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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



On Sunday, March 1, 2009 a reception and "open house" welcomed donors to our recently renovated Clayton facilities. Over 125 people

filled the new Clayton Carriage House meeting facility to witness a significant donation by the Susan Vaughan Foundation to Clayton Library Friends in honor of noted physician and genealogist, Dr. Mavis Kelsey. The Dr. Mavis P. Kelsey Acquisitions Fund will be used to seed an account for future acquisitions for the Clayton Library and will grow with ongoing donations from interested parties. Tours of the newly renovated buildings yielded glowing comments and promises of future support.

Mayor Bill White formally opened the new facilities to the public on Monday, March 2, 2009. Several hundred people in attendance enjoyed docent led tours which highlighted the history of the complex and its planned use for genealogical studies, seminars, private and public events, as well as office space for the Houston Public Library Foundation during the renovation of their offices. Clayton Library Friends and Houston Public

Library are enjoying their partnership and look forward to future joint efforts to the betterment of our community. With respect to our recent renovation project, the board is pleased to announce that Clayton Library with Charlie Gardes, CLF Director and Construction Committee Chair, has received the Houston Business Journal's prestigious Landmark Award for the renovation of a historical facility.

CLF members will be gratified to learn that the loan to fund the renovation project has been paid in

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## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

### **Clayton Library Friends Statement of Activities January 1 - March 31, 2009**

#### **Income**

Unrestricted Contributions	32,007.00
Temporarily Restricted	12,360.00
Renovation Project	2,520.00
Membership Dues	7,420.00
Interest and Dividend Income	1,038.00
Seminar Ticket Sales	1,956.00
Non-Endowment Distributions	12,298.86
Endowment Net Gains (Losses)	(28,240.00)
Other Income	63.00

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 29,124.00</b>
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#### **Expenses**

Current Programs	19,570.00
Administrative & General	3,210.00

<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 22,780.00</b>
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### **Clayton Library Friends Statement of Financial Position As of March 31, 2009**

#### **ASSETS**

##### **Current Assets**

Bank Accounts	434,980.00
Accounts Receivable	110,045.00
Other Current Assets	1,465.00

<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 546,490.00</b>
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<b>Other Assets</b>	<b>727,498.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,273,988.00</b>
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#### **LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**

##### **Liabilities**

##### **Current Liabilities**

Accounts Payable	675.00
Other Current Liabilities	0.00

<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 675.00</b>
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<b>Equity</b>	<b>1,273,313.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 1,273,988.00</b>
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Ed Harris

## **President's Message**

full. Although several outstanding renovation items remain to complete the interior of the facilities, the board felt, given current market conditions, it was prudent to pay off the loan as soon as possible to avoid further interest accrual. Future renovation-specific contributions and pledges will be directed to finishing up the remaining details and establishing a maintenance fund to assure our facilities do not again fall prey to the ravages of time and lack of necessary maintenance due to dwindling budgets.

Now we must return our focus to the long established goals of the Friends: acquisitions for the library. Karen Acker and John Dorroh, co-chairs of the CLF Acquisitions Committee have constructed an impressive team who possess extensive experience in the fields of genealogy, publishing, library science and research of various types of government and public records. We are fortunate to have such an elite committee whose prime goal is the assurance that Clayton Library remains one of the top genealogical research facilities in the United States. Please do not hesitate to make suggestions of record groups and publications which you would like to see added to the collection of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research.

On March 14th, CLF welcomed the Ulster Historical Society of Belfast for a seminar on Scots Irish Research. Over 75 members and guests attended the conference replete with information and suggestions for locating ancestors of that region. Speakers Fintan Mullan and Dr. Brian Trainor were impressed with Clayton Library Friends' dedication to genealogy and have volunteered to return, giving us priority date selection. (They also enjoyed sharing a Tex-Mex dinner with several CLF members at the original Ninfa's Restaurant on Navigation before continuing on their tour of the U.S.)

Our next general meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th at the Clayton Carriage House conference facility. Anthony Startz will speak on Spain's contribution to the American Revolution and how to locate your Spanish ancestors.

