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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Exciting news to report in this issue!

Clayton Executive Desk Donation. Mr. John

Wardlaw has generously donated Mr. Will Clayton's Executive Desk to the Clayton Library. Mr. Clayton used the desk while at Anderson-Clayton, Inc. John and CLF Director Wally Davenport, both worked in the office with Mr. Clayton. Sam Lusk, CLF Director of Volunteer Programs, arranged to move the desk to the second floor of the Clayton house for the time being. We plan to incorporate it into the Clayton house renovation as a mock office. If you have period office furniture to match the 36" x 64" solid mahogany desk, contact Sam Lusk.

Clayton House Renovation. Our fund raising for the Clayton house and complex has reached just over \$5 million in cash and pledges, about half of the fund raising budget. Wow! See Frances Trimble's article in this Newsletter for more grant information.

Your board of directors voted to "drive the first nail" of the Clayton Renovation at its meeting March 28,

2006 by authorizing environmental testing of the Clayton house for a) air quality and b) lead based paint. Asbestos removal was done by the City of Houston a few years ago. The CLF board also gave the nod to begin foundation leveling in the very near future.

CLF already has a signed agreement with the Houston Public Library and the City of Houston to manage the project. The project team is in place with the CLF renovation committee, our architect (GSMA), a project advisor (Jim Buescher, Inc.), and a contractor (W.S. Bellows, Inc).

AND AWAY WE GO! The first visible action will be moving the family history collection from the Clayton house, probably to the second floor of the main building. That decision is up to the Clayton Library and HPL management.

See Don Pusch's article on page 8 in this newsletter for more details.

CLF WebSite.

<http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org>.

Thanks to Frances Trimble, Gloria

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Clayton Library Friends Financial Report

Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2006

Assets:

Cash Accounts	Balance
100 – Wells Fargo Checking	6,002.92
110 – Wells Fargo Market Rate Account	65,100.04
120 – Compass Bank Business MM	150,727.13
130 – Bulk Mail Account	<u>445.24</u>
TOTAL in Cash Accounts	222,275.33
Investment Accounts	
140 – Fund Investment - TD Waterhouse	845,810.00
150 – Merrill Lynch Instit. Fund	<u>1,393,545.69</u>
TOTAL in Investment Accounts	2,239,355.69
Total Assets:	2,461,631.02
Liabilities & Equity:	
Liabilities	-0-
Equity	<u>2,461,631.02</u>
Total Liabilities and Equities	2,461,631.02

Cash Flow Report
01/01/06 through 03/31/06

Income	Amounts
410 – Contributions & Grants*	1,026,488.96
420 – Dues Income	3,435.00
421 – 2007 Dues	100.00
440 – Interest - non-Endowment	9,345.28
459 – Portfolio Value Change	<u>10,588.07</u>
Total Income	1,049,957.31
Expenses	
510 – Library Purchases	14,438.01
530 – Newsletter	1,029.59
540 – Meeting and Seminar Expenses	11.02
550 – Miscellaneous Program Expenses	790.21
560 – Library Renovation	8,075.00
625 – Accounting Software	339.95
640 – Bank Charges (Non-Acquisition)	133.04
650 – Mgt & Gen. Printing & Mailing	370.51
660 – Office Supplies	1,796.94
670 – Post Office Box Rental	132.00
680 – Misc. Mgt & General Expenses	47.99
700 – Fundraising Expenses	<u>50,250.00</u>
Total Expenses	77,414.26
Net Income	972,543.05

* Includes \$1,018,333.00 from Capital Campaign

Ruby Dusek, Treasurer

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Russell, Claudia Grafton, and yours truly, the Clayton Library Friends WebSite is up and running – no longer an empty shell. A lot more work needs to be done. For example the search engine will be working soon. The website already contains a lot of good information with much, much more to come. Visit the site often to see the changes.

