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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Each year at this time our 1st Vice President-Membership works feverishly to remind members of the many advantages and perks of belonging to the Clayton Library Friends. This year is no exception.

We have had some incredible accomplishments including: the recent renovation project which is near completion, a generously endowed new acquisitions fund in honor of Dr. Mavis P. Kelsey, the recent contract completion between CLF and the LDS Family History Center, and an impressive list of recent and ongoing acquisitions. Thank you to those who timely renewed their membership to avoid the costly postal fees incurred with each reminder. Please take a moment to update your membership via our website process or by returning one of the forms sent out previously this year. Members who have not paid 2009 dues will no longer have access to the "CLF members-only site" and will receive no further newsletters.

Several members have inquired about the status of the brick pavers which were sold during the renovation program fundraising process. Various problems have been encountered. However, the

simple response is, we are waiting for the City of Houston to complete landscaping and sprinkler systems prior to laying the pavers.

We are hopeful they will be installed by summer's end.

Please help us congratulate Charlie Gardes on his recent nomination for the FGS Ruth Bishop Volunteer Award and his receipt of the Judah P. Benjamin Award from



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# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Clayton Library Friends Statement of Activities January 1 - June 30, 2009

### Income

Unrestricted Contributions	37,437.00
Temporarily Restricted	13,234.00
Renovation Project	2,520.00
Membership Dues	12,875.00
Interest and Dividend Income	1,466.00
Seminar Ticket Sales	1,956.00
Endowment Net Gains (Losses)	36,649.00
Other Income	63.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 106,200.00</b>

### Expenses

Current Programs	47,451.00
Administrative & General	5,213.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 52,664.00</b>
Net Operating Revenue	53,536.00

## Clayton Library Friends Statement of Financial Position As of June 30, 2009

### ASSETS

<b>Current Assets</b>	
Bank Accounts	416,893.00
Accounts Receivable	110,045.00
Other Current Assets	1,465.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 528,403.00</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	<b>792,388.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,320,791.00</b>

### LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	285.00
Other Current Liabilities	0.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 285.00</b>
<b>Equity</b>	<b>1,320,506.00</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 1,320,791.00</b>

Ed Harris

# President's Message

the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Charlie's "can do" attitude is a model for volunteers everywhere and was a powerful force during the recent renovation program.

In the next few weeks, the CLF Nominations Committee will be contacting members to identify volunteers to replace several board members, whose service term is expiring. Please agree to assist our board. Without you we cannot continue the important work of the Clayton Library Friends, which is to provide acquisitions, service, and funding to one of the most important genealogical libraries in the U. S.

We are pleased to announce that renowned genealogical author, publisher, and speaker Dick Eastman has agreed to deliver a presentation to the Clayton Library Friends on Saturday, March 27, 2010. Be sure to save the date! More information will be forthcoming in the near future. Due to the anticipated heavy turnout for Mr. Eastman's presentation, CLF members will receive early registration notification prior to general notification to other societies and groups that are not members of CLF.

Alice Braud-Jones



*The Landmark Award*

# Seeing Is Not Always Believing

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## Emily Anne Croom

**TOPIC:** *Genealogical records are full of facts, both true and false. With examples from public records and compiled genealogies, this session explores ways to avoid contaminating our family histories with untrue assumptions.*



Emily Anne Croom, speaker at our Saturday, August 8th meeting is a native Houstonian with a BA in history from Texas Tech and an MA in history from the University of Houston. She taught high school American history in Houston for twelve years.

Actively involved in genealogical research since 1969, Ms. Croom has taught genealogy at Houston Community College and Bellaire Parks & Recreation Department. She has been on the faculty for the Angelina College Genealogy Conference in Lufkin, Texas, since 1999 and 2001-2006, developed and taught the genealogy class “Unpuzzling Your Past” online at [www.barnesandnobleuniversity.com](http://www.barnesandnobleuniversity.com).

Ms. Croom is a speaker for genealogical, historical, and lineage society meetings, workshops, and seminars. She spoke at the FGS (Federation of Genealogical Societies) national conference in Austin in Sept. 2004. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society, and various local, state, and regional genealogical societies.

