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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Members of Clayton Library Friends are the lifeblood of our organization and the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical

Research. Thank you for your ongoing support and membership for over 20 years. Hopefully you have already sent in your membership dues for 2010, which are now payable. But if not, please do so immediately to avoid the cost of postage fees for reminder letters. Dues are easily renewed on our website through Pay Pal or by downloading a form and sending it to: Clayton Library Friends, P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078.

Following are some of the accomplishments of the Clayton Library Friends in 2009:

- Re-opened the former Clayton Guest House as headquarters for HPLF and the Clayton Carriage House as a meeting facility (main house is scheduled to re-open in the near future);
- With the input from Clayton family members, designed and implemented a CLF Docent's Training Program to provide historically accurate tours of the facilities as required;
- Directed \$35,000 towards funding of new acquisitions for 2009,

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Clayton Library Friends Statement of Activities

January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009

Income

Unrestricted Contributions	45,662.00
Temporarily Restricted	15,011.00
Renovation Project	4,270.00
Membership Dues	14,495.00
Interest and Dividend Income	2,241.00
Seminar Ticket Sales	1,956.00
Other Income	63.00

Total Revenue	\$ 83,698.00
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Expenses

Current Programs	116,463.00
Administrative & General	13,496.00

Total Expenditures	\$ 129,959.00
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Net Operating Revenue	-46,261.00
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Clayton Library Friends Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2009

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank Accounts	388,779.00
Accounts Receivable	105,045.00
Other Current Assets	1,870.00

Total Current Assets	\$ 495,694.00
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Other Assets	834,986.00
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,330,680.00
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	400.00
Other Current Liabilities	451.00

Total Liabilities	\$ 851.00
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Equity	1,329,829.00
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 1,330,680.00
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Ed Harris

President's Message

including:

- 984 rolls of microfilm,
- 246 genealogy reference books, and
- 18 family history publications

- Volunteers, including the CLF Board, provided over 3000 hours of service, equivalent to 3 full time employees, in support of Clayton Library;
- Conducted a nationally advertised full-day seminar on Irish Research and sponsored 4 topical genealogical programs in coordination with general meetings.

In early January the City of Houston began repairing the fractured slab and walls in the newly renovated Carriage House. They assure us that the repairs will permanently fix the problem and will not have to be redone in future years. Due to required access to accomplish the task, no events will be allowed in that facility until repairs are complete and the cause of the problem abated, which City officials estimate will take about 6 weeks. Therefore, **the CLF General Meeting on February 13, 2010 will be held at the Jungman Library, 5830 Westheimer Rd., with registration beginning at 10:15 a.m. and the meeting beginning at 10:30 a.m.**

Our speaker for the February 13th general meeting is Mr. David Appleton, an internationally known lecturer and author who, for over twenty-five years, has researched, taught and written about heraldry, and its relationship to and usefulness for genealogy. David promises to enlighten us on the significance of armorial and heraldic insignia so prevalent in our ancestors' coats of arms.

The City of Houston has nearly completed their installation of the new sprinkler system in the parking lot median, which means we will begin installing pavers shortly. The pavers are a long-awaited result of final fundraising from the renovation project and we are anxious for them to be installed. Additionally, we have seen significant progress by the City in the last month to finish the installation of wiring, shelving, furnishings, etc. to get the main house ready for occupancy. Certainly the Clayton Library Friends will be thrilled to finally be able to occupy and utilize the main house again and have an office and board room for required administrative tasks.

A very Happy New Year to you and yours.

The Heralds Visitations, an Often Overlooked Genealogical Resource

Saturday, February 13 at 10:15 a.m.
Speaker: David B. Appleton
CLF General Meeting
at Jungman Library, 5830 Westheimer



"No genealogist whose interests lie in sixteenth and seventeenth century England can afford to neglect visitation pedigrees. Used with discretion, they are an indispensable section of the genealogist's library." (G.D. Squibb, *Visitation Pedigrees and the Genealogist*, p. 25) The heralds

visitations of England and Ireland recorded not only who could bear certain titles of rank and coats of arms (and in some cases, who couldn't), but also family lineages. This presentation introduces the heralds visitations, when and why they were performed, the process involved in making them, the genealogical and heraldic information their records may contain, and where the published visitations, their indexes and related records may be found.