Once you're there, surf the site and see what you can find. View the local and regional genealogical announcements, check event calendar schedules (for example, board of directors and member meeting dates), view the current CLF by-laws and treasurer's report, get the board of directors names, their responsibilities, pictures, and e-mail addresses to contact them individually, member benefits, the membership renewal form to download, volunteer program information and much more

Also check out the on-line newsletter for February. Navigate your way to the Resources Tab, down to "Newsletters" and "2006", over to "February". Decide if you'd like to read it on-line and download it instead of receiving it by postal mail. We will post back issues of the 2005 newsletter soon to make them available to the membership and later to the public.

Visit the site often to see all the changes. Any member who is familiar with computers, shouldn't hesitate to volunteer and assist us in making our CLF Website as impressive as our organization.

About Marje...

We have placed an important letter from Marje Harris on page 3 of this issue. She will soon be retiring from her position at Clayton as Library Manager. I know I will miss her guidance, care, and support of the CLF's mission is to enrich the resources and facilities of Clayton Library. I also know that we will all miss the grace, humor, attention, respect, consideration, and efficiency that we witnessed when Marje was on premise. Her time and effort gave us a better understanding of our family histories and ourselves. I am very proud of her and my best wishes go with her on her next adventure. *Thank You Marje.*

Dick Warren

To My Clayton Library Friends

**From Marje Harris, Manager
Clayton Library Center for Genealogical
Research**

I want to let you know that I am retiring from Clayton Library. My last working day will be May 11, 2006.

Clayton Library has been a wonderful experience for me. For thirty-four years it has not been just a job but something I have enjoyed and into which I have been delighted to put my head, heart, and life. But it is working with you, the patrons of this library, that has been a daily joy. Talking with you each day has allowed me to continue learning the subject of genealogy and to find new ideas for search strategies along with different ways of looking at problems. You

have also provided suggestions on new resources to add to the collection as well as new ways of doing things. Thank you for your wonderful support and friendship.

This past year has been difficult. I truly appreciate the wonderful cards, letters, words of encouragement, the votes of confidence and the multifaceted support that you have provided. You have helped me to get through these troubling times and to know I was not alone.

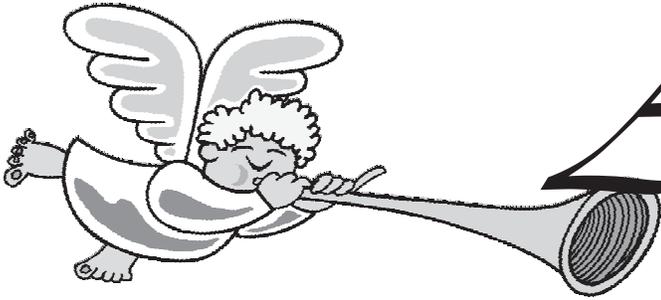
Finally, I believe it is time for someone else to take over the leadership of Clayton Library. With the heritage of Mary Flo Ulmer and Maxine Alcorn, I am confident, that who ever becomes head of this library will follow in their wonderful, strong, and dedicated leadership and continue to make Clayton Library one of the top genealogical libraries in the United States. As I have said many times, this is not my library but yours and I know you will give the new manager of Clayton Library your full support.

It has been a terrific thirty-four years. You have helped make a job an exciting experience. Yall are positively wonderful, marvelous, and just awfully nice.

I thank each and every one of you.

Marje





Angels Report

by Liz Hicks

Angels are still needed for the following periodical subscriptions:

- *The Family Tree Magazine* (British Isles) \$78.00 (comes with CD.) This periodical is used as an acquisitions aid by Clayton.
- *Kith 'n Kin* (Sandusky, Ohio) \$10.00
- *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.

We wish to thank the following people who have earned their wings by donating funds to the Angels Project:

Wendall W. Wilson, donation.

Jim Lewis, 2-year renewal for the *Prairie Gleaner* (West Central Missouri) in memory of his father, James Leon Lewis, Sr.

Elizabeth Nitschke Hicks, donation in memory of Cecilia Deason Cox.