Have you renewed your membership? The easiest way for members to contribute to the Clayton Library

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# Spain's Contributions to the American Revolution and How to Research Your Spanish Patriot Ancestor

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## Mary 'Anthony' Long Startz

*TOPIC: Spain's contribution to the colonist cause; archival resources in Mexico and Spain; and ongoing cataloging of 18th century Spanish resources in U.S. libraries and archives.*



Mary 'Anthony' Startz is a native of Pensacola, Florida who has lived in Houston for more than thirty years. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Randolph Macon Woman's College, now Randolph College in Lynchburg, Virginia. Her business career has been in Human Resources in the fields of retail and manufacturing with the last eight years as Director of Human Resources for Lamons Gasket Company.

Anthony has two children. Her daughter Marion also shares her passion for volunteering, and son Will is a

sophomore at Loyola University Chicago majoring in history.

As an active member of NSDAR, Anthony found her first Pennsylvania Patriot here at Clayton in 1988 (way before internet research). She is currently on the board of Lady Washington Chapter NSDAR serving as Librarian, is Texas State Chairman Junior Sales and is National Vice Chairman for Units Overseas - Spain. Here is the connection to Spain. Anthony's sister Molly Fernandez de Mesa is Regent of the Espana Chapter in Madrid, Spain. Anthony and Molly first became involved in the search for more Spanish patriots and their records after a trip to the NSDAR New Mexico State Conference in 2005. Both serve on the Spanish Task Force of which the goals are to find and catalog records in archives, universities and libraries documenting Spanish patriots. While Molly searches records in Spain, Anthony shares the information with interested groups in the Houston area.

## Membership Committee Report

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It's once again time to support your library; your membership is a valuable asset to CLF. The strength of our membership is of great importance when applying for grants and funding. In 2008 CLF directly purchased 151 new books, 133 periodicals, 745 rolls of microfilm and other much desired research materials. Members individually contributed 474 books, 3833 periodicals, 152 microfilm items and 80 CD-ROM.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please take the time to do so now. CLF needs your participation. It has never been easier. Use the new "Pay Pal" feature at [www.claytonlibraryfriends.org](http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org). If you don't like paying online, just download the form and mail it. Don't know what to give that hard to buy

for family member or friend? A CLF membership might be just the perfect gift.

The 'members only' area features extra perks not available to others. You won't want to miss pages from "Trevia's Notebook", or Emily Croom's articles. One is a book! We have some excellent programs scheduled for future meetings, so come join us. Browse through this newsletter and see all the exciting things going on.

Don't forget, we have speakers available to talk about genealogy at your church or garden club. We are always looking for more "friends". Remember, everything is NOT on the internet - come to Clayton. [pPhillips0225@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pPhillips0225@sbcglobal.net)

Patricia Phillips

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Friends and the collections of the library is to renew membership immediately to avoid the further postage and printing costs incurred with reminder letters. Also, please consider urging friends and family to join the Friends so they too can enjoy the many benefits of

the Clayton Library. With our new Family History Library partnership, recent acquisition of Confederate Pension Records of various states, and various other acquisitions, there is something for everyone at the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research.

# Meet the Clayton Library Staff

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## Sue Kaufman

Sue Kaufman, originally from Chicago, Illinois spent her early librarian years beginning in 1987 in Peoria Illinois at the Peoria Public Library. After working in Peoria as the genealogy librarian, she moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana to work in the Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library. This collection is the largest genealogy research collection in a public library in the nation. She has been a genealogy librarian since 1987, moving to Texas in 2004. She graduated from Southern Illinois University/Carbondale with a degree in Administration of Justice, and attended Library School at Dominican University in Park Forest, Illinois. While in graduate school she had an internship at the National Archives - Great Lakes Region, and was a graduate assistant. She has worked in libraries since 1984, 24 years.

Susan began her Houston Public Library career as the manager of the Jungman Neighborhood Library on Westheimer, moving to Clayton Library in August of 2006. Her primary responsibilities include managing the unit, creating a vision for the future of the library, creating local, state and



## Steve Bychowski

Steven Bychowski spent his early years (1975-1981) in Chicago, where he vaguely recalls playing in the snow. He moved to Humble, Texas in 1981 and has lived in and around the Houston area ever since. He graduated from Humble High School and holds a BA in International Studies from the University of St. Thomas.