Ms. Croom is a contributing author to Family Chronicle magazine, Internet Genealogy magazine, Discovering Family History magazine, Family Tree Magazine, and several other genealogy periodicals. She is author of five genealogy books: *Unpuzzling Your Past: A Basic Guide to Genealogy*, *The Unpuzzling Your Past Workbook: Essential Forms and Letters for All Genealogists*, *The Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook*, *The Sleuth Book for Genealogists: Strategies for More Successful Family History Research*, and *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your African-American Ancestors*, with co-author Franklin Smith.

Apart from history and genealogy, Emily has a BA in music from the University of Houston and 25 years experience as private piano teacher. She worked in church music 24 years with children's choirs and handbell choirs. Her husband is Robert T. Shelby. Their “child” is cat Alfie, and a little family of feral kitties outside.

## Volunteers Needed Immediately

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The CLF Nominating Committee is now in the process of recruiting capable members for next year's available Board positions. The upcoming years will offer this society and the public more information, education, and facilities than we have ever had before. The Clayton House and Complex renovation, an updated Clayton Library, major acquisitions, a new Docent program, and much more are all in place.

Our strength and pride has always been the involvement and support of our volunteers. The volunteers assigned to specific hours and duties before our renovation were second to none. In addition to the Clayton Complex, we now have a more complete library -- offering more and more each day. Much of

this will need some CLF volunteer attention. We will soon ask our members to retrain for their volunteer positions.

We need your involvement now and in the future in order to secure the high hopes and reputation we all have for Clayton. Please seriously consider giving some of your time back to this library which has given so much to you and your family research. If you're curious about a possible Board (we're back to genealogy business) or Committee position, or have questions, please contact [claudiamg10@gmail.com](mailto:claudiamg10@gmail.com).

The 2010 Slate of Nominees will be available in our November newsletter and website.

# Acquisitions Committee Report

The Acquisitions Committee has been busy this quarter ordering materials to increase the holdings of the Library. We were disappointed to learn that the National Archives has increased the price of their microfilm from \$65 per roll to \$85 per roll. We ordered an additional 7 rolls of 1930 soundex with the funds that had been donated for that purpose.

Orders have been submitted for Confederate Pension records for Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, and Tennessee. The total cost of this microfilm is \$11, 217, which will come from the \$20,000 allocated in the 2009 budget to purchase Confederate Pension records.

Many thanks to John Dorroh for making all the calls and getting the information needed for ordering the pension records. His willingness to contact vendors and negotiate purchases makes the ordering job easier.

The Houston Public Library, along with other libraries, was contacted by Bettie Cook, a professional genealogist in Indiana who was closing her business. In her e-mail she offered her collection of microfilm and books for purchase. We were able to purchase 63 books and 12 rolls of microfilm for a total of \$819, which we considered a very good deal. Most of the books were for Indiana, Kentucky, and Virginia. The majority of the microfilm was North Carolina deeds. The ability of Clayton Library Friends to act quickly in instances like this allows Clayton Library to take advantage of this type of offer.

The “book for every county project” continues with 21 states completed and missing counties identified in 9 others. We are actively searching for books for the missing counties.

We continue to have generous authors contributing to Clayton’s family history collection through solicitations made by Clayton Library Friends. Books we have

received this quarter are listed below. For information on purchasing a personal copy of any of these family history books, contact **Karen Acker**, tkacker@cebridge.net.

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

*Thomas and Elizabeth Webb Family of Virginia*, by William Morgan Brown

*Caleb and Sarah Brown Family*, by William Morgan Brown

*Shadrach and Hopsy Rogers and Family*, by William Morgan Brown

*A Chronicle of Faith and Courage: The Streckfuss Family and Those Who Joined Them, Thirteenth to Twenty-First Century, Prussia to America*, by Joseph Larry Streckfuss, Ph. D. and Betty Lee Watts Streckfuss

*The Hoelscher Family of Texas 1846-2003*, by The Hoelscher-Buxkemper Family Heritage Association

Karen Ladd Acker



*Betty Streckfuss, Karen Acker and Joseph Streckfuss*

## In Memoriam

*Loretta “Tommy” Burns, Betty L. Pape & Gladys Irene Kendrick  
Longtime CLF Members*