CLAYTON LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

by Sam Lusk

We need volunteers to work at the library. Volunteer shifts run every two hours starting at 9:00 am with the last shift of the day starting at 5:00 or 7:00 pm, depending on the library schedule for each day. We prefer you to volunteer to work one shift a week and perhaps schedule a shift every other week or a specific weekday each month (e.g., third Wednesday each month). If scheduling a shift once a month is all your calendar will allow, know that those two hours will benefit Clayton and the staff in so many ways.

Most important at present is covering the Clayton house. This is a great job because it simply requires someone to be present within the house and you can use the time for reading and research. You have access to the library's computer and the Internet for family research. We specifically need members to cover the

7-9 pm time slots on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Another volunteer opportunity is at the main building re-shelving books people have used. When I did this, I found some great undiscovered resources and reference books.

You may contact me directly at navret@hal-pc.org or phone (713) 523-1648.

To serve at the Clayton house, contact Norma Eriksen nhe2655@hal-pc.org or phone (713) 771-4086.

For shelving, contact Sandy Scott Sandy@3405.com or phone (713) 921-0964.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

IN THE WORDS OF THE PRESIDENT: "WOW!"

by Frances Trimble

When asked to comment on the progress of the fundraising campaign to renovate the Clayton House, President Dick Warren summed his feelings up in one word: "Wow!"

Foundation pledges thus far total \$5,000,000, and there are additional donor prospects. "We need to reach \$6,700,000 to begin the actual work of the full complex renovation," added Warren. "Also, an additional \$2,500,000 is needed to establish a permanent Clayton Library Maintenance Trust."

In Warren's view, "We are indeed fortunate to have foundations in the Houston area that are so committed to preserving our history and furthering genealogical research. We certainly could not complete this task without them and we hope they know how very much we appreciate their help."

Among the charitable foundations that have committed funds to renovate the Clayton house are the **M. D. Anderson Foundation, Brown Foundation, Clayton Baker Trust, Clayton Fund, ECG Foundation, Fondren Foundation, Horizons Foundation, Houston Endowment, Burdine Johnson Foundation, Vaughan Foundation** and, of course, the **CLF membership**.

When advised of Clayton Library Friends' progress, Susan Clayton Garwood, granddaughter of the original donors, said, "I am just delighted with the positive response from some of our local foundations. Without the wonderful participation from Houston Endowment and the Brown Foundation, we wouldn't be able to go forward. These first grants will help so much as we continue fundraising. Everyone

loves the idea of getting the house in better shape and getting more use out of these historic spaces, so I feel confident we will get this project completed. The Friends board members deserve a huge thank-you for all of their enthusiasm and encouragement!"

Now, the work begins in earnest. At the present time, the W. S. Bellows Corporation, headed by Tom Bellows, is summarizing the results of the pre-construction analysis of renovation needs, preparing a construction budget, and project schedule.

The Clayton Library Board of Directors believes the project to be in good hands. The W. S. Bellows Corporation built one of the most recognizable landmarks in the world, the San Jacinto Monument!

Collections of Note

by David Allan Hardin

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David Allan Hardin, MSLIS, a librarian at the Clayton Library. Comments concerning this column may be directed to him at david.hardin@cityofhouston.net.

With one of the most damaging and stressful hurricane seasons in memory coming to a close, you may find yourself more mindful of our Gulf Coast than usual of its people and its history. As genealogists, we belong to a unique subset of people

deeply concerned about the future of past resources. So while the professionals assess the state of those precious collections put in harm's way, let us consider other remnants that are preserved.

The history of the Gulf Coast is a lesson in diversity. The fingerprints

left by the Spanish, French, Africans, Creoles, Acadians, Native Americans, and other immigrants crossweaved into a distinctive pattern otherwise unknown. These patterns have not fallen from the earth, rather they have become even

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more complex. For when the flag changes, a culture is not conquered; it is annexed. The descendants of this tapestry have tools at their disposal. For those interested in the Colonial Period prior to the 1820s, no greater legacy of this diverse patchwork exists than what is commonly referred to as the Cuban Papers.

