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A happy 2011 to all of you. May this new year bring good deeds and health, comfort, and joy.

I'd like to thank you all for supporting me as the 2011 CLF

President and I intend to do all in my power to honor this library and membership. I've enjoyed each and every visit to Clayton and have made some wonderful friends and mentors along the way.

I started serving on the CLF Board just before the renovation began and I'm very proud of my "particle of participation" in that enormous and successful project. I now look upon all three Clayton buildings, beautiful and utilized, and remember all the people with the City of Houston, Houston Public Library, Clayton Library, and the Clayton Library Friends, working as a team to make the Clayton Center possible. I'm happy to report this team is still in place and will continue to assist CLF, to the best of their ability, in any future maintenance and improvements we might need.

CLF has partnered with the Harris County Master Gardener's volunteer program and they will now be in charge of several of Clayton's garden beds. They have just replanted some of the original iris's into the median beds. The original

lilies will be replanted soon. The parking lot end-beds will be cleared and signage will be added this year.

We will be hosting the Texas State Genealogical Society convention this November and it will be an event that should benefit all researchers. It's quite an honor for us and I know Clayton and CLF are up to the task.

My personal goal is to try to promote as much positive interaction between Clayton library and this community as possible. I will try to do this by contacting and then visiting the many

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Clayton Library Friends Statement of Activities Year ended December 31, 2010

Income

Unrestricted Contributions	19,875
Temporarily Restricted	38,086
Renovation Project	250
Membership Dues	13,870
Interest and Dividend Income	139
Seminar Ticket Sales	7,830
Other Income	0
Total Revenue	\$ 80,050

Expenses

Current Programs	108,878
Administrative & General	16,576
Total Expenditures	\$ 125,454

Net Operating Revenue (45,404)

Clayton Library Friends Statement of Financial Position As of December 31, 2010

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	421,343
Accounts Receivable	
Other Current Assets	3,867
Total Current Assets	\$ 425,210
Other Assets	927,913
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,353,123

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	700
Other Current Liabilities	0
Total Liabilities	\$ 700
Equity	1,352,423
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 1,353,123

Ed Harris

President's Message continued

historical/genealogical groups and societies in this area. I look forward to this project and hope you will network with me to build a strong genealogical community that includes all support groups. The public deserves this. We will also be concentrating on increasing our membership and providing more volunteers to alleviate some of the work load of our smaller (but oh so capable) Clayton library staff.

This year we can look back on renovation, contracts, construction, and waiting on one thing or another. Now we can concentrate on researching, learning, and all the other wonderful enjoyments that come with a trip to our library.

Please come and spend some time at Clayton and do check your calendar and see if you might schedule a few hours a month for a volunteer project. Contact me and together we will find the perfect place for you to serve.

Clarity and Strength,

Claudia M. Grafton

Welcome New Members!

Clayton Library Friends would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members who have joined since our last newsletter. **Mr. Stephen P. Barrett, Mrs. Melissa Cousin, Ms. Sharon Fontenot, Mr/Mrs J.C. Forehand, Mr/Mrs Wiley C. Lewis, Mr. Rudy Martinez, Mrs. Caroline Martin Pointer, Mr/Mrs James Shoff, Ms. Katherine Ann Thatcher, Mr/Mrs Arthur R. West.**

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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Mark Your Calendar - 2011 Clayton Library Friends Programs and Public Relations

2011 at Clayton Library is going to be another outstanding year for general meeting programs and learning opportunities. To date, the following programs are confirmed:

- **Saturday, February 12, 2011**, Susan Kaufman, Manager of Clayton Library, will give an orientation on *Clayton Library's Newest Collections and their Appropriate Use*.
- **Saturday, May 14, 2011**, Emily Croom will present *Splitting the Blanket*, where she will discuss locating and using divorce records in your family research.
- **Saturday, August 13, 2011**, Stephen Sloan, Baylor University and the Library of Congress' Oral History Program Representative will speak on *Interviewing your Ancestors for Posterity*.
- **Thursday – Saturday, November 3-5, 2011** – Clayton Library Friends will proudly co-sponsor and support the **Texas State Genealogical Society Annual Conference**, to be held at the Houston Marriott South @ Hobby Airport
- **Saturday, November 12, 2011** – Nick Cimini will discuss *Researching Your Italian Ancestors*. Recently moving to the Houston area after many years in California, genealogist Nick Cimini's research has taken him worldwide. In his CLF debut, Nick will share his knowledge and experiences in Italian ancestral research

All Clayton Library Friends general meetings will be held at the Clayton Carriage House with registration at 10:15 a.m. and the meeting starting at 10:30 a.m., unless otherwise announced.