Steven has been with Clayton Library for ten years. His primary duties at Clayton include microprint supervisor, volunteer coordinator, email reference manager, and statistical reports compiler.

national partnerships, offering educational programs locally, statewide and at national genealogical conferences, offering reference service, and making sure the unit offers the best customer service available through personal service and resource materials, in addition to many other "librarian" tasks.

Sue's own ancestors are from Eastern Europe, Russia, Romania, Austria and Poland. Her area of specialty of research includes the Midwest, Jewish, criminal research, and 20th century resources. Doing research in the Midwest? See Sue.

At home, Sue is the mother currently to 4 fur children, all cats. Although she doesn't have any human children of her own, she has a really cute nephew who lives in Illinois, whom she just adores. Her father, a former Cook County, Illinois judge, lives in Florida and North Carolina. Her mother passed away in 1994. Her significant other is a 7th grade English teacher in the Aldine ISD.

Sue's hobbies include her cats and swimming. She is very proud to be the manager of the nationally known collection and is grateful for the partnership she and the library have with the Clayton Library Friends.

In addition, he also assists with computer/machine problems and is particularly good at lugging stuff around the library.

Most of Steven's ancestors came from Germany and Austria before settling in Chicago (the Polish surname Bychowski is an interesting story in and of itself) and his knowledge of the German language, history, and geography have come in handy from time to time.

At home Steven has three very cool cats to keep him company. Steven plays softball and ultimate frisbee every week to maintain his sanity."



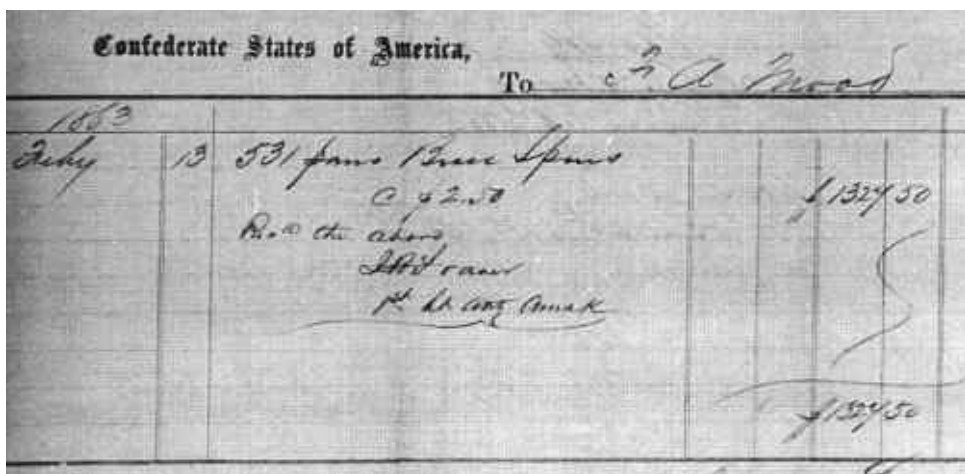
# Notes on Footnote.com

Can you name one website where you can access over 4.5 million digitized National Archives records, city directories from more than a dozen cities, many newspapers, and more? It is Footnote.com, an expanding website that can be accessed at all Houston Public Library locations. The site is listed under “Research,” then under “Genealogy,” from the HPL home page at [www.hpl.lib.tx.us](http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us). Using a library computer, you can view and print out pages that pertain to your research. Using your own laptop at Clayton Library, you can view the records, but not print. From home, you can search the indexes for free but cannot access the images without a paid subscription.

From Footnote’s home page, take a brief tour of the site to get good tips for maximizing your time and effort there. Among the searchable records posted so far are some Civil War widows’ pension applications and some Union service records; Confederate amnesty papers; files of the Southern Claims Commission; Massachusetts printed vital records; some Texas birth and death certificates; the US Army Pension Index, 1861-1917; Revolutionary War rolls, service records, and pensions; George Washington’s correspondence; papers of the Continental Congress; several million naturalization records from California, New York, Maryland, and Massachusetts; selected records from the Pennsylvania Archives; and the complete land entry case files from Nebraska’s homestead patents of the Broken Bow land office.

