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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



"Time's up!" has never been a more poignant phrase. An end to my second term as your president is fast approaching and a new leader will be stepping in to champion the cause of Clayton Library Friends. These past several years, during and following the renovation program, have been challenging and, in many ways, extremely rewarding.

In 2010, CLF completed an occupancy agreement with the City of Houston for the office space allotted to the Friends, hosted several events for professional genealogical and heritage societies, installed the long-awaited pavers, and brought to fruition the vast majority of the remaining work from the renovation project. Great programming encouraged meeting attendance of new and seasoned genealogists alike. Day-long seminars presented by Dick Eastman in the spring and The Ulster Heritage Society's Fintan Mullan and Dr. Brian Trainor this fall were well attended. General meeting program topics included information on heraldry and coats of arms, researching and deciphering ancient codes, and unblocking writers block

using the tricks of novelists. This year's final program (November 13th) will enlighten attendees on advances in DNA research. More new and informative topics of genealogical significance are promised for 2011, including a presentation by Susan Kaufman, Manager of the Clayton Library, on the utilization of the library's new collections.

Our organization suffered the tragic loss of a staunch supporter and multi-term board member in August, when Dr. Samuel Stowell Lusk was fatally

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Clayton Library Friends Statement of Activities

Nine months ended September 30, 2010

Income

Unrestricted Contributions	14,489
Temporarily Restricted	36,960
Renovation Project	250
Membership Dues	13,335
Interest and Dividend Income	139
Seminar Ticket Sales	6,725
Other Income	0

Total Revenue \$ 71,898

Expenses

Current Programs	72,936
Administrative & General	14,377

Total Expenditures \$ 87,313

Net Operating Revenue -15,415

Clayton Library Friends Statement of Financial Position As of September 30, 2010

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank Accounts	453,660
Accounts Receivable	90
Other Current Assets	1,525

Total Current Assets \$ 455,275

Other Assets 883,906

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 1,339,181

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	776
Other Current Liabilities	0

Total Liabilities \$ 776

Equity 1,338,405

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$ 1,339,181

Ed Harris

President's Message *continued*

injured in an auto accident. Sam will be long remembered for his kindness, sense of humor, and significant contributions to the genealogical community and to the Clayton Library Friends.

Sincere appreciation is extended to fellow board members, library staff, and the many Clayton family members and friends who have supported my tenure and projects. Special appreciation goes to those CLF members who will continue to assure that Clayton Library remains one of the nation's outstanding research facilities through personal involvement, financial funding, and support of the newly elected board. Your ongoing commitment to the library is paramount to its success.

It has been an honor to serve as your president, but "Time's up!"

Alice Braud-Jones

Welcome New Members!

Clayton Library Friends would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members who have joined or re-joined since our last newsletter. **Dr/M James M Adkins, Charlotte Babicki, Joanne Kay Bobal, Nick and Robin Cimino, M/M Carl R Henderson, Anne Jones, Howard R Kaufman, Jana Lee, Elizabeth Martin, and Ann Gale Weiss.**

Clayton Library Friends is a tax exempt, non-profit organization under IRS Code 501(c)(3).

Its purpose is to enrich the resources and facilities of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, a unit of the Houston Public Library.

CLAYTON LIBRARY FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

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Houston, TX 77004-6896
832 393-2600

Techniques and Family History DNA Testing for the Next Decade

Saturday, November 13

Registration at 10:00 a.m., meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Speaker: Jane Buck & Aaron Brown

CLF Annual Meeting and Election of Officers for 2011

Carriage House Meeting Room at the Clayton Library Complex

Jane Buck, a representative of FamilyTree DNA will discuss results and advanced testing options of DNA tests. There may also be some discussion of the capabilities of Y-DNA and mtDNA testing. She will be accompanied by Aaron Brown who will present an overview about Family Finder (their newest test). There will be some time allowed for questions.

FamilyTree DNA, based in Houston, is one of the nation's foremost Professional DNA Study Organizations.