Watch the newsletter, CLF website, and the Clayton Library Friends bulletin board at the Clayton Library for announcements of other events during the year.

Alice Braud-Jones



Family History Clues in Landowner Maps and Beyond **Clayton Library's All-day Workshop** **Friday, February 25, 2011**

with Greg Boyd, creator of the Arphax Publishing Family Map Series

10:30 – 11:30 AM -- *Finding Ancestral Clues in Family Maps and Texas Land Survey Maps Series*

11:45AM – 12:45 PM -- *The First 12 Skeletons in My Closet*

2:00 – 3:00 PM -- *Upcoming Digital Tools from Arphax Publishing*

3:15 – 4:15 PM -- *Is it a Cemetery if it's not on a Map?*

Reservations required, please call 832-393-2600

Manager's Message



Hello everyone and welcome to the second decade of the new century. Sounds pretty overwhelming doesn't it? What genealogy New Year resolutions have you made? To organize your family history? To spend more time at the Clayton library working on your genealogy? To take that genealogy research trip this

year? To organize your linen closet?

Well, that last one is checked off of my list! Thank goodness for long weekends! However, seriously now, just what are your resolutions for the New Year regarding the pursuit of your personal past? I've compiled a list of some that I have come up with both on a personal level and from watching and working with family history researchers each day.

1. Update your pedigree chart. This is the most important sheet of paper in your arsenal of family history research. This chart gives a visual conception of what you know and what you don't know. It is a map, and is the guide to your genealogical research.
2. Get your grandchildren involved in family history. Offer them an interview with you about your life. You can find guiding interview questions on line by keyword searching <genealogy interview questions> in Google. Spend some quality time with the younger generation that doesn't even seem to them like they are doing genealogy. Have them write a story about you.

3. Write letters to people and to your family. The art of letter writing is almost lost. Correspondence often is a fleeting email, a quick text, or a phone call. How many of us wish we found letters from our ancestors? Begin the tradition for your descendants
4. Use more than Ancestry.com and other computer databases in your genealogical pursuit. There is so much information not found on the computer, information that can only be found in books, microfilm, and periodicals. If you are not searching beyond online, you are very well missing information that can be applicable to your research.
5. Volunteer at the Clayton library. Volunteering is the best way for you to work on your family history. By committing to a couple hours a week or every two weeks at Clayton, that activity gets you into the library. Why not make a day of it? Utilize the resources of one of the ten best genealogy libraries in the United States while giving something back. We have expert staff to help you with your research, and we have many and varied volunteer projects!

It is my goal to implement my New Year's resolutions. I hope that my sharing with you some of those will generate an interest in pursuing your own family history resolutions.

I hope this year is a Happy and Healthy one for all of you!

Sue Kaufman

Lesley Douthwaite, Clayton Library Assistant Manager, has retired

After more than ten years at Clayton Library, Lesley Douthwaite, the lady with the British accent, retired at the end of 2010. We will miss seeing her friendly smile and her calm patience as she steered new and experienced researchers along their

genealogical paths. But, she has assured us that after a short break she will return in the role of 'volunteer'. Her retirement means that Clayton Library now has one less staff member, as the city and HPL are not filling any open positions due to the budget problems.

Volunteer Corner

Volunteer Accomplishments!!!

As we start another year at the Clayton Library, volunteers are continuing to help us move forward on several important projects going on at the library. A transcription team of volunteers consisting of Steve Price, Ruby Dusek, Janice Shultz, Norma Eriksen, and Joy Cowen has just completed transcribing a collection of student vaccination record books from Houston-area schools from