# Meet the Clayton Library Staff

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## Lesley Douthwaite

As you can probably tell from her accent, Lesley Douthwaite is NOT a native Texan! She spent her early years in England where she was born and educated. She graduated from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne with a degree in Modern Languages and stayed in Newcastle to obtain her graduate qualifications in Library Science. Since then she has worked as a librarian at the British Library in London, Durham University, the British Council in Mombasa, Kenya, and the Morristown Library in New

Jersey, where she was Head of the Local History and Genealogy Department. Lesley moved to Houston from New Jersey after her husband's job transfer in 1999 and has been with Clayton Library for ten years. She is the Assistant Manager at Clayton, and her other primary job responsibilities are Collection Development Librarian and speaking to local groups and organizations. Lesley's own ancestors are from Lancashire, England and she has done extensive research in that area. She has been married since 1971 to a fellow native of England; she and her husband have two grown daughters who have both inherited their parents' love of travel.

## Ashley Riggerbach

A graduate of the University of Houston with a bachelors in Business Management, Ashley Riggerbach is starting the Masters of Library Science program online from the University of North Texas in the fall. She is currently a Library Service Specialist whose duties

include program presentations such as the recent class on "Genealogy on the Internet: Social Networking and Your Family Tree". Her own areas of research are Southwest Louisiana and parts of Ohio. She hopes someday to work in an academic or special collections library.

## Welcome New Members

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Clayton Library Friends would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members: **Mr. Willie E. B. Blackmon, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas R. Conner, Mr. Robert Hunter Estep, Mrs. Sandra Lynn Farrow, Dr. Janice T. Greco, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth O. Gullett,**

**Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Herder, Mrs Linda D. Jamison, Mrs. Melinda Loustalot, Mr. & Mrs. Marshall A. Martin, Mrs. Barbara Petrov, Ms. Joy S. Stevens, Mrs. Grace Stinebaugh, Ms. Sheila M. Turner, Dr. Judy L. Wolfe.**

## CLF Connected

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The Clayton Library Friends website has received a lot of tender loving care since January 2009. Members are now able to log in with their own password and ID to access premium information such as our "New Books Shelf" (noting items added in the most recent month), valuable research information from Trevia Beverly, and current CLF newsletters. Additionally, we have the ability to renew memberships and make donations via our website using PayPal. None of these enhancements would have taken place without the help of our most devoted CLF member, Ruby Dusek. Thank you for your expert assistance, Ruby.

In an effort to keep growing our website and to provide our members the best access to Clayton Library Friends information, CLF will participate in the

Accessibility Internet Rally (AIR) Houston this fall. AIR Houston works to train talented web developers to create sites that are accessible to everyone, including individuals who use machine readers to access the Internet. Such sites utilize the most current practices for creating smart sites that load easily, regardless of your Internet provider.

### From the Air Houston Website:

"The Accessibility Internet Rally (AIR) is an award-winning, Website building competition, held annually around the country. This exciting competition has been recognized for excellence and innovation by business and political leaders and was held for the first time in Houston in 2004."

Barbara Schreffler

# What Were They Thinking?

What genealogist doesn't enjoy reading census records? Since the days of microfilm when we scrolled page by page looking for what we needed, I've spent far too much time browsing those pages. In the meantime, I've discovered marvelous pieces of information, including names, occupations, and situations.

**Names.** Censuses reveal marvelous names, and I can't help writing them down. My fascination with the names is not intended to make fun of the individuals, but their names make me smile. Some of the names make fun combinations. For example, this group forms a menu: Preserved Fish, Green Plum, Lettice Ball, Sandwich Green, White Bread, Green P. Rice, Dunn Corn, and Bella Aiken. Another group makes you wonder why: Jacob Jacob, Willis Willis, Enoch Enochs, Owen Owens, Phillip Phillips, and Louis Lewis.

These names suggest things: Woody Speck, Tinney Bell, Holey Chapel, Parish Cross, Ransom Cash, Lacey Cotton, Creasy Overall, Pea Cock, Easter Hare, Cloudless Camp, Green Hill, Hardy Stone, Cane Field, Pleasant Pigg, Withering Wood, and Handy Walker. Place names also make interesting combinations: Missouri Rivers, Tennessee Parks, Arkansas Neighbors, Florida Ferry, Georgia Rivers, Salem Town, Philadelphia Church, Vienna Wood, Egypt Land, French Fort, Australia Shepherd, and Old Texas Brooks.

