediate Past President of the Sam Houston Chapter of The Sons of the Republic of Texas. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and the General Society of 1812. He served as Chairman of the 1999 Confederate Ball and last year served as Chairman of the Albert Sidney Johnston Scholarship Committee. An accomplished watercolor artist, he also is a member of the Houston Civic Arts Association.

A sixth generation Texan with ancestors who fought at the Alamo, Don was born in Seguin, graduated from The University of Texas, and served as a Captain in the U. S. Marine Corps during the Korean conflict. After a career of over 36 years, Don retired from Exxon in 1990. He has served and is serving on numerous civic, community, and educational boards, including Houston's Theater Under the Stars, the Foundation Board of Texas Tech University, and the Museum of Southern History.

Don's four great grandfathers served in the Confederate Army. They were Lieutenant Elias M. C. Lee in the Georgia Volunteer Infantry, Private William Blanton Westbrook in the Second Texas Infantry, Private Abner Valentine Gates in the 33rd Texas Calvary, and Private Asa Huffman was also in the Texas Infantry.

Don and his wife Janice are members of the Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church and the Riverbend Country Club.

Gloria Wright Russell, Director
Clayton Library Friends, Program Chair



WHAT'S *New* ?

NEW COMMITTEE WANTS YOUR INPUT

by Trevia Wooster Beverly

The new CLF Acquisitions Committee hopes to continue the fine work done in the past to obtain items used by genealogical and historical researchers who use Clayton Library. All acquisitions will be carefully choreographed to meet the overall goals and plans that the Clayton Library Manager and staff foresee. But we also want to have as much input as possible from the CLF membership.

CLF members who have given an e-mail address will soon receive a very short survey form. We hope you will take the time to read it, fill it out, and return it. In addition, we plan to implement an idea submitted by Ginny Toney (a past president) some time ago to "Adopt a County!" It seems we have many counties within various states where we have not one single item on the shelf and we hope that those particularly interested will be willing to 'adopt' it and provide one or two items for it. A list will soon be posted on the lunch room bulletin board at Clayton, but in the meantime if you have a particular state of interest e-mail us and we'll provide a list of counties that needs adopting.

As many of you know, through a gift, Clayton was able to obtain the Texas Death Certificates --- yes! the actual certificate! --- for the years available up to 1935. A top priority 'by popular demand' is to take it to the next stage for those certificates from 1935-1978. For this and other projects we encourage not only gifts-in-kind but your monetary gift as well. Given through the CLF Acquisitions Committee you can be assured that your gift will be handled quickly and appropriately.

This Committee serves at the pleasure of the Board on your behalf. Let us hear your ideas and what your needs are for materials for Clayton.

John Dorroh (a past president), Chairman

Gay Carter (past Director)

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1911 CANADIAN CENSUS RECORDS ARE NOW ONLINE !!

*by Fran Bumann
and Wally Davenport*

Those of you from Clayton Library who helped the cause by signing and sending petitions last year, to the Canadian government are to be thanked for your effort in this important undertaking.

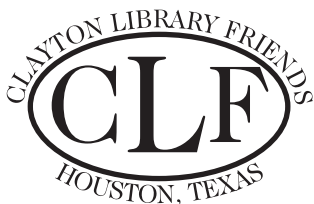
The Library and Archives of Canada has placed their 1911 census online. There is no fee for accessing this database. You can get to it by going to:

[www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/
1911/index-e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/1911/index-e.html).

The 1911 census began on June 1. Recorded for each individual was the place they lived, marital status, age, place of birth, religion, occupation, and education. The census covered those areas of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories that were part of the Canadian Confederation in 1911.

The online database of the 1911 census is only searchable by geographic location — it is not searchable by family name. But it is now online!

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AN INTERESTING ALASKA FACT

by *Gin Toney*

The nearest corollary in Alaska to the county form of government found in most other U.S. states is the *borough*. Alaska has 16 boroughs, which together cover less than 30 percent of the state. The remainder of the state's territory is divided into 11 census areas, which do not have organized borough governments due to sparse population. By convention, these census areas are used as borough-substitutes by both the state and federal governments for census, economic measures, and other purposes. We also use them in genealogy.

MANY THANKS!

by *Wally Davenport*

I have completed the mailing of acknowledgments of gifts to CLF for the year 2005. Total acknowledgments for the year were 652 of which letters were 540 and cards 112. All gifts to the Capital Campaign are acknowledged by letter. Cards were used for gifts of less than \$25.00.

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Saturday, February 11, 2006

Speaker: Donald E. Lee
Topic: *Lee After Appomattox*

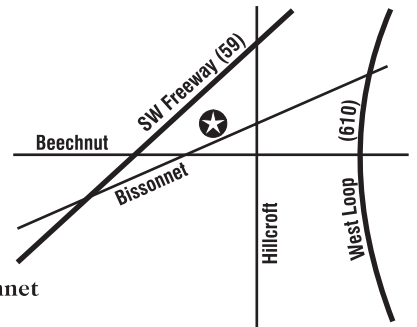


Brief Description:
This is a part of Lee's life that most people, including historians, tend to overlook. However, it is the part where he made his greatest and most lasting contributions to this country as a "healer" and as an educator.

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