Footnote allows visitors to search or browse the records. You can search for a specific name, but even with quotation marks around the name, you may or may not get appropriate hits, especially from the newspapers. My favorite example of this glitch was a search for my ancestor F.A. Mood. The highlighted newspaper “hit” was the word “mood” (as in a feeling) on the left side of a newspaper page and, from mid-page, the knee of a man’s trousers in an ad that the Optical Character Recognition (OCR) engine read as F.A.

However, the digitized Confederate Citizens File includes multiple pages on the Mood men. There I learned that F.A. Mood made and sold bridle bits and spurs to the Confederate cavalry. The receipts helped explain entries in this



preacher’s autobiography that mentioned “my factory” during the Civil War years. As found in another database, his father, Rev. John Mood, witnessed the bounty land warrant application of Revolutionary soldier Jeremiah Bunch. In U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1905, for F.A. Mood, the Footnote.com database provides three pages, including a physical description, which is missing from the same database on Ancestry.com.

Perhaps the easiest way to use Footnote.com is to go first to the “original documents” and scan the list for a record group that sounds applicable or promising. Then search for an ancestral name within a specific database or choose a specific category (time period) or title in which to search or browse. Click on each result item to view the image(s). A handy feature is the “filmstrip” that contains all the related pages of your chosen result. Whether it is six pages of a military pension application or service record, or multiple pages of trustees’ records from the Bayland Orphan Home near Morgan’s Point and Baytown, you can advance the filmstrip easily with a click to browse or read more in the same set of records.

As with any website, Footnote.com has its unique layout and capabilities. The more often you visit, the more ancestral data you likely will find, especially since the site is continually growing.

Emily A. Croom

## Volunteer Corner

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**Shelving Books** - As spring begins anew, we would like to take this opportunity to renew our expression of thanks to one of our most steady and reliable sources of volunteer help over the years: our shelvers. These dedicated volunteers come to the library generally once a week for a couple of hours to assist with getting books back on the shelf and back in their proper order. This ensures that you can find the book you need, when you need it. As our materials usage statistics continue to increase, it becomes increasingly helpful to have



shelvers available to help manage the load, so that staff can be free to provide better customer assistance

to library visitors. Special thanks go to all of our “regulars”: Joy

Cowen, Norma Eriksen, Jean McLeod, Audrey Middlebrooke, Janice Shultz, Winona Wilkinson, and Gary & Robin Willis. We would also like to thank all those who help with shelving as the need arises. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer shelver, please contact Steven Bychowski, Volunteer Coordinator for more information on the next available training class. We encourage volunteers to commit to a 2-hour shelving time block on a weekly or bi-weekly basis.

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**Preparing for Inventory** - Like working in the stacks? We are currently in the process of preparing our entire book collection for a long-overdue catalog inventory. Preparing for the inventory involves checking to make sure that each book has a scan-able bar code label inside (most older books do not), and making and inserting new scan-able bar code labels where needed. This will allow an HPL inventory team to go through each book and scan its bar code label, so that we can ultimately be sure that what we have in the HPL Online Catalog matches what we have on our shelves. This is a very important project for our library! It will also require a lot of volunteers, as it is a somewhat labor-intensive project,

but the work itself is relatively simple and can be done while comfortably seated at a table or desk. While we don't have any specific training dates set at this time, we would love to know how many people would be interested in helping us on this project. To indicate your interest, or if you have any questions or want to learn more about this project, please contact me at the email address or phone number listed below.

We would love to have you as part of the shelving and/or inventory teams! As always, thank you for your interest in volunteering!

Steven Bychowski, Volunteer Coordinator 832-393-2600 or [Steven.bychowski@cityofhouston.net](mailto:Steven.bychowski@cityofhouston.net)

**Cataloging a New Collection** - Some of you may have heard that the Clayton Library received a large collection of genealogical material from an anonymous Friends member. We had a list of about 20 pages of items which we needed to compare with our collection before making the items available to the public. Six Friends stepped forward to help with checking each item with our catalog. The library staff and I want to thank Karen Acker, Adrian Balah, Jim Barkley, Dorothy Carroll, John & Nora McGowan and Bill Weimer for their excellent help.