Some names describe people: I.B. Stout, Wealthy Mann, Wiley Crook, Chancy Cook, Abel Bishop, Temple Sergeant, Texas Knight, Seaborn Duke, Les

Smart, Abel Coward, German Baker, Easter Christian, Thankful Alderman, Pleasant Miller, George Greeves, Perry Grumbles, William Works, Moses Hurd, Reverend Wales, and Columbus Shook.

Other favorites include Ida I. Love, Amasa Pane, Green House, Original Brown, Experience Bliss, Bright Bird, De Forest Menace, Noah Flood, Cinderella Ball, U.S. America Redman (mother and daughter), an Iowa girl named Annex Texas Scott, Bannister Glidewell, and Venus Staggers.



*The Census Taker*

Sometimes you can hear the neighborhood talking by the way the enumerator spelled names. From North Carolina come Iner, Anner, Ider, Emmer, and Cindriller. A German-born Illinois couple were named John and Margaret Americandollar. Then an 1850 Indiana harness maker's household listed their apparently new apprentice as Don't Know Jones.

**Occupations.** People of the past worked in many kinds of jobs, and you can sometimes see the

world of work changing before your eyes through the census records. For example, some went from daguerreotypist to photographer. My favorites include gentleman, lady of leisure, lady of fashion, and mother-in-law. One man was a "jack of all trades, good at any." A Mississippi man was apparently without occupation, as the census taker wrote in that column "nun." Another Mississippi man was a planter, physician, and Methodist Episcopal clergyman. On the opposite end of the scale were loafers, lazy laborers, a lazy cus, a laborer when not too lazy, and "too lazy to do anything."

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## Volunteer Corner

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Starting in August, Clayton Library will be unveiling its new partnership with the LDS Family History Library (FHL) in Salt Lake City. Library users will now have the opportunity to order microfilm and other materials directly from the Family History Library and view them on-site here at Clayton Library. Those who have visited local Family History Centers in Houston or elsewhere know that these centers are operated by volunteers whose expertise of the ordering process facilitates the user's experience with the collection. We at Clayton are proud to announce that two of our dedicated volunteers, Robin and Gary Willis, have stepped forward to manage the behind-the-scenes ordering process for requests submitted to FHL through Clayton Library. This central management by Robin and Gary will help ensure accuracy and consistency in the process so that there are no unexpected delays or problems in getting the correct item on loan. We greatly appreciate their help!

Once the Clayton House officially re-opens to the public, we will also be looking for volunteers who are willing to staff the Clayton House welcome desk and assist with the day-to-day patron use of the loaned microfilms. We are especially interested in persons who have some experience using microfilm readers and printers, although training for this will be provided. More announcements about this volunteer opportunity will be forthcoming. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the program or wish to indicate your interest in participating, please contact **Steven Bychowski**, Clayton Library Volunteer Coordinator, at 832-393-2600 or [steven.bychowski@cityofhouston.net](mailto:steven.bychowski@cityofhouston.net). You can also contact **Sam Lusk**, Clayton Library Friends Volunteer Liaison, at [navret@hal-pc.org](mailto:navret@hal-pc.org). Stay tuned for more information!

Steven Bychowski, Volunteer Coordinator

**THANK YOU:** The equivalent of a additional full-time employee for 6 weeks (247.5 hours) was donated to Clayton Library by CLF members in the 2nd Quarter of 2009. Below are those hours for which time sheets were turned in. These volunteers and the hours they donate are especially valuable with the cutbacks in staff currently being experienced by all Houston Public Libraries. If you have time to give, please consider giving some to Clayton Library.