David B. Appleton (B.S. History) is an internationally known lecturer and author who has researched, taught and written about heraldry, and its relationship to and usefulness for genealogy, for over twenty-five years. He is a long-time member of a number of heraldry societies and participates in several heraldry, lineage and genealogy-related on-line groups. In addition to his illustrated lectures and presentations, he has written several books and numerous articles for a variety of publications on heraldry.

Mr. Dick Eastman, EOGN Author and Publisher Technology and Techniques in the New Decade "What's Hot and What's Not"

Saturday, March 27th, from 9:30 to 3:30
CLF Seminar
at St Luke's United Methodist Church,
3471 Westheimer Rd. (at Edloe)

TO REGISTER: see the enclosed registration form, or visit our website – www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org

Dick Eastman has been involved in genealogy for more than 30 years. He has worked in the computer industry for more than 40 years in hardware, software, and managerial positions. By the early 1970's, Dick was already using a mainframe computer to enter his family data on punch cards. He built his first home computer in 1980.

In the mid-1980s, Dick proposed a genealogy forum and built a community of family historians over the next 14 years. At the same time, he preached the benefits of

technology to an even wider audience of genealogists, including national and international genealogical organizations, and of course, GENTECH, an organization that helped him to spread his message.

Before most people had heard of the World Wide Web, Dick expressed an interest in creating a weekly newsletter that he could e-mail to genealogists all over the world. On January 15, 1996, Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter was launched as an e-mail publication.

The weekly newsletter has since grown into a daily publication, still available in e-mail but also now available on the World Wide Web. The present newsletter is read by more than 40,000 genealogists all over the world. Other guest authors occasionally publish articles in EOGN.com.

Manager's Message



Happy New Year everyone from the Staff at Clayton Library! It is going to be a very exciting and informative year. The staff is planning a full year of programming, and we hope you are subscribed to our electronic publications offering information about the Clayton Library, special

events, and volunteer opportunities.

In this issue I would like to highlight our electronic newsletters. Information on how to subscribe to our newsletters is at the end of this article.

Our major publication, Clayton Town Crier, is our quarterly newsletter delivered to your email address. It gives you information about the resources of the library, highlights of collections, and information on our programs.

Our programming is becoming more 21st century. With the addition of the Carriage House meeting room that has audio visual equipment, we can branch out from the traditional "lecture" to using online sources. Watch for monthly "Lunch with Sue" Roots Television (www.rootstelevision.com) – an online education presentations and discussion series. Think "book clubs" that "watch" and discuss specific research subjects.

February's "Lunch with Sue" (Saturday 6 February) is Revolutionary War Records. We will view the program in the Roots Lecture series - "Online sites for Revolutionary War Data and Research Part 1" presented by Curt Witcher in 2006 with a group discussion of the topic after viewing. The video and discussion will last one hour and begin at 11am. Please feel free to bring your lunch to eat, there will be water available. February's presentation is going to be held in the Clayton Main House – William Clayton Library Room.

The Clayton Library is reaching out to the genealogical community by bringing in various speakers in addition to the expert staff presentations. February is African American History Month, bringing in Debra Blalock Sloan who will be presenting "African American Genealogical Research: How to, Hints for, and Highlighted Sources" on Saturday 27 February at 2:00 pm. Kathryn Black Morrow will present "From Piles of Stuff to Polished Prose" Saturday 20 February at 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. These presentations are going to be held in the Clayton Main House.

How can you find out more about the events that are happening at the Clayton Library? By subscribing to the Clayton Town Crier and its sister publication, the more frequent Clayton Extra highlighting the events listed in the Crier, with an immediate impact to its timeliness. Visit the "services" page of the Houston Public Library's website, scroll down and click on "NextReads" <http://www.houstonlibrary.org/services>. Click the box beside the words "Genealogy" and "Genealogy: Clayton Extra". If you are currently subscribed to the Crier you are automatically subscribed to the Extra.

To find out about our programming, visit www.houstonlibrary.org/events, click "here to get started", and open up the "calendar of events" view by location. Choose Clayton, and move between months to view sessions. Register online with your HPL PowerCard, or call the library at 832-393-2600 to register.

2010 is going to be an exciting year at the Library – please plan to be part of it with us!

See you at Clayton!

Susan Kaufman

Watch Our Website for a Renovation

The development of the new design and features of our website will be described in the next newsletter – after it has been integrated. But, it is the result of the hard work and dedication of former CLF board member, Barbara Shreffler. The design won an award at the AIR Houston rally so we're anxious to see it up and running. (AIR stands for Accessibility Internet Rally.)