Sam Lusk

# Acquisitions Committee Report

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The Acquisitions Committee would like to report that we have been busily adding materials to Clayton's collections. Some of our most recent purchases have been 13 Uvalde County, Texas cemetery books, 24 Massachusetts vital records books to replace some of the older books that were in poor condition, and various county books for the "Book for Every County" project. We can now report that all counties of Alabama, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia are represented. We have been promised a book from Wheeler County, Georgia, which will complete that state. We have located and are in the process of ordering books for the seven Pennsylvania counties that are lacking books. We only need a book from Mitchell County, North Carolina, to complete that state. If anyone knows of a book that is available for Mitchell County, please let us know.

Five other states are very close to being complete. They are Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee. In some instances, finding a publication for a specific county is very difficult. With smaller, less populous, counties, all publications for the area are combined with one or more other counties. However, we will continue to search. Now the focus of this project needs to be directed toward the central and western United States, if the goal of having a book for every county in the U.S. is to be achieved.

The Committee has had some other requests from Clayton management and we will be proposing additional acquisition goals soon. We know we can count on CLF members to help when that time comes.

Karen Ladd Acker

## Family History Donations

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Our family history collection continues to grow with books donated by the authors to Clayton Library through the Clayton Library Friends. Once these books have been processed, they will be available at the Library.

For information on purchasing a personal copy of any of these books, contact **Karen Acker**, [tkacker@cebridge.net](mailto:tkacker@cebridge.net).

*Fraziers of Roney's Point: Ten Generations on the National Road* by Mark Frazier Lloyd

*Descendants of Peter Schneider (Snyder) and Elizabeth Muller of Grayson County, Virginia* by Frank Rickman Snyder

*Kentucky Cousins: Descendants of Frank and Ida Snyder* by Frank Rickman Snyder

*Snyder Family History* by Frank Rickman Snyder

*The Vorwerk Family in Texas 1883-2006* by Richard A. Vorwerk, Jr.

*The Gerhard Wiebe Family 1858-2007* by Richard A. Vorwerk, Jr.

*Three Texas Families: Caldwell, Campbell & Haynie* by Richard A. Vorwerk, Jr.

*The Gonzenbach Family* by Richard A. Vorwerk, Jr.