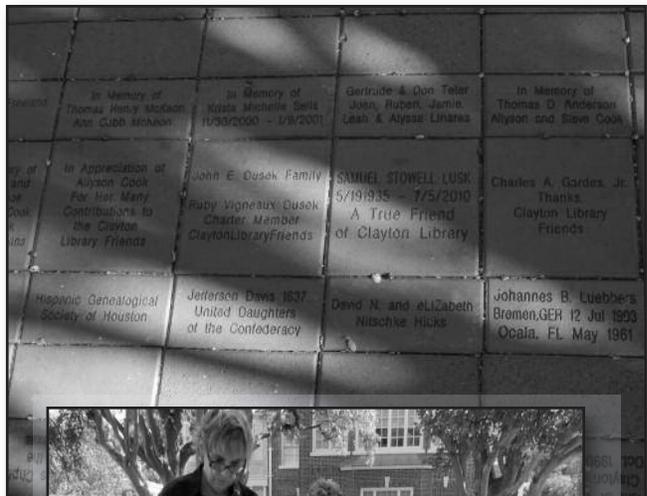
Immediately following the meeting we will adjourn to the grounds of the Clayton Library Complex for the "Party on the Pavers."



*Clayton Library Friends Members
Are Invited to the
"Party on the Pavers"
Saturday, November 13, 2010
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Following the CLF General
Meeting*

*On the grounds of the Clayton
Library Complex
A light luncheon will be served*

*In honor of the generous Donors who contributed
to the Clayton Library Friends Paver Project*



Manager's Message



Every year around this time I get melancholy for family.... and for much cooler weather than Houston weather. I attribute these feelings to the upcoming holidays, and to the recent great times I have had with my father.

Opportunities to learn about our family through the art of conversation are chances to glean an insight into our own personal past, our own little piece of history that we can relish and share. Often life has become so fast that sharing is an activity done in many ways other than listening.

Family gatherings often generate many a conversation about family members. Subjects are broad and varied, and moving from group to group is a great way to hear and participate in family stories, traditions, and history.

Guiding conversations to generate discussions that give us insight into our personal past is an art that is well suited for the family gathering. These stories offer information about a location in a time period that can be used for further investigation on the family history project. The narrative is always worth its weight in gold as it links the past to the present in a person's own words. Having

someone talk about their own lives, especially lives that are part of the 20th century, is priceless in passing down information, traditions, and a personal past. Transcriptions or notes from these encounters can be compiled to create a family narrative in print. These notes and memories are worth sitting through a story for the 100th time.

This is also a great activity to get youth involved in family history. Pairing up grandparents and grandchildren is a great way to learn more about grandparents. With more transient families these days, grandparents might live in a different state or country. The idea that these individuals have had a role outside of being "grandpa" needs to be shared.

At this juncture, many people want to know what to ask. Following are links to a few websites with questions that generate conversation to learn more about our family and ourselves. There are books that help write the family narrative, also with guidelines and ideas. Universities might have writing workshops through continuing education. Suggest this topic to your society program director. It is important that we write down our lives. Communication is so fleeting, email is deleted, and lives are lost. Learn about your family, live part of their lives through their voice, record that voice, and hang on to it. It is our history.

Susan Kaufman

Sources with suggested questions for getting a good conversation going:

<http://storycorps.org/record-your-story/question-generator/list/>

StoryCorps is an independent nonprofit whose mission is to provide Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs with the opportunity to record, share, and preserve the stories of their lives. Since 2003, StoryCorps has collected and archived more than 30,000 interviews from more than 60,000 participants. Each conversation is recorded on a free CD to share, and is preserved at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. StoryCorps is one of the largest oral history projects of its kind, and millions listen to their weekly broadcasts on NPR's Morning Edition. <http://storycorps.org/>

<http://www.ancestry.com/learn/library/article.aspx?article=3425>

A list of leading questions

<http://genealogy.about.com/cs/oralhistory/a/interview.htm>

50 Questions for Family History Interviews

Books located at Clayton:

Writing The Family Narrative by Lawrence P. Gouldrup 929.1072 G698 USA

You Can Write Your Family History by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack. Includes the all important chapter on defining the scope of the project. 808.0669292 C287 USA

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Acquisitions Committee Report

With the \$10,000 grant received from the Herzstein Foundation, directed to be spent on Southern Passenger and Immigration records, we have ordered 119 rolls of microfilm from the National Archives. The records ordered include Manifests of Statistical Alien Arrivals at El Paso, Texas, May 1909 – October 1924; Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels (March 1931-March 1957) and Airplanes (December 1954-March 1957) Arriving at Brownsville, Texas; and Index to Manifests of Permanent and Statistical Alien Arrivals at Laredo, Texas, December 1929 – April 1955.

Clayton Library Friends contracted with the Texas State Archives to film the Texas Tax-in-Kind records, which

The Goodwin Family of Central North Carolina

by T. Jerry Goodwin

Migration of the Horney Family from the Eastern Shore of Maryland to Guilford County, North Carolina by

Betty Leach Brown and Mary A. Browning

Drury Thomas Page Family

by John L. Davis

were created during the Civil War and contain information on contributions made by local farmers to support the Confederate troops. These microfilmed records have been received, and the \$1200 cost of having these records filmed was donated by a member of CLF.

Family histories donated since the last newsletter as a result of request letters sent to the authors are listed below. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of one of the family histories, contact Karen Acker at ackertk@gmail.com or 281-358-0893 for an idea of the cost and the contact information.

Karen Acker

Vivians: From Land's End to the Tip of Texas

by Naomi Vivian Ridge

Oakwood: A Family That Put Its Name on the Map (2010) by H. Thomas Howell

The Victor Haydel Creole Family: Plantation

Beginnings and Early Descendants, 3rd ed., 2009 by Dr. Belmont F. Haydel

Problems in the Microfilm Drawers

We are calling on our members to help us preserve the microfilm collection at Clayton Library. Much of the Library's film was purchased when acetate film was the film of choice. As with many things that are supposed to last for a long time, it has been found that acetate film tends to deteriorate. A chemical reaction accelerated by humidity produces acetic acid which causes the film to fade. Deteriorating film begins to smell like vinegar. The next time you are at the Library, take a walk around the film cabinets at the back of the microprint department. You will be able to smell the vinegar.

There is no cure for vinegar syndrome. The images will eventually disappear. The Library purchased duplicate rolls

to replace Davidson County, Tennessee film and found that the new rolls were not identical to what we own (even though the roll numbers and descriptions were the same). Therefore, the staff has determined that the best way to preserve Clayton's film is to have it duplicated on polyester film.

Library staff is currently identifying the film that is affected. They are cleaning the Virginia film that is still readable and plan to work on North Carolina next. Once that is done, a local company will be able to duplicate the film. We anticipate that \$2000 to \$5000 will be needed to begin saving our records. We hope that you can help by making a donation to the "Save our Film" project.

Conversation Resources *continued from page 4*

In a formal interview one might want to provide interviewees with questions prior to the interview. For family gatherings, one might want to keep the conversation going and flowing by leading the conversation with suggested topics.

Whatever, whenever, and however you do write down the family stories - the family history - the overall concept is to have fun and learn about ourselves.

Have a great holiday season!

SLATE OF NOMINEES

President – Claudia Nickerson Grafton



Claudia Grafton previously served on the CLF Board in two positions -- as Editor of the CLF newsletter, and as Volunteer Coordinator where she organized the CLF Docent program which provides historical tours for the renovated Clayton facilities. She has pursued a lifelong commitment of volunteer and community service through such organizations as the Girl Scouts (Council positions), American Red Cross, and the Master Gardener Association for both Harris and Galveston Counties. Claudia is an active member in numerous historical and genealogical groups and remains involved with Clayton, Freeman, and Rosenberg Libraries.