The *Papeles Procedentes de Cuba* can roughly be translated as Papers coming from Cuba, which, whether you agree with the translation or not, is exactly what they did. Arriving in Seville from Havana, they were added to the *Archivo General de Indias*. This Cuban connection has confused a great number of potential researchers. For while items concerning Cuba are indeed included, the geographic scope of the papers takes in a huge area.

The papers that concern the Gulf Coast and Mississippi River Valley are of the most use to researchers. Records regarding residents of Kaskaskia, Illinois; Sainte Geneviève, Missouri; Nacogdoches, Texas; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Biloxi, Mississippi; Mobile, Alabama; and Pensacola, Florida, and written in Spanish, French, and yes, even English, are just a small sampling of what you can find. They were held in various local seats of government, e.g. New Orleans and Mexico City, before making their way to Cuba.

The papers are held in legajos (bundles), and each legajo can usually hold from six hundred to one thousand or more folios (pages). The majority span from the 1760s to the 1820s when the Spanish had greatest control over the region, but many date from much earlier and contain inherited reports from former French possessions. They

contain correspondence to and from governors, post commanders, and other public officials. Tax lists, muster rolls, censuses, and rarely even vital records also grace this reservoir. Petitions from individual citizens are not uncommon.

Due to the miracle of microfilm, several of our university libraries and a few public libraries have substantial holdings of the *Papeles Procedentes de Cuba*. The P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History at the University of Florida, Louisiana State University, and Loyola University have impressive holdings. On the public library side, the Clayton Library Friends has provided the Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research (part of the Houston Public Library in Houston, Texas) with the largest set outside of Seville. The Library of Congress, Newberry Library (Chicago), and the North Carolina State Archives (Raleigh) also own selections.

Roscoe Hill's groundbreaking *Descriptive Catalogue of the Documents relating to the History of the United States in the Papeles Procedentes de Cuba deposited in the Archivo General de Indias at Seville* remains the single best finding aid for this collection. This title has been republished as *Louisiana Legajos: A Catalogue of Records in Spain for Research in the Colonial Mississippi Valley and on the Gulf Coast* by Provincial Press <http://www.provincialpress.us>.

Mr. Hill gives us highlights and a rough table of contents legajo by legajo. It is not complete (not every legajo is covered), and it is not very detailed. The best approach is to use the index to find legajos geographically relevant to your research. If you have a trader or voyageur based

at Kaskaskia, you may find relevant material in legajos concerning Kaskaskia and the Illinois Country. Be careful not to cast your net too narrow. This trade-based society was alarmingly mobile.

The P. K. Yonge Library has created a calendar of its holdings of the *Papeles Procedentes de Cuba* on 60,000 catalog cards. This calendar is also available at the Clayton Library in Houston, Texas on microfilm. P. K. Yonge has also compiled an incomplete but useful list of titles at <http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/spec/pkyonge/papdcuba.html>. The titles are by legajo. For example, Legajo 38 is indicated thus: *Legajo 38*. 1788–1790. Correspondencia del Señor O'Neill al Señor [Miró] Gobernador de la Luisiana y otras Autoridades subalternas. B, 28.5 cm., 650 letters.*

With no real index and many linguistic challenges, you can see why the Cuban Papers have heretofore been relegated to the stuffy “basements” of university libraries. Do not let these obstacles hinder your research aims. Advanced genealogists have and will continue to cull the papers for relevant material and publish a more digestible version for the masses. So, as the Gulf Coast recovers, perhaps we will redouble our efforts to preserve and provide access to our unique collections rather than hoarding them in dark basements. We all have a role to play: Some can devote energy and experience, others can raise funds or donate directly, who knows, some may even rehabilitate some portion of the *Papeles Procedentes de Cuba* into a more accessible and tangible inheritance for us all.

The Virginia Gazette

by Kim Morton

If you have traced your genealogical lines backward in United States history there is a good chance some of your ancestry was in colonial Virginia in the 1700s. Were you aware that Virginia had a statewide newspaper called the *Virginia Gazette* published from September 1735 to December 1780? At Clayton Library we are fortunate to have this entire newspaper contained on six microfilm rolls in cabinet 99 drawer 7. Not only are we lucky to have the entire newspaper, but there is also a complete index to the newspaper contained in two book volumes (975.5 C249) in the Virginia section. This is a unique index because it is an every-name index and also an index as to places and/or subjects.