Acker, Karen . . . . .	56.5 hrs	Eriksen, Norm . . . . .	19.5 hrs	Middlebrooke, Audrey .	10.0 hrs
Cowen, Joy . . . . .	23.5 hrs	Hicks, Liz . . . . .	21.5 hrs	Shultz, Janice . . . . .	10.0 hrs
Coyle, John . . . . .	2.0 hrs	Lusk, Sam . . . . .	3.5 hrs	Willis, Gary . . . . .	22.0 hrs
Dusek, Ruby . . . . .	47.0 hrs	McLeod, Jean . . . . .	12.0 hrs	Willis, Robin . . . . .	22.0 hrs

Sam Lusk

## What Were They Thinking? continued from page 6

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**Interesting Situations.** One census taker wrote in the occupation column of his neighbor "honest man," but someone crossed it out. Was he not honest or just without occupation? The 1850 occupation column listed Mississippian Solomon Johnston as "former Revolutionary soldier." As a number of public records attested, he was indeed a Revolutionary pensioner, originally from South Carolina. An 1860 Mississippi enumerator bracketed a list of youngsters and labeled them as "Minor Heirs of James S. Pritchard." This certainly gives Pritchard's descendants great clues for

further research.

Another 1860 Mississippi enumerator identified a Renfro family with 3 sets of twins, ages 16, 14, and 13, plus four younger children. Finally, the youngest child of James Blakeney's family in Tippah County, Mississippi in 1850 was listed as age 1/365, one day old.

Have you too found curious or fun census entries? Share your finds with us at [unpuzzling@att.net](mailto:unpuzzling@att.net) and we can share with other readers in the next issue.