1st VP (Membership) – Vernon Gillette



Vernon Gillette is a retired high school teacher, naval officer, and small business owner. Locally, he is a member of Clayton Library Friends, Houston Genealogical Forum, Bay Area Genealogical Society, and Friends of the Texas Room. He is currently volunteering at the Clayton Library in the Morman Digitizing Project, and at the Texas Room. He is also a member of NGS, APG, and UGA. Vernon's main work now is as a family historian with four articles published in the HGF *Genealogical Record*, and family histories on the Flavin, Gillette, and Hickman families.

2nd VP (Ways & Means) – Sheila Turner



Sheila Turner began her career as a fundraising specialist in 1996. Since that time, she has worked as a development consultant with Harriet Latimer & Associates, gaining outstanding capital campaign experience by working with over 50 different area

nonprofit organizations (large and small). Her experience includes many areas of expertise including Historic Preservation, Literary Arts, and Libraries. Sheila graduated from the University of Houston-Downtown with a degree in Criminal Justice, and a minor in Sociology. She is married to Benjamin B Turner, III and has two grown children.

Treasurer – Ed Harris



Ed Harris is a native of New Mexico but has lived and worked in the Greater Clear Lake Area almost long enough to be considered a Texan. He has retired his CPA license but remains active as a Certified Financial Planner. He is the president of Wealth Care Asset Management, LLC, a money management and financial planning firm located in Nassau Bay. Ed likes being outdoors and ran a career total of twenty-five marathons. More recently he prefers to go camping with his retired greyhound, "Sir Harley Davidson Harris," who also loves to run. Ed has two sons and two grandchildren, all living in the area.

Secretary – Mary Lou Gullett



Mary Lou Gullett is a graduate of Sam Houston University with majors in Business and Spanish. Her professional career was primarily in oil and gas, having substantial tenures at Exxon and Superior Oil Company. Mary Lou is presently retired and lives with her husband Kenneth in West University Place. Mary Lou is an active member of the Lady Washington Chapter of The National Society of The Daughters of The American Revolution where she now serves on the Lineage Committee and chairs the Commemorative Events Committee.

SLATE OF NOMINEES

Director (Newsletter) – Pat Metcalfe



Pat Metcalfe was CLF president in 1998 and 1999, and served in several other CLF board positions in 1997, 2001, and 2002. She was a proof-reader for the *CLF Newsletter* and *The Clayton Advocate* for ten years, and is currently the editor of *The Clayton Advocate* -- completing

the second year of a director term for a resigning member. She is also a former editor of the *HGF Newsletter* and the HGF quarterly *The Genealogical Record*. Having retired from three professions (college teacher, counselor, and small business owner) Pat now has the time to be even more deeply involved in genealogy.

Director (PR & Programs) – Alice Braud-Jones



Alice Braud-Jones is the current president of Clayton Library Friends, having served in that capacity since January 2009. She joined the CLF Board in 2006 as newsletter editor and has since served in the offices of board secretary and vice president. Alice is an alumna of

Samford University's Institute for Genealogical and Historical Research, the National Institute for Genealogical Research and the British Institute of Genealogical Research. She is an avid supporter and contributor to the Clayton Library.

Director (Web Site) – Ruby Dusek



Ruby Vigneaux Dusek has been working as Web Site Chair for the past three years. She is a Charter Member of Clayton Library Friends, was Treasurer in 1990, 2006, 2007, and President in 1991 and 1992. She has served on various CLF committees and was Parliamentarian for several years.

Ruby has done genealogical research since 1977, tracing her French and Colonial Louisiana ancestors to the 1600s. Ruby has retired after being a Disaster Reserve with the American Red Cross since 1978, traveling to major disasters in this country, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa, keeping record of the money committed and the thousands of case files.

Director (Volunteers) – Pat Phillips



Pat Phillips is a native Houstonian with a long history of volunteerism. As a stay-at-home mom she was involved with children's activities such as field trips, sports, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and was an active member of the PTA. When assisting the elderly, Pat always enjoyed listening to their family

history and their stories about life as they were growing up. Then, in the late 1990's, Pat attended an evening genealogy class and became interested in genealogical research. With her new interest came another volunteer opportunity, Clayton Library Friends. In 2009 and 2010 she served as 1st VP (Membership) on the CLF Board.