Volunteer Corner

Happy New Year Volunteers and Prospective Volunteers!

We are very excited to be starting a new year here at the library, and we hope that you will consider joining or renewing your participation in the Clayton Library volunteer community. We need your help!!! The following are some volunteer opportunities offered at Clayton Library in 2010 (suggested time commitments, if applicable, are noted with each activity – all training will be provided):

NEW! - Digitization – scan and digitize Clayton books for inclusion on the Family History Archives website (www.lib.byu.edu/fhc). This digitization project currently enables library users to search through hundreds of Clayton books for a specific person with one single click! (4 to 8 hrs per week requested)

NEW! - Clayton House (Spring 2010) – monitor the Clayton House welcome desk and assist library visitors with using microfilm on loan through the LDS Microfilm Rental Program (2 hrs per week requested)

Shelving – return books to their proper place on the shelf and help keep shelves in proper order (2 hrs per week recommended)

Docents – offer historical tours of the Clayton House to visiting groups (as needed, upon request)

Office Support – assist the Clayton Library Friends with mailings, typing, and other clerical tasks (as needed)

Special Projects – join the team of volunteers that are “on call” to assist with special projects at the library; special projects may include inventories, indexing, photocopying, etc. (as needed)

NEW! - Programming – Clayton Library recognizes the wealth of knowledge that our genealogical community has on specific resources and methods of research. If you are interested in sharing that knowledge in a presentation to a group, please contact Sue Kaufman at 832-393-2602 for more information on the process and procedures for getting involved with our programming activities.

For more information or to sign up for a specific volunteer opportunity, please contact me at steven.bychowski@cityofhouston.net or at 832-393-2600. We hope to see you soon at the library!

Steven Bychowski, Clayton Library Volunteer Coordinator

Very warm wishes to you all during this frosty winter. We might end up with four definite seasons this year and great events are scheduled at Clayton Library throughout.

Thank you for your continuing loyalty, commitment and service to Clayton Library/CLF during this “period of adjustment”. 2010 will be the first year the entire Clayton Complex will be open to the public. We’re not quite there yet, but our plans and activities are moving forward and volunteers are more important than ever to the future success of 5300 Caroline. The phenomenal library staff has been reduced (budget) and in addition to our assistance in the library, CLF now supports the additional three renovated buildings. Yes indeed, we need your participation and enthusiasm more than ever.

Steven Bychowski has shared some of our existing and new volunteer opportunities with you, and trainings will be placed on our website as soon as they are scheduled. In addition, we will be offering some other options so that members may contribute volunteer hours from their home.

We are open to all suggestions for future projects and will try to do what’s necessary to justify your trust. Please seriously consider investing 4-10 hours monthly at Clayton this year. Steven and I will discuss your preferences and placements with you and I know we can come up with a plan perfect for you, your team, or your organization.

Looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you at our February general meeting.

Claudia M. Grafton – CLF Volunteer Coordinator
claudiamg10@gmail.com



Angels Report

The Angel program was created in 1994 to provide funds for periodicals Clayton Library would like to receive, but are in excess of their periodical budget.

Anyone interested in becoming an "Angel" by underwriting one or more of the following periodicals should contact Liz Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030, phone: (713) 944-1118 or email at erootrot@usa.net. Checks should be made payable to CLF, and mailed to Attn: Liz Hicks, CLF, PO Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078.

Donations can be made 'in memory of' or 'in honor of' someone(s) and will be acknowledged in The Clayton Advocate (the CLF newsletter). Upon request, a bookplate can be placed in the bound periodicals at the end of the year. Donations for binding are also needed.

Those who have earned their "wings" since the last newsletter are:

Karen Acker. Renewal for the *Central Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly*;

P. G. Bell. Donation for *Carolina Herald and Newsletter* (SC);

Leslie Conrads. Donation for *Le Raconteur, Northeast Mississippi Hist. & Gen., Ohio Records, Houston History, Genie* (Ark-LA-TX Gen. Assn.), *The Foothills Inquirer* (Colorado), and *Flint Genealogical Society Quarterly* (Michigan);

Tom Coughlin. Donation for *MASOG and Journal of Past Times* (Massachusetts Society of Genealogists), in memory of his g-grandfather, Dennis J. Lonergan;

Norma and Wally Davenport. Donation for *Arkansas Family Historian, Goingsnake Messenger*, and *Kith 'n Kin* (Sandusky, Ohio) subscriptions for 2010;