Emily A. Croom

# Books Just Arrived

- 1850 Census of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina (including the mortality and slave schedules)
- 1890 Special Census of the Civil War Veterans of the State of Maryland, volumes 4, 5, and 7
- Abstract of County Court Record Book C: Boone County, Missouri, February 1832-November 1836
- Abstracts from the Sharp County Record Newspaper [Arkansas]
- Abstracts of Deeds, Pendleton District, SC: Books M and N (1812-1818)
- Abstracts of Deeds, Pendleton District, SC: Books O and P (1812-1822)
- Alva, Oklahoma: The First 100 Years, 1886-1986
- American Prisoners of War Held at Barbados, New Providence, and Newfoundland During the War of 1812
- American Prisoners of War Held at Bermuda, Cape of Good Hope, and Jamaica During the War of 1812
- Ancestries of a Furl Family and a Moe Family
- At the Courthouse Door: Sheriff and Tax Lien Sales in Lavaca County [Texas]
- Atlas of Human Migration
- Baptisms 1884-1897 of the Graytown Church Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe [Wilson County, Texas]
- Baptisms in Tamaulipas, Mexico: Cruillas, 1800-1821, and San Fernando, 1810-1824
- Baptisms of San Fernando de Austria (present-day Zaragoza, Coahuila): December 1, 1756-July 4, 1797 [Mexico]
- Battles for Franklin and Nashville [Tennessee]
- Birmingham Fire Department 1872-1991 [Alabama]
- Births, Marriages and Deaths in the Town of Malden, Massachusetts, 1649-1850
- Bright Glowed My Hills [Mahoney family]
- Buchanan County History: A Past to Remember, A Future to Mold [Virginia]
- Bucks County, Pennsylvania Orphans' Court Records, 1852-1900
- Bullets and Buckshot in Texas
- Byers Family of Washington County, Pennsylvania Cameron Parish, Louisiana Marriages 1874-1900
- Cemetery Inscriptions of Stephens County, Georgia volume 1
- Cemetery Records of Cambria and Somerset Counties, Pennsylvania, volumes IV, V, and VII
- Charlotte Journal Weekly, July 3, 1835-Dec 27, 1851 (3 rolls film) [North Carolina]
- Charlotte, North Carolina Whig (weekly) Jan 21, 1852-Mar. 24, 1893 (2 rolls film)
- Clark County, Arkansas Obituaries and Death Notices, 1922-1925, volume 4
- Clay County, NC Then and Now: A Written and Pictorial History
- Corn Cobs, Col-Tex & Colo-ray-dah City [Mitchell County, Texas]
- Czechoslovaks of Chicago: Contributions to a History of a National Group With an Introduction on the Part of Czechoslovaks in the Development of Chicago
- Death Notices in Pocahontas, Randolph County, Arkansas, Newspapers, 1911-1920
- Drake Family of Washington County, Georgia
- Early Beadle County, 1879 to 1900 [South Dakota]
- Early Dunagans of Surry County, North Carolina
- Elida: To The Best of Our Recollection [New Mexico]
- Emmet County Marriages 1876-1973 (3 volumes) [Iowa]
- Encyclopedia of Local History
- Encyclopedia of the Alamo and the Texas Revolution
- Family Detective: Discover Your Family History and Bring the Past to Life [Great Britain]
- First Purchasers of Pennsylvania: October 25, 1681
- Freemasons at Gettysburg
- Genealogical and Encyclopedic History of the Wheeler Family in America
- Gilbert Gallery: Family Quest volume 1, January 1986
- Gilbert Gallery: Family Quest volume 11, November 1989
- Gilbert Gallery: Family Quest volume 21, June 1993
- Guide to Historic Sites in Clay County, South Dakota
- Guide to National Register of Historic Places in Clay County, South Dakota
- Hale County in Pictures: The First 100 Years [Texas]
- Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, 1819-1991 [Tennessee]
- Hebron, South Carolina Cemetery Records
- Henrico County, Virginia Deeds 1750-1774
- Heritage of Hill County, Texas
- Historical and Genealogical Abstracts From Randolph County, Arkansas Newspapers (4 volumes - 1903, 1906, 1908, 1910)
- History of Butler County, Pennsylvania volumes I and II
- History of Cooper County, Missouri: From the First Visit by White Men in February 1804 to the 5th day of July 1876
- History of Iowa County, Iowa Containing a History of the County, Its Cities...
- History of O'Brien County, Iowa: From Its Organization to the Present Time
- History of Palo Pinto County: Word of Mouth Family History, Palo Pinto, Texas
- History of Ringgold, Texas
- History of Rockwall County, 1842-1968 [Texas]
- History of the Ascendants and Descendants of Jean Baptiste de Poret
- In Tar and Paint and Stone: The Inscriptions at Independence Rock and Devil's Gate [Wyoming]
- John Watts and Lucy Dalton of Albermarle County, Virginia: Their Ancestry and Descendants
- Kaufman County Cemeteries: Book #1 [Texas]
- Kent County, Delaware Wills & Administrations: Volume R1, 1839-1843, folios 123-280
- Kent County, Delaware Wills & Administrations: Volume R1, 1844-1847, folio 281-477
- Kent County, Delaware Wills & Administrations: Volume S1, 1852-1855, folios 112-130
- Killed in Action: Eyewitness Accounts of the Last Moments of 100 Union Soldiers Who Died at Gettysburg
- Lars and Martha Larson: From Valdres Valley, Norway to Vernon County, Wisconsin
- Lavaca County in 1890, Volume 1, Delayed Birth Records, Marriage Records [Texas]
- Lavaca County in 1890, Volume 2, Marks & Brands Records, Naturalization [Texas]
- Leakey Floral Cemetery (2005) [Texas]
- Legacy of Samuel Abney: Revolutionary Patriot
- Lest We Forget:: The Melungeon Colony of Newman's Ridge [Hancock County, Tennessee]
- Life and Death in Civil War Prisons. The parallel torments...
- Lite (Lithuania) volume one
- Lollar: Beiderseits del Lahn, German
- Long Tree and Others: Longs, Davises, Thompsons, Cratins, and Slatons
- Lowcountry Families in World War II, a Memorial [South Carolina]
- Madison Parish, Louisiana, Earliest Landowners
- Marriage Records of Accomack County, Virginia, 1854-1895: Recorded in Licenses & Ministers' Returns
- Marriages of Bexar County, Texas, books R, S & T, May 1902-January 1905
- Marriages of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, 1783-1868
- Mendocino Beacon, 1979-1984, Genealogical Columns, [California]
- Mingo Milestones, Mingo County, West Virginia volume 2
- Monroe County, Pennsylvania Death Records, 1893-1904 & 1852-1855
- Mormon Trail: Voyage of Discovery
- Mount Hope Cemetery, Rochester, New York Interment Index, (4 volumes) 1837-1906
- My Family, My Friends, and Me -- Wade Family
- My Gettysburg Battle Experiences
- Mysterious James Hunt (1747-aft 1800) Pioneer of Bolton, Vermont and His Son Captain Roswell Hunt (1776-1842) of Bolton, Richmond, Jericho, and Waterbury, Vt
- Naturalizations of Mexican Americans: Extracts Volume 4

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# 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 of" or "In Honor of" someone 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.