CONTINUING 2011 DIRECTORS

Director (Facilities) – Hank Wenzler, and Director (Acquisitions) – Karen Acker

Both were elected last year to their positions. The six Director positions are for a two-year term, so Hank and Karen are not included in the slate of nominees. They will continue to serve on the board in 2011.



Karen Ladd Acker
Director (Acquisitions)



Hank Wenzler
Director (Facilities)

List of Items Returned from Cataloging/Processing July - September 2010

Canada

Index to Data for Canadian Genealogies [Quebec]

Mexico

Origen de los Fundadores de Texas-Nuevo Mexico, Coahuila y Nuevo Leon

USA

Bernardo de Galvez y su Tiempo

Colonial Scotch-Irish of the Carolina Piedmont

Confederate Reporter, 1861-64

Corrections & Supplemental Index to McBee's Natchez Court Records, 1767-1805

Handy Guide to the Genealogical Library and Church History Department Revised

Tracing Family Trees in Eleven States: Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Virginia, ...

Wanted! U.S. Criminal Records: Sources & Research Methodology

Florida

Fort Lauderdale and Broward County: An Illustrated History

Favored Land, Tallahassee [Leon]

Footprints & Landmarks: Arcadia and DeSoto County, Florida

Hernando County: Our Story

Indian Springs: The Story of a Pioneer Church in Leon County, Florida

Lake County, Florida: A Pictorial History

Lee County: A Pictorial History

Indiana

Index to Marriage Record Warrick County, Indiana, 1900-1920, Letters A-Z

Kansas

Centennial Atlas of Rice County, Kansas-1971

Decatur County, Texas

Early Lane County Development

Early Lane County History: 12,000 B.C.-A.D. 1884

Elk County: A Narrative History of Elk County and its People

Family Heritage Album of Barton County, Kansas

Golden Age, Great Depression, and Dust Bowl

Golden Heritage of Thomas County, Kansas [Lane]

History of Grant County, Kansas

History of Kiowa County, Kansas, Volume 2

History of Wichita County, Kansas, Volume 2

Marion County, Kansas: Past and Present

Marriage Records of Wichita County, Kansas 1887-1975

McPherson, Kansas: A Pictorial History

Pioneer Saints and Sinners: Pratt County from its Beginnings to 1900

Sheridan County, Kansas: A History of Faith and Labor, Volume 1 & 2

Rush County, Kansas: 125 Years in Story & Pictures

Stafford County, Kansas 1870-1990

Kentucky

Days of Anger, Days of Tears: The History of the Rowan County War

Louisiana

Briley's Memorial History & Cemetery Directory of Winn Parish, Louisiana

Quest for the Promised Land, Official Correspondence Relating to the First Acadian Migration...1764-1769

Maryland

Baltimore, 1797-1997: Bringing Our Heritage Into The 21st century

Massachusetts

Francis Cooke of the Mayflower, The First Five Generations, Mayflower Families, Volume 12

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations Descendants of the Pilgrims Who Landed at Plymouth, Mass

New Mexico

New Mexico Baptisms: La Capilla de San Antonio del Sabinal, February 4, 1849-... [Valencia]

New Mexico Baptisms: San Jaun de los Caballeros, January 10, 1871-December 30, 1900 [Rio Arriba]

New Mexico Marriages: Pecos, October 1862-April 1904 [San Miguel]

New York

Short History of Saint Philip's Church in the Highlands, 1770-1970: Garrison, New York [Putnam]

Ohio

Church of the Brethren in Southern Ohio

Enumeration '96, A Name and Source Descriptive Index to Person in the Ohio Counties of Montgomery & Greene

Families of Darke County, Ohio, Volume I & II

History of Darke County, Ohio From its Earliest Settlement to the Present Time

Index: Beside the Stillwater

Montgomery County, Ohio Cemetery Atlas, Second Edition

Oklahoma

First Presbyterian Church 1994 Members Directory [Tulsa]