John L Davis. Renewal to the *Clark County Historical Journal* (Arkansas), in memory of Allen Syler, a long time contributor to that county's historical collections;

Alice Braud-Jones. Donation to Angels program in honor of Wynnefred S. Holloman, aka Cora Lillian McCoy;

William and Mary E. Pearson. Renewal for the *Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly* in memory of their son, Michael Ellis Pearson (1962-2008);

The Polish Genealogical Society of Texas. Renewal of "*Rodziny*", publication of the Polish Genealogical Society of America;

Don Teter. Renewals for *Chicago Genealogist, Journal of the African-American Historical and Genealogical Society*, and *Houston History*.

Angels are needed NOW for 2010 - Subscriptions should be renewed before December 31, 2009

Carolinas Genealogical Society Quarterly (previous exchange) \$18.00

Family Tree Magazine & CD monthly, (United Kingdom) \$120.00/yr. (renews July)

Greenville County Genealogical Soc. Journal (SC) \$21.00

Idaho Genealogical Society Journal \$19.00

Internet Genealogy \$28.00

Marissa Hist. & Gen. Society (Illinois) \$20.00

Ross County Genealogical Society Newsletter (Ohio) \$15.00

St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly (Missouri) \$35.00

South Dakota Genealogical Society Quarterly \$23.00

Tap Roots (East Alabama Gen. Society) \$25.00 (renews April)

Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly (Kansas) \$25.00

Documenting Your Research & Citing Your Sources

The process of documenting our research is more than photocopying the title page of a book or writing its call number in our notes. It has important implications for our planning, research and evaluation, including the quality of our results. Citing sources is neither difficult nor optional! It is essential to the validity and credibility of our genealogy.

Good researchers keep track of their facts and where each was found. When we share our results with any other person, we must also share our sources. Where did I find each fact? How do I know it is “true”? Documenting means matching each fact with its source(s) so that others can find the same source and information. This process allows you to support your conclusions with legitimate evidence.

Where do you cite your sources? I’d suggest that you write your source information (enough to write a footnote) in your notes, with the date you used the material. (See examples below.) It is also appropriate to attach the source information to your charts and group sheets. It is essential to cite your sources on any chart or written compilation that you share with others. You never know when you or someone else will need to know where you found a specific piece of information.

In creating your source citation, try to answer these questions: Where did I get this fact? In what book or record? Who was the author? Who published the book? When and where? Where is the fact

within the source? What page number? If the fact is in a public record, what is the larger set? Deed books of Harris County? What volume and page number? Did you read the record at a courthouse? Or on microfilm or a photocopy from a courthouse? Be as specific as you can about the identity of the record you used. If you found a record online, cite the website and date you used it. Consider some examples.

Fortunately, you have choices in the way you write the footnotes (or endnotes) that accompany your charts, tables, or compiled genealogy. You may prefer to begin a footnote with the name of the ancestor involved in the record you’re citing or the person who created the record or book. Others prefer to list first the record itself. Do what makes sense to you, but be consistent in your style. Two accepted conventions in genealogy are the use of international dates (6 November 2009, not 11-6-2009) and this way of noting book and page number in multiple-book sets: Book 8: 300, meaning Book 8, page 300.

This footnote begins with the name of the ancestor involved in the record: Huckleberry Greenapple, deed of gift to son Elderberry Greenapple, 12 June 1835, Old County, Virginia, Deed Bk. 8: 300, FHL [Family History Library] microfilm #425364. This is one way of citing the record first: Deed of gift, Huckleberry Greenapple to son Elderberry Greenapple, ... (same as above).

Especially in citing census



records, I like to telescope down from the largest entity to the smallest, either the ancestor or the head of household. Example: US Census of 1880, roll 1305, Galveston County, Texas, Galveston, e.d. 66, sheet 18, 118 Post Office St., family 136, household of A. Dexter, with line 14 naming stepson Walter Carroll as son “Waller Dexter” (sic), age 9; accessed online at Ancestry.com, 6 February 2006. I feel it is appropriate to cite the roll number so that anyone can find the same entry, either on microfilm or online.

For more on citing your sources, visit my website, www.unpuzzling.com, and click on Books. The first item is a free eBook that you can read online or print out for your personal use. After all, our genealogy results are only as good as our sources and our evaluation of them.