Using the *Virginia Gazette* is fairly straight forward from 1736 to 1766. It is in chronological order on the six rolls of microfilm. However, from 1766 to 1780, there were numerous printers of the *Gazette* (six in all) that overlapped

chronologically.

As a researcher, you must know which printer published the newspaper you are looking for. The printers from 1766 to 1780 and their codes used in the index are as follows:

- C Clarkson and Davis
- D Dixon and Hunter/
Dixon and
Nicolson
- P Purdie 1775-1779
- PD Purdie 1776,
succeeded by
Purdie and Dixon
- Pi Pinkney
- R Rind.

The newspapers printed by each of these six printers are in chronological order on the microfilm, with a title page before the first edition of each printer. A typical citation from the two volume index would be:

Crenshaw, Charles PD31Mr68:22.

The "PD" stands for the Purdie and Dixon section of the printed newspapers, "31Mr68" stands for the March 31, 1768 edition, and the "22" stands for page 2, column 2 of this particular newspaper.

A typical citation from the index before 1766 (no overlapping printers) would be:

Nelson, William 27D51:32.

This means William Nelson can be found in the 27th of December, 1751 edition of the *Virginia Gazette* on page 3, column 2.

The *Virginia Gazette* can be a useful tool when researching colonial Virginia. Through advertisements, real estate listings, estate sales, and many other Virginia historical events, individuals can be identified as well as their places of residence. A statewide newspaper from 1736 to 1780 is a rare asset and is well worth the time it takes to research your ancestors.

CLF BULLETIN BOARD

The CLF NEWSLETTER article deadline for the July issue is May 31. We welcome any articles related to Clayton Library or it's collections.



IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2006 IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO!

To become/continue as a member of the Clayton Library Friends, individuals must pay an annual fee of \$15.00. Couples may take advantage of the reduced membership fee of \$20.00, but will receive only one copy of our CLF mailings. You may obtain our membership form through Clayton Library, Dick Warren at dick.warren@merlins-web.com or Iris Eaton at ieaton@sbcglobal.net. Mail your completed form, along with your check or money order, to:

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WHAT'S *New* ?

Clayton Renovation Project Moves Ahead

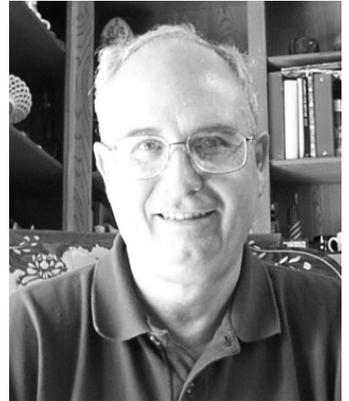
by Don Pusch

Since the last newsletter report, the Clayton Renovation Project has made considerable progress. Readers may recall that in 2004, efforts were focused primarily on top-level planning and on determining the feasibility of achieving the project's objectives. Negotiations during the summer of 2004 resulted in the signing of a letter of intent and an agreement with the City of Houston that opened the door for preparation of a feasibility study and gained the City's concurrence in the project objectives. With a grant received from the Susan Vaughan Foundation, CLF then engaged the firm of Glassman Shoemake Maldonado Architects (GSMA) to prepare a feasibility study, cost estimate, and preliminary schedule. That study, briefed to the CLF board on February 8, 2005, put the total cost estimate at \$5.6 million, \$1.1 million contingencies, softcosts, and fees, and \$2.6 million for a maintenance endowment fund.

With the feasibility study in hand, the CLF board spent much of 2005 in fundraising efforts, bringing on professional fundraising consultants Sheila Turner and Patty Rabel. With their assistance, CLF prepared a project brochure and submitted grant applications to some two dozen charitable foundations. This effort has been very successful and, to date, has brought in a total of \$3,418,301 in cash donations and an additional \$1,719,126 in pledges for a total of \$5,137,427 (just over half way to our goal).