Tyrone Cemetery [Texas]

Washington County, Oklahoma Rural Directory

Pennsylvania

Cemetery Readings (and Burial Lots) in Southwestern Pennsylvania, Volume 2 [Allegheny]

Conestoga Crossroads, Lancaster, Pennsylvania 1730-1790

Directory of Pittsburgh and Allegheny Cities... for 1862-63

Pennsylvania Births, Dauphin County, 1757-1825

Pennsylvania Divorces: Dauphin County, 1788-1867 and York County, 1790-1860

Pennsylvania Research: County and Township Records

The Donegal Presbyterian Church (Founded Prior to 1721)... [Lancaster]

The Earth is the Lord's, A Narrative History of the Lancaster Mennonite [Lancaster]

Texas

Baytown, Harris County, Texas: Cedar Bayou Cemeteries

Fordyce News-Advocate, March 5, 1975 [Dallas]

Forgotten Glory: The Missions of Old Texas

Hardin County: A Pictorial History

Proceedings of the Eighty-second Annual Convention of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas

Proceedings of the Seventy-second Annual Convention the Daughters of the Republic of Texas

Rev. Josef Barton's Funeral Records [Williamson]

Saga of Catarina: A Patchwork Quilt of Memories, The History of a Little Town... [Dimmit]

Virginia

County Court Records Will Book: Albemarle County

West Virginia

Ornament to the City: Historic Architecture in Downtown Fairmont, West Virginia [Marion]

Wyoming

Scrapbook Diamond Jubilee, 1891-1966 (Gillette, Wyoming, August 12-13, 1966) [Campbell]

Family

Committee Family

Descendants of Archibald McMillan, son of Malcolm McMillan

Godfrey Family: 12 Generations

History of Christian Jacob Hiestand 1881-1962 and Ann Hoffman Shank Hiestand

Reunions of Hatevil Hall's Descendents, 1909-2008

Revised Edition-Nicol-Lehmann-Dietz Families

Spirited Pioneer: Stories of a Wyoming Girlhood [Burge]

Three Acclaimed Texans and Their Family Connections, Pearce-Caldwell-House,

Ulster Pedigrees: Descendants in Many Lines of James Orrand Janet McClement

Wright Family, Walter and Susannah Wright: Nine Generations and Allied Families

Yoder Newsletter, Issues 1 through 25, A Compilation of the First Twenty-five Issues



Angels Report

We wish to thank those who have earned their “wings” since the August newsletter, by donating funds to Clayton’s Angel program.

P.G. Bell – *Carolina Herald and Newsletter* (S.C.) renewal

Christine Moore Davis – *Topeka Genealogical Soc. Quarterly* (Kansas), in memory of her grandmother, Glenna Ellen Fradd White Husted, and her daughters: Merna C. Husted Hammond, Molly Maureen Husted Moore, and Helen “Leila” Husted Snelson.

Mavis P. Kelsey, Sr – *Carolinas Gen. Society Quarterly, Goingsnake Messenger* (Cherokee-Oklahoma), *Houston History*, and *Upper SC Gen. & History* (Piedmont).

Rose Mary Fritz – *Le Raconteur* (Louisiana) 2011 renewal

Phyllis Vaughan Moody – *Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine, Arkansas Family Historian, Carolina Herald and Newsletter, Northeast MS Hist. and Genealogical Society Quarterly*, and *Tap Roots* (East Alabama Genealogical Society).