Emily A. Croom

Books Just Arrived from Cataloging / Processing

- Abstracts of Post Returns for Fort Graham, Texas April 1849-October 1853 With a List of Soldiers*
American Revolution: a picture sourcebook
Atkinson County, Georgia cemeteries
Barksdale Cemetery: family plots Coalson family, Field family, Barber family [Texas]
Bicentennial look at Newburgh, Indiana
Blackwells of Blackwell's Neck: an inferential genealogy based on material available
Caleb & Sarah Brown and family
Camp Wood Cemetery, Old Camp Wood army post cemetery: family plots ... [Texas]
Cemetery Records of Greene County, Pennsylvania, v. 1 & 2
Chronicle of faith and courage: the Streckfuss family and those who joined them...
Civil Order Book 1, Boone Circuit Court: Boone County, Indiana
Colmore Morris - Daviess County, Kentucky..
CoLonNeh, Sam Houston Senior High Yearbook, 1984-1987, 1992, 1997-1998, 2000, 2002-2008 [Houston, Texas]
Cypress Creek Cemetery, Rio Frio Cemetery, Heard Cemetery (revised January 31, 2006) [Texas]
Dedication of Texas Historical Marker Commemorating Events in Navarro County
Descendants of George Fraizer, Joseph Journey, Patrick Calvert, Thomas Endicott, Sr, John Ashworth, Sr.
Descendants of Peter Schneider (Snyder) and Elizabeth Muller of Grayson County, Virginia
Early lists of Frederick countians (Maryland) 1765-1775
Edge Wood Cemetery-1885-2004 (Old Batesville), Wood Lawn Cemetery-1914-2004 [Texas]
Fayette County, Pennsylvania area key
From bluestem to golden trend: a pictorial history of Garvin County... [Oklahoma]
Generations, volume one, three, six [Texas]
German Migration to Missouri: My Family's Story [Nagel]
Gonzenbach family
Gulf Coast Colonials: A Compendium of French Families in Early Eighteenth Century [Louisiana]
Helen Janice Burke and Clarence Nagem Jamail: family history
Heritage of Lawrence County, Tennessee
Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery, Uvalde, Texas (as of December 31, 2002)
Historic Amarillo: an Illustrated History [Texas]
Historical Montage of Tom Green County: Representative Papers of Historical Interest [Texas]
History of Hardin County, Iowa
History of Posey County, Indiana
History of Sullivan County, Pennsylvania: compendium of biography
History of Wadesville, Indiana
History of Winkler County, 1887-1984 [Texas]
Houston Country Club Centennial, 1908-2008 [Texas]
Index to Marriage Record Gibson County, Indiana, 1850-1920 inclusive, v. 3
Index to Birth Records, Perry County, Indiana: 1882-1920 inclusive, v. 1
Index to Marriage Record, Perry County, Indiana: 1850-1920 inclusive, v. 1, 2
Index to Supplemental Record Marriage Transcript, Perry County, Indiana: 1887
Index to Supplemental Record, Marriage Transcript, Gibson County, Indiana, 1880-1920, inclusive, v. 1, 2
Index to Supplemental Record, Marriage Transcript, Warrick County, Indiana, 1880-1920, inclusive, v. 1, 2
Jackson County, Kentucky Marriage Records, 1857-1885, v. 1
Kaufman County, Texas Marriages, 1931-1940
Knippa Cemetery, Leona Chapel Cemetery, J.A. Sparks Memorial, Cline, TX
Leflore County, Mississippi Marriage Index, 1805-1940
Listing of Entrymen on Lands in Hamilton Co., Ohio
Marriages of Perry County, Indiana, 1814-1852
Meetings of the Overseers of the Poor for Accomack & St. Georges Parish, 1787-1789 [Virginia]
Memories of Old Richmond (1881- 1944) [Virginia]
Mid - Appalachian Frontier: A Guide to Historic Sites of the French and Indian War
Milam County, Texas: Index to Military Discharge Records, 1918 through 2000
Naturalization Records by New Mexico courts: docket books Bernalillo county, 1881-1927
Newsome Baptist Church 1907 to 2007 [Camp County, Texas]
Obituaries from the Skamana County Pioneer Newspaper, 1900-1929 [Washington]
Old Uvalde Cemetery, Uvalde, Texas
Ordnance Survey Memoirs of Ireland: Parishes of County Donegal II, 1835-6, v. 39
Pike County History, Bicentennial Edition 1776-1976 [Indiana]
Plano, Texas: The Early Years
Posey County, Indiana: A Documented History, v. 2, 3
Sabinal Cemetery (as of July 2006) [Texas]
Selected Final Pension Payment Vouchers, 1818-1864, New Jersey: Trenton, v. 1, 2
Selected Final Pension Payment Vouchers, 1818-1864, Pennsylvania: v. 1, 2
Shadrach & Hopye Rogers and Family
Sheridan Pictorial History Project [Wyoming]
Sibert family of South Carolina and Alabama
Simpson Family
Smith County (F.R. 3351 North- 8/10's mile north of Texas 46) Bergheim, Texas
Solingen: History of a City: From Its Beginnings to the End of the 17th Century [Germany]
Springfield Township School Ledger, 1839-1857: Jefferson County, Ohio
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, The First Fifty Years: 1939-1989 [Houston, Texas]
Stories of Old Gloucester [Virginia]
They Came to Warrick County, Indiana: Revolutionary War Soldiers and Patriots Buried in Warrick County, v. I, 2
Thomas Webb Family of Virginia
Vance Cemetery, Hackberry Cemetery, Odle Boys Grave (revised February 4, 2008) [Texas]
Vermilion Parish, Louisiana Marriages, 1861-1891
Vital records of Amesbury, Massachusetts to the end of the year 1849
Vital records of Dartmouth, Massachusetts to the year 1850, v. I-births, v. 2-marriages, v. 3-deaths
Vital records of Duxbury, Massachusetts to the year 1850
Vital records of Edgartown, Massachusetts to the year 1850
Vital records of Framingham, Massachusetts to the year 1850
Vital records of Haverhill, Massachusetts to the end of the year 1849, v. I-births, v. 2-marriages & deaths
Vital records of Marlborough, Massachusetts to the end of the year 1849
Vital records of Medfield, Massachusetts to the year 1850
Vital records of Natick, Massachusetts to the year 1850
Vital records of Newbury, Massachusetts to the end of the year 1849, v. I-births, v. 2-marriages and deaths
Vital records of Stow, Massachusetts to the year 1850
Vital records of Sudbury, Massachusetts to the year 1850
Vital records of Taunton, Massachusetts to the year 1850, v. I-births, v. 2-marriages, v. 3-deaths
Vital records of Wrentham, Massachusetts to the year 1850, v. I-births, v. 2-marriages & deaths
Vorwerk family in Texas, 1883-2006
Wagoner, 1923-1950: a look backward [Oklahoma]
Warrick County, Indiana Bible and Family Records, v. I, 2
Warrick County, Indiana, 1850 Census
Warrick County, Indiana, 1860 Federal Census
Welling's and Allied Families
Yoakum County: From Sod to 1985 [Texas]