*Havens-Ranney-Austin-Blakeman Ancestors and Descendants* by Thomas O'Regan Haig

*Ancestral Voices of the Past* by Rueben M. Perez

*A Family for Steven, Vols. 1 & 2* by Daniel Monroe Gwin

## Books Just Arrived

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- A look at Poland, Ohio town one, range one in the Western Reserve 1796-1996 two hundred years and counting
- Abstracts from the Northern Standard and the Red River District (Texas) volume 2, Atlas of Texas
- Battle of Franklin [Tennessee]
- Bondurants of Genolhac, France
- Bucks County, Pennsylvania: Miscellaneous Deed Dockets, 1785-1857
- Cameron family of Warren County, New York
- Camp County Cemeteries: cemeteries in and around Camp County, volume 1 [Texas]
- Cemeteries of Bexar County, Texas, volume 5
- Charlotte, North Carolina Whig (weekly) Jan 21, 1852-Dec. 22, 1857 (1 roll film)
- Confederate sailors, marines and signalmen from Virginia and Maryland
- Confederates killed in action at Gettysburg
- Data of 19,202 births recorded from 1864-1933 in Wise County, Texas
- Discovery: cycles of change in the Kansas oil & gas industry, 1860-1987
- DNA and genealogy
- Dunkelberger family: European origins
- Early history of the First United Methodist Church Hamilton, Texas
- Early occupations of Bedford County, Pennsylvania people
- Faces of Manassas: rare photographs of soldiers who fought at Bull Run
- Fairfax County (Virginia) road order, 1749-1800
- Fairview Cemetery of League City, Texas, 1900 through 2006
- Family maps of Stark County, Illinois deluxe edition with homesteads, roads, waterways, towns, cemeteries, railroads, and more
- Five Tragic Hours the battle of Franklin [Tennessee]
- Frederick W. Lander and the Lander Trail From the riot & tumult; Harpers Ferry
- Gettysburg's Confederate dead
- Glorious day: the journal of a central Louisiana governess, 1853-1854
- Goochland County, Virginia: Court Order Book, volume 3, 1731-1735
- Guide to Cherokee documents in foreign archives
- Historic Brazos County: an illustrated history [Texas]
- History of Alma and Bacon County, Georgia volume 1
- History of education in Montague County, Texas
- History of Metter and Candler County, Georgia
- History of Palmer, Texas
- History of Washington County, Indiana
- Images of America: Peach County, the world's peach paradise
- Kaufman County, Texas Cemeteries: Book #3
- Kennesaw Mountain and the Atlanta Campaign
- Landmark of Old Prince William: a study of origins in Northern Virginia, volumes 1
- Learning the Battle of Gettysburg: a guide to the official records
- Levi Perryman: pioneer Indian fighter [Texas]
- Lexington area cemeteries, volume 2 [South Carolina]
- Lexington area cemeteries, volume 3 [South Carolina]
- Lexington area cemeteries, volume 4 [South Carolina]
- Lexington area cemeteries, volume 5 [South Carolina]
- Lexington lineage charts, volume 1 [South Carolina]
- Life of David Crockett in Lawrence County [Tennessee]
- Marshall County, Kentucky, Order Book # 2, Part 2, 1852-1855
- Matrimonios en la Catedral de Monterrey libros 1 y 2, 1667-1781
- Memories of Randolph, Bibb County, Alabama
- Milam County, Texas: index to the tax-in-kind, 1864-1865
- Milam County, Texas Probate Index, 1859-1938
- My family, the Sampsons
- New Jerseyans in the Civil War: for union and liberty
- Newspaper abstracts from the Philadelphia Repository, 1803
- Ordered by the court: Angelina County, Texas County Commissioners Court
- Painful news I have to write: letters and diaries of four Hite brothers of Page County [Virginia]
- Painted post past: a 150 year history of Palo Pinto County, Texas
- Parker County legends: trail bosses and wild hosses [Texas]
- Paschen and Redd families of Cass County, Indiana
- People and places in the Texas past
- Pioneer naturalist on the plains: the diary of Elam Bartholomew, 1871-1934
- Place to remember: East Carroll Parish, LA., 1832-1976
- Quanah centennial 1884-1984 [Texas]
- Railroads and sawmills, Varnville, South Carolina, 1872-1997: the making of a Low Country town in the new South
- Real daughters: the Daughters of the Republic of Texas
- Research papers on historic Matagorda, Texas (founded in 1829)
- Revised list of Texas Confederate Regiments, Battalions, Field Officers
- Salado and Bell County, Texas
- Scherf: Christian Andreas Scherf family including his twin Wilhelm
- Selected bibliography of county, city and town histories and related published records in the South Carolina reference library
- Stephens County, Georgia and its people, volume 1
- Tarrant County Sheriff's Office: over 150 years of service [Texas]
- Tennessee Colony Cemetery: Tennessee Colony, Texas
- Texas City remembers
- Texas naturalizations to 1906 Webb County
- Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution: 1984 roster dedication
- Who wore what? Women's wear 1861-1865
- World War II and the people and events of Morgan County, Colorado
- World War II and the people of Yuma County [Colorado]
- Wylie Area Heritage [Texas]





# Angels Report

Liz Hicks

The Angel Program was created in 1994 to provide for periodicals the library does not have the funds to purchase. Please remember donations can be made in memory or to honor someone(s) and acknowledged in the *The Clayton Advocate Newsletter*. Upon request, a bookplate may be placed in the bound periodicals at the end of the year. Donations for binding are also welcome.

**Thanks to the continuing generosity of our members,  
we are very happy to report all the Angel Program periodical subscriptions  
have been renewed for 2009.**

**Those who have earned their “wings” since the last newsletter are:**

**Emile A. Bussemey** – Donation for Angel program

**Don L. Keeline** – renewal of *Annals of Wyoming* (2010)

**Ruth Chambers Lewis** – *Bluegrass Roots* (KY) in memory of Margurette Untermeyer

**Beryl N. McCleary** – renewal of *Annals of Wyoming* (2009) in memory of Henry (Hank) Glen McCleary who was born in Casper, Wyoming.