Winona M. Wilkinson – *Coryell County* (Texas) *Genealogical Society Quarterly* – 2-year subscription

Angel program periodicals still needing a sponsor are:

Argyll Colony Plus (North Carolina Scottish Heritage) \$30.00

American Canadian Genealogist \$50.00

Annals of Wyoming \$20.00

Blue Grass Roots (Kentucky) \$25.00

Central Georgia Gen. Society Quarterly \$25.00

Chicago Genealogist \$25.00

Clarke County Hist. & Gen. Society Quarterly (Alabama) \$20.00

Ceske Stopy (Texas Czech. Gen. Society) \$25.00

Der Blumenbaum (German genealogical research) \$35.00

Families (Ontario Genealogical Society-Canada) \$50.00

Flint Genealogical Society Quarterly (Michigan) \$15.00

Foothills Inquirer (Colorado) \$20.00

Genie (ARK-LA-TX Assn.) \$20.00

Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly (statewide) \$35.00

Georgia Settlers (multiple east Georgia counties) \$20.00

Greenville County Gen. Society Journal (South Carolina) \$21.00

Idaho Genealogical Society Journal \$30.00

Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly \$30.00

Internet Genealogy \$28.00

Irish Roots \$35.00

Journal of the Afro-American Hist. & Gen. Society \$45.00

Kith ‘n Kin (Sandusky, Ohio) \$10.00

Les Voyageurs (German-Acadian Coast Hist. & Gen. Society) \$15.00

Lifelines (New York) \$30.00

MASOG (Journal) and *Past Times* (newsletter-Massachusetts) \$25.00

Maine Genealogist \$20.00

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

Mississippi River Routes (Vicksburg Genealogical Society) \$25.00

Rhode Island Roots \$25.00

Ross County Genealogical Soc. Newsletter (Ohio) \$15.00

Shelby County Hist. & Gen. Society (Alabama) \$20.00

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

South Dakota Gen. Society Quarterly \$23.00

The Times (Central North Carolina) \$20.00

Vermont Genealogy (Vermont Gen. Society) \$25.00

Wisconsin State Gen. Society Newsletter \$30.00

Anyone wishing to sponsor one or more of these periodicals for Clayton Library contact: Liz Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030. Phone: (713) 944-1118 or email: erootrot@usa.net.

Donations may be made ‘in honor of’ or ‘in memory of’ someone(s) and will be acknowledged in *The Clayton Advocate*. Upon request, a bookplate can be placed in the bound periodicals at the end of the year.

The Irish Returned!

The Irish returned to the Clayton Library on Saturday, October 16, 2010. Fintan Mullan and Brian Trainer presented a very interesting and information-packed program to the 66 attendees. The program focus was on genealogical references in Northern Ireland.

There is a great interest in researching Irish ancestors, and given Ireland's history of emigration, it is not surprising to find that tens of millions of people have a family connection with Ireland. A large part of this interest comes from the United States, Canada, Britain, Australia, and New Zealand.

The popular misconception that trying to research Irish ancestors is a futile exercise stems from the fact that many records were lost with the destruction of the Public Record Office in Dublin in 1922. While this was a catastrophe as far as historical and genealogical research was concerned, other records survived. Destroyed were virtually all census returns between 1821 and 1851, the registers from over 1,000 Church of Ireland parishes and virtually all original wills probated before 1900. But the registers from some 600 Church of Ireland parishes, as well as church records for all the other denominations in Ireland, were not destroyed. And official records of births, deaths and marriages also escaped destruction. Archivists have been working since 1922 to gather records of historical importance, resulting in a vast amount of material being available to the genealogy researcher.

Saturday's presentation included information on the main archives of Ireland. The most important ones in the Republic of Ireland are the National Archives of Ireland, the National Library of Ireland, and the General Register office.

The internet has transformed genealogy research around the world, including Ireland. One website providing a fairly comprehensive listing of internet sites on Irish genealogy is www.cyndislist.com/ireland.htm Various websites focus on a particular county or district or even a particular family.

Church registers were the main source of family history prior to the commencement of civil registration. The Public Record of Northern Ireland has a vast collection of microfilms and photostatic copies of church records relating to nearly all denominations in Ulster, the large northern province on the island. While the Roman Catholic Church is the single largest denomination in Ireland, the Church of Ireland is the largest Protestant denomination. Until 1870 the Church of Ireland was the established or state church,

and as such, the Church of Ireland was required to keep proper records of baptisms, marriages and burials from 1634. However, very few registers survive from the seventeenth century. In general, the records of the Church of Ireland start much earlier than those of other Protestant denominations and of the Roman Catholic Church. Presbyterianism came to Ulster from Scotland in the early seventeenth century.