Acquisitions Committee Report

The members of the Acquisitions Committee are pleased with the number of items we were able to add to Clayton's holdings this past year. In addition to locating and purchasing materials for the Book for Every County project, we were able to take advantage of some excellent sales that Clayton management brought to our attention, which meant more "bang for our bucks." We have added New York passenger lists, Confederate Pension records, replaced worn Massachusetts vital records books, and added books to counties that had none. With the support of our members, we plan to continue to help Clayton grow their holdings.

The renovation of the Clayton Campus has been foremost in the minds of Clayton Library Friends for several years. We are pleased that this project is almost complete, and we can return our focus to acquiring materials to enhance the wonderful collections of our library. With that in mind the Acquisitions Committee would like to remind you to remember Clayton when you are making donations. We still have some counties in 26 states that are not represented by a book on Clayton's shelves. We would like to add vital records, passenger lists, naturalization records, and the list goes on and on.

Your generous donations are necessary and appreciated. However, we would like to make a request this year. Consider making the restrictions on your donations a bit broader. A donation to the Book for Every County (BFEC) project that is specified for a

state that already has a book for every county is difficult to honor. By giving us the option of two or three states, or the project in general, we will be better able to locate material that meets your restriction. If you prefer that we purchase books for a specific state, do not mention the BFEC project. Believe it or not, there are some counties in some states that just do not have any genealogical materials available. If you research in one of those areas, abstract some records and publish them. Other researchers will love you for it, as will the Clayton Library Friends' Acquisitions Committee.

Generous authors continue to donate family histories at our request. Most recently we have received:

Descendants of Gabriel Woodmancy/Woodmansee of New London, Connecticut, Thirteen Generations from 1665 by Janet G. and J. Carlyle Parker, eds.