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Also in 2005, additional negotiations were entered into with the City of Houston for the next phase of the project. Meetings were held with a number of City officials, including Assistant City Attorney Mary McKerral, Building Services Department Director



Issa Dadoush, and Chief Architect Wendy Heger. A final agreement was reached in November 2005 that firms up the obligations of both parties and allows CLF to move into the design and construction phases, the latter contingent upon City approval of the construction drawings.

Parallel with its negotiations with the City, the CLF board undertook to engage a project manager for the renovation effort.

Several highly qualified candidates were considered, and on October 25, 2005, the board elected to retain James E. Buescher for the position. Mr. Buescher will coordinate the activities of the various contractors involved in the project and will serve as the CLF board's principal advisor on matters regarding the technical approach, the project schedule, and the resolution of issues.

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Clayton Renovation Project Moves Ahead *Continued from page 8*

One of several things that Mr. Buescher recommended to the board was the early identification of a prime contractor, one willing both to participate in the renovation design and to commit to a not-to-exceed price once the design is completed. Pursuant to that recommendation, the board entered into discussions with representatives of W. S. Bellows, Inc. This firm is well known in the Houston area and has been involved in the construction business in Texas since 1921. Perhaps the most famous of the Bellows projects was the 1939 construction of the San Jacinto Monument. On February 13, 2006, the CLF project team conducted a walk-through of the Clayton buildings with Bellows President Tom Bellows and Vice President Jim Cramer, and on February 21, Bellows and Cramer met with the CLF board to discuss the firm's involvement in the project. As a result of these meetings, the CLF board voted to continue project planning under the assumption that Bellows will be the prime contractor for the effort.

Over the next few months, the project team will be working with GSMA, Bellows, and selected Bellows subcontractors to refine the construction cost estimate and the renovation schedule. Also, to further reduce the cost risk, some inspections may be necessary and it appears likely that new surveys will be conducted to determine the degree of mold and lead contamination in the three buildings. If there are no big surprises in these areas and if fundraising continues to be as successful as it has been to date,

CLF may be able to enter the construction contract with Bellows by the end of the summer.

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Roof leaks in the main house have become a real problem of late, and each time it rains members of the library staff set out buckets to catch the water. There was a renovation of the

main house in 1993–94; however, that renovation was inadequately funded and the second floor of the building was left unfinished. It has been closed to the public since that time. The guest quarters and carriage house also remain closed to the public because of their poor condition. It is feared that water intrusion, mold, and the deterioration of the walls in the guest quarters will, within a few years, render that building unrecoverable.

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The Clayton house and associated buildings represent a vital historical resource for the City of Houston and a prime component of the Clayton

Library complex, and we hope that all CLF members will share in efforts to preserve them. Members who wish to contribute to the project may do so by sending a check to the CLF mailing address shown on the last page of the newsletter. Please make your check payable to "CLF" and note in the memo field, "Renovation Project."



Getting to know you...

Connee Kroeger, a native Houstonian who grew up on Polk Avenue near downtown, recently joined the Houston Public Library's Clayton Library staff as a part-time library assistant. You can usually find her working at the information desk, upstairs on microfilm, shelf-reading, and shelving books, as well as helping other staff members. Connee is one of four new staff members who are now assisting customers in search of their family history.

Even though Connee is considered a new staff member, she has actually been working at the Clayton Library as a volunteer since 1994. For the past ten years, she's wanted to be part of the staff but did not have the opportunity.

Connee always wanted to be a librarian, so she became a school librarian until she retired. Becoming a librarian was always in her heart even before there were any schools in Houston offering library science classes. Today, she has completed half of her MLS at the University of North Texas. She also has a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas Tech, and a Masters of Art in behavioral sciences from University of Houston Clear Lake.