**The following Clayton Library Friends have earned their "wings" since the last newsletter.**

Alfred "Al" Davis IV - donation to Angels program in honor of Susan Garwood.

Ann Z. Wrenn – *Morgan Memories* (Morgan County, Alabama) and donation for Angel subscriptions or binding, in memory of her Alabama ancestors.

Due to increased postal and printing costs, several genealogical societies have notified us that they are discontinuing their periodical exchanges. Therefore, we will be adding the following periodicals to the Angel Program.

*Les Voyageurs* (German Acadian Coast Historical & Genealogical Society) \$15.00

*Rhode Island Roots* (Rhode Island Genealogical Society) \$15.00

In addition, Clayton would like to obtain missing back issues of *Rhode Island Roots* \$23.25

*Flint Genealogical Society* (Michigan) \$15.00  
*Irish Roots* \$32.00

To make a donation, 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.

## Books Just Arrived *continued from page 8*

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| <i>New Hampshire Patriot and State Gazette 1824: Deaths, Marriages and Miscellaneous</i>   | <i>Rodeos, Romeos and Radio</i> [Mitchell County, Texas]  | <i>Union County Index to Wills, 1843-1900: Recorded From The Cross Index to Records of Wills From 1843 to Dec 2 1968</i> [North Carolina] |
| <i>Newton County, Missouri to 1990</i>   | <i>San Jose Police Department: Commemorative Album, 1849-1983</i> [Santa Clara County, California]        | <i>Vital Records of Leominster, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849</i>  |
| <i>North Carolina Wills: a Testator Index, 1665-1900</i>   | <i>Some Descendants of Ralph Braddock of Maryland and Virginia, ca. 1695 - ca. 1766</i>                   | <i>Way We Were: A Pictorial History of Clark County</i> [Arkansas]  |
| <i>Obstetrical Casebooks of Dr. Ferdinand E. Chatard: An Alternative Genealogical Resource for Baltimore City, Maryland, 1829-1883</i>   | <i>South Carolina Women in the Confederacy</i>  | <i>We Remember: The Stories of Courage and Heroism, Triumph and Tragedy, From the Men and Women... Antelope Valley, California</i>        |
| <i>Our Family Scrapbook: Ireland - New York - Wisconsin - Nebraska</i>   | <i>Spring: Through the Seasons, Stories of a Texas Town</i> , [Harris County, Texas]                      | <i>West Virginia Encyclopedia</i>   |
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Reference to Henry Washington (1749-1825) survives in a letter written by his granddaughter in 1908. “My grandfather, Henry [Washington], never served in any capacity in [the] Revolutionary War, unless you consider providing the soldiers with food and clothing and horses, etc.”<sup>1</sup> Family tradition asserts that Henry and his younger brother, William, drew straws to see who should go. “William was the lucky one”<sup>2</sup> and Henry remained at home to manage his father’s plantations during the American Revolution.

**Land for Sale.**

**T**HE Subscriber offers for sale a tract of about 800 Acres of Land, situate in the County of Prince William, near the Town of Haymarket, and within less than a mile of the new Turnpike Road, leading from Alexandria to Fauquier Court-House. This land forms a part of a much larger tract which was held by the late Mann Page of Manassah, and is believed to be equal in point of fertility to any land in this part of the Country. A considerable part of it is now fresh, and highly productive; and has been found to receive the Plaster of Paris to great advantage. There is a great sufficiency of wood and timber, conveniently distributed; it is well watered, and embraces a considerable body of low grounds suitable for Timothy Meadows. This property is situated in the midst of an agreeable and thickly settled neighborhood, and is convenient to several merchant and country Mills: It is at present cultivated in a single farm, but may with equal advantage, be divided into two, leaving to each a good supply of wood and timber, and water in abundance. For terms and other particulars application may be made to the subscriber who resides near the premises, and convenient to the Post-Office of Haymarket.