Teter Nave - East Tennessee Pioneer by Robert T. Nave and Margaret W. Houghland

The Burchfield Chronicles in America by Mary Alice Burchfield, donated by Gary Burchfield.

If you would like to purchase a copy of any of the donated family histories for your own collection, contact Karen Acker, at tkacker@aol.com or 281-358-0893, for the information needed to do so.

Karen Acker

Clayton Library Friends hosts the HPL Holiday Party at the Clayton House

On December 15th, the Clayton House was buzzing with activity. It had been decorated for the holidays, and many volunteers from various HPL groups gathered to meet, eat, and be welcomed by HPL Director Dr. Rhea Lawson, and Mayor Bill White.



Membership Report

It is time to renew our dues for 2010.

We thank all our members for your support last year and we hope to increase our membership numbers this year. Due to your incredible loyalty, we remain in the top four in holdings in the U.S. and are continuing to grow. Thank you to those who have already paid. For those who have not yet paid, please take the time now to send in your dues. Our dues remain an affordable \$20, or \$25 for two people at the same address. You may save time and postage by paying online at our website.

At the CLF website - www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org – find Join/Renew and ‘click’ on it for the membership form. (The membership form does not appear in the drop-down menu, but it is there if you ‘click’.) Then you will see three options. Option #1 is to fill out the form online and pay online with a credit card. Option #2 allows you to fill out the form online, print it, and mail it with your check. With option #3 you can print the PDF form, fill it out, and mail it with your check.

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See you at the February 17th meeting at the Jungman Library, 5830 Westheimer.

Patricia Phillips

Welcome New Members

Clayton Library Friends would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members: **Janice Adams, Ben Andrews, Bobbie Burch, Karen Crockett, Polly**

Dixon, John M Faulk, Mary Lynn Faulk (McKeown), Harold Gilliland, Barbara Jean Richards, Christine Smith, Charles Toney, and Mrs. Millicent Williams.

Thank You

It is difficult, if not impossible, to say NO to Ginny Toney. She asked me to fill in as Secretary of CLF last February, since the elected person was unable to complete the term. I implored her to find someone younger, more suited, and more experienced in such endeavors. After a few days of desperate phone calls from Ginny, I reluctantly accepted. It wasn’t as bad as I expected, as most of the committee chairs were very helpful in furnishing written reports at each meeting from which I could extract the necessary data for the

minutes. President Alice, who previously served as secretary and who has a handle on every detail, was most helpful in adding details I missed.

So, I thank everyone on the Board for their cooperation. It was a worthwhile experience, and I am so thankful that wonderful Mary Lou Gullett has volunteered to succeed me. She has the youth, experience, and ability to do a great job. Thanks for the opportunity to be of service to CLF.

Don Teter

In Memoriam

Clayton Library Friends and the genealogy community have lost two very loyal friends and members. **Bill Teas** passed away suddenly on December 20th; **Dorothy Mae Baker Garner Goodwin** left us in mid-January. Obituaries for both can be found in the Houston Chronicle.

Renovation Committee Report

Since the renovation was completed, the Carriage House has had a developing problem -- the foundation. It began with doors sticking and flooring splitting, and worsened with time. City of Houston, Houston Public Library representatives, and CLF met with the design team, contractor, and soils engineer for the project to investigate the problem and explore possible solutions.

After several meetings the consensus is that the trees along the parking lot are causing moisture to be removed from under the new-addition slab, and therefore causing sinking of the foundation piers. The City is convinced this is the problem and that re-leveling of the foundation will permanently repair the problem. The soils engineer

agrees the trees could be the cause, but is not definitive as to whether there are other contributing factors unless more testing and investigation is done.

The City contracted to have the foundation repair performed in January 2010 with the same foundation subcontractor who performed the foundation repair on the Clayton House during the major renovation. This work is being paid for by the City.

The foundation work is scheduled to be completed by late January. The next step will be to repair the areas damaged by the slab settlement and the foundation repairs. The Carriage House will be unavailable for use until this work is completed -- probably some time in February or early March.

Charlie Gardes,
Committee Chair



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General Meeting
Jungman Library
5830 Westheimer Road
10:15 a.m.

Saturday – March 27, 2010
Seminar
St Luke's United Methodist Church
3471 Westheimer Road (at Edloe)
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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