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Please contact **Liz Hicks** at (713) 944-1118 or e-mail: [erootrot@usa.net](mailto:erootrot@usa.net) if you wish to earn your **WINGS**.  
Make checks payable to  
CLF, and mail to P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078.

## **Spring Cleaning for Clayton**

Did you know that many gaps in the Clayton Library periodical collection have been filled by the Friends’ “Duplicate Periodical Swap Program?”

Donated periodicals that are duplicates of those already in Clayton’s holdings are listed and offered to other libraries for ones needed at Clayton. The program benefits both Clayton and the other libraries. Hopefully many of you have discovered these new additions and will continue to check back often.

The Clayton Library Periodical Catalog is located at <http://www.houstonlibrary.org/cgi-bin/clayton/periodicals.pl>. Most of the titles are included in

PERSI - The Periodical Source Index, created by the Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, which can be accessed through HeritageQuest Online available at [www.hpl.lib.tx.us/research/category/GEN\\_page.html](http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/research/category/GEN_page.html)

The Friends are grateful for all donations and look forward to continuing this program. When you are spring cleaning think of Clayton Library, and donate those space-hogging periodicals. For security purposes, please remove the address labels. If you know of a library interested in swapping duplicate periodicals please contact Clayton staff member, Jane Porter.

# Clayton House Grand Opening

The Grand Opening was indeed grand, with over 500 people attending the two opening events. Docents gave hundreds of tours to enthusiastic members and guests. The renovated Clayton House will provide a beautiful and functional place for library staff, volunteers and researchers to work. It is a project of which CLF is justifiably proud. If you've not yet seen it, come and take a look at what you've helped to accomplish.



## Welcome New Members

Clayton Library Friends would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Ms. Jodi Bash, Ms. Romona, Kathy Bingham, Mrs. Ellen Elaine (Featherston) Boston, Mrs. Mary Ellen Burton, Mr. Charles

Burton, Mrs. Mary Jo (Redding) Coselli, Mr. Thomas E Coughlin, Mrs. Kathryn A. (Miller) Coughlin, Mrs. Bertha M. (Richardson) Dooling, Mr. Robert J Dooling, Mrs. Edna Dugger, Mrs. Shirley Ann (Hoppe)

Lindquist, Mrs. Margaret (Hail) Malone, Mr. Peter James McNee, III, Mrs. Mary Margaret (Scott) Schulze, Mr. Russell Koerner Schulze, and Mrs. Judith Ann (Panquerne) Trammell .

### INTRODUCING OUR NEW SECRETARY

Don Teter received a degree in Chemical Engineering from Rice Institute in 1948. He was employed in the synthetic rubber industry for 22 years, after which he worked in several varied engineering positions prior to retirement. Since becoming interested in Genealogy, he has become a member of the Baytown Genealogy Society, the Greater Houston Jewish Genealogy Society and the Clayton Library Friends, in which he previously served a term as Vice-president. He has spent many hours volunteering in the Baytown schools as a reading mentor and the Baytown Heritage Museum as a docent.



## The New CLF Docents

The new docent program has been deemed a huge success. The Docents receiving rave reviews from all who attended the March 1 and 2 openings were: Kathryn Black-Morrow, Virginia Blalock, Joy Cowen, Susan Garwood, Claudia Grafton, Sammie Graves, Wally Davenport, Norma Davenport, Rosemary Mullin, and Harold Spangler. Anyone interested in becoming a docent please contact Claudia Grafton at [claudiamg10@gmail.com](mailto:claudiamg10@gmail.com).

### Needed

#### 2nd Vice President for CLF Board

Duties include:

Ways & Means Lead

Corporate Relations

Grants and Endowments

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# **CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS GENERAL MEETINGS May - 2009**

**Saturday - May 16, 2009**  
**Clayton Carriage House**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Ms. Anthony Startz** – Spain’s Contributions to the American Revolution and How to Research your Spanish Patriot Ancestor.

**Saturday – August 9, 2009**  
**Clayton Carriage House**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Emily Croom, CG** – Author, Professional Genealogical Speaker  
Seeing is Not Always Believing: Avoiding False Assumptions.