One of her passions has been genealogy research, so working at the Clayton Library, she says, "It's like working in a candy store... it's exciting to be surrounded by all the wonderful genealogical materials." Connee knows what genealogy is all about because she has spent the last 18 years researching her family history, yet she still feels like she hasn't made a dent in all the material that could help her in her quest. She began searching her family history in 1963 at the Houston Public Library's Julia Ideson Building, and while doing her research she found two ancestors who fought in the Battle of San Jacinto and she's very proud of that. She also has a couple of German and Huguenot lines, but her ancestors are mostly from the British Isles.



Connee loves her work, the customers, and the environment at the Clayton Library. She would like everyone to know that she has spent her whole life helping people in one capacity or another, so she welcomes this new opportunity in her life to continue serving people. She also says, "Houstonians should be really proud of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. It's the best place to discover your family history."

In our next upcoming newsletter we will profile **Sandra Rodas** another of Clayton Library's newest staff members.

HERE'S TO HOUSTON LIBRARIES

by Trevia Wooster Beverly

Use of library online catalogs can facilitate your education and your research. A tip: Print out the “catalog page” and you not only have your full reference handy but when you go to the library you 1) have what you need to access the book and 2) can make notes right on the same page or attach your photocopies. You will have a “complete reference packet” for later use at home.

Remember that an interlibrary loan may be available. Look for special collections (photographic, maps, etc.), databases, Theses, and ask a librarian if you can't find what you are looking for.

University libraries have wonderful hours and they welcome guests.

Every researcher of any kind should know the online sites of the libraries, both public and university, in “our town.” Wonderful treasures right there in front of you!

- Houston Baptist University – <http://www.hbu.edu/>
- Moody Library – <http://moody.hbu.edu/>
- HBU Museums – <http://moody.hbu.edu/museums.html>
(the Bible Museum has many family Bibles with personal data)
- Houston Academy of Medicine, Texas Medical Center – <http://resource.library.tmc.edu/>
- Biographical database on early Texas physicians. John P. McGovern Historical Collections and Research Center – <http://megovern.library.tmc.edu/data/www/html/texascoll/index.htm> and click on “Gazetteer” of Texas Physicians.
- UT Southwestern also has such a database – <http://www2.utsouthwestern.edu/cfdocs/library/doctors/doctors.cfm>
- Rice University – <http://www.rice.edu/>
- Fondren Library – <http://www.rice.edu/fondren/>
(fantastic newspaper collection)
- Texas Southern University – <http://www.tsu.edu/>
- Robert J. Terry Library – <http://www.tsu.edu/about/library/>
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- University of St. Thomas – <http://www.stthom.edu/>
- Doherty Library – <http://library.stthom.edu/>
- Irish – <http://library.stthom.edu/InternetSites/IrishSites.html>
- Houston Public Library – <http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/>
- Clayton Library for Genealogical Research – <http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/clayton/>
- Clayton Library Friends – (scroll down to *CLF NEWSLETTER*) – <http://www.houstonlibrary.org/clayton/clf/clf.html>
- Texas and Local History Collection – <http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/research/txr.html>
(newspapers, maps, vertical files, etc....)
- Houston Metropolitan Research Center (HMRC) – <http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/research/hmrc.html>

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Saturday, May 13, 2006



Speaker:
Jo Ella Powell Exley
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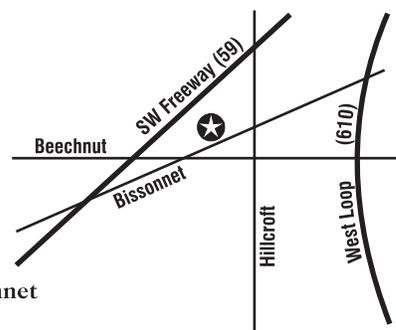
Topic:
“Looking for the Parkers at Clayton”

Brief Description:
How I used Clayton Library to write my two Texas History Books.
1) *Frontier Blood: The Saga of the Parker Family*
2) *Texas Tears and Texas Sunshine: Voices of Frontier Women*

Clayton Library Friends Meeting Location:

Bayland Community Center

6400 Bissonnet
Houston



**Meeting begins at 10 a.m. at Bayland Community Center,
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