The presentation also included numerous sources for beginning or continuing genealogy research in Ireland. The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland is a good starting point if your ancestors came from Northern Ireland. The first successfully completed census of Ireland took place in 1821. Unfortunately, it and almost all the census returns after that up until 1891 were destroyed, either by government order during the First World War or were lost in the destruction of the Public Record Office in Dublin in 1922. The census of 1901 is the earliest and most complete census of Ireland that survives. The original 1901 census returns are held in the National Archives of Ireland in Dublin.

Other genealogy sources include valuation records, national school records, wills and testamentary records, landed estate records, voters, poll and freeholders records and townland records. Ireland and its counties are subdivided in a unique way, counties into baronies, baronies into parishes, and parishes into townlands. The townland is a unique feature dating back to pre-Norman times and is the common term or English translation for a variety of small local land units that varied in name and meaning throughout the island of Ireland. An alphabetical list of all the townlands in Ireland is found in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland in Belfast.

Additional information can also be found in the Irish crimes records, outrage reports, rebellion papers, penal transportation register, convict reference files, and the Habeas Corpus Suspension Act of 1866. This Act was passed in February 1866 as part of the government's response to Fenianism, a revolutionary movement originated among Irish emigrants in the United States but established in Ireland in the late 1850's.

The seminar concluded with a question-and-answer session. Fintan and Brian left Houston Saturday afternoon on their way to Atlanta before catching a plane back to Ireland on Sunday evening. They expressed their appreciation to the Clayton Library Friends for a very successful seminar.

Your Participation is Needed

Clayton Library is one of the top genealogical libraries in the United States. Your membership has, and will continue to be, extremely important as we continue to purchase new collections (many of which are unique as they are not available in many other places). With your membership and volunteer help we can continue to enhance our collections, provide new programs, and keep our place as "the top genealogical library" and a "must visit" facility.

It is not too early to renew your membership for 2011. Please think of signing up to volunteer, even if only a couple of hours a month. It will be a great help to the library staff. There is something for everyone to do.

Consider an extra donation in honor/memory of someone special. Given through the friends, you can be assured that it will be handled quickly and appropriately. If you wish, nameplates carrying donors and memorials names will be placed on the materials as a lasting tribute. Remember, CLF is a tax-exempt organization and donations are tax-deductible.

Go to the website and renew your membership for 2011. Print a form and mail it in today – or bring it with you on November 13th at the General Meeting and the Party on the Pavers.

Pat Phillips



In Memoriam



Genealogy has lost another of its avid researchers. After he retired, **James Franklin Dunn, Jr.** developed an interest in genealogy and spent many hours at the Clayton Library. He passed away on August 4th and his obituary requested that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Clayton Library Friends. We will miss seeing him at the Clayton Library and are very appreciative of the more than \$500 that has been given to the Friends in his memory.

We are saddened to learn of the death of **Diana McClellan Lodge** on September 11th. She was the wife of David Lodge who is our long-time CLF database expert and record keeper. Her burial was in Scottsburg, Indiana.



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What have you found at Clayton? We welcome any articles related to Clayton Library, or it's collections.



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CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS MEETINGS

Saturday – November 13, 2010
10:00 am Annual Meeting and
Election of Officers

Techniques and Family History DNA Testing for
the Next Decade

Jane Buck, FamilyTree DNA

Results and advanced testing options of DNA tests

Saturday – November 13, 2010
11:30 am “Party on the Pavers”

A light luncheon and social event

in honor of the generous donors who contributed to the Clayton
Library Friends Paver Project

Saturday – February 12, 2011
10: 45 am General Meeting

Accessing and Utilizing New Acquisitions and
Collections at the Clayton Library

speaker is Sue Kaufman, Clayton Library Manager