**Henry Washington.**  
Abbeville, June 25 3m

While this account is accepted within the family, there is no evidence to confirm it. However, research in the treasure trove of Virginia records at Clayton library has uncovered a plausible corroboration of this family story and other aspects of Henry Washington’s life.

*Virginia Revolutionary Publick Claims* reveals that Henry Washington provided beef and bacon to the Loudoun County militia in 1782.<sup>3</sup> Information found in the Loudoun County, Virginia section of the Clayton shows Henry Washington to be a tithable here in 1779, 1780, 1781, and 1782.<sup>4</sup> A published abstracted deed, dated 8 April 1783, notes that Henry’s parents, Baily and Catherine Washington, sell the property in Loudoun County “where Henry Washington lately lived.”<sup>5</sup> These references place him in Loudoun County, Virginia during the American Revolution and the deed indicates that he lived on his father’s land. These are, indeed, convincing facts that support the family story.

The letter mentions Henry Washington’s subsequent home, Abbeville, near Haymarket in Prince William County, Virginia. Published records at Clayton library – census, court, deed and tax references - establish his presence here. Henry Washington is one of nine original trustees of the Town of Haymarket, founded in 1779.<sup>6</sup> This implies that he owned property in Prince William County, while also in residence in Loudoun. Virginia land and property tax records on microfilm, housed on the second floor of Clayton library, prove his thirty-two year residence in Prince William County, Virginia - from 1782 until 1814.<sup>7</sup> Information entered about Henry Washington onto the 1815 land tax rolls is crossed out and it is written that he has sold his property.

A posting on “Google” noted that properties for sale in Virginia counties of Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, Fauquier, and Stafford would be advertised in the Alexandria Gazette. A “Google” search produced reference to a footnote which listed “Henry Washington, ‘Land for Sale,’ Alexandria Gazette, Commercial & Political, August 4, 1814, p. 1.”<sup>8</sup> A protracted search revealed that copies of the Alexandria Gazette, on microfilm at the Library of Virginia, could be ordered at the Clayton library via Inter Library Loan. This advertisement, which ran for a three month period in 1814, confirmed residence at “Abbeville;” provided a detailed description of the property; and noted its convenient location to the “new Turnpike Road leading from Alexandria to Fauquier Courthouse.” The advertisement provided insight into Henry Washington’s knowledge of agriculture and farming practices of the period.

The search for Henry Washington was inspired by his granddaughter’s letter, which fortunately, places him in a specified area within a general time period. This information provided a framework in which to search for him in the abundant and diverse records found at Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research.

NOTES:

- 1 Mary Ann (Minor) Moseley (Trinity, Morgan County, Alabama) to “Dear Cousin” [Lawrence J. Rhea, Medical Student at John Hopkins], letter, 1908; Wrenn Family Papers, privately held by Ann Z. Wrenn, Houston, Texas. Mary Ann’s daughter gave copy of the inherited letter to her niece, Mrs. Frances Elliott [Moseley] Rauschenberg, Decatur, Alabama, who passed it to her granddaughter, Ann Wrenn in 1964.
- 2 Ibid.
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- 7 Prince William County, Virginia, *Clerk of the Circuit Court Land Tax Books*. Roll 258: 1782-1807, 1809-1814; Prince William County, Virginia *Personal Property Tax Rolls 1782 – 1799 and 1800 – 1815*; all years read for entries relating to Henry Washington. Houston, TX: Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research.
- 8 Debbie Robison, *Federal Period Landscape References in the Alexandria Gazette. Northern Virginia History Notes* (May 2005). (<http://www.novahistory.org/Landscapes.htm> : accessed October 2008).

**The CLAYTON ADVOCATE deadline for the November issue is September 28th.**

**What have you found at Clayton?**

**We welcome any articles related to Clayton, research, or it’s collections.**

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Patricia Phillips

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**Clayton Carriage House**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Emily Croom, CG** – Author, Professional Genealogical Speaker

*Seeing is Not Always Believing: Avoiding False Assumptions.*

**Saturday – November 14, 2009**

**Clayton Carriage House**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Bruce Lockett** – *Atakapa Indians: Their Part in Genealogy.* The impact the Indian had on the area where we live and how his blood line still runs in us today. Mr. Lockett will be bringing something unusual, make sure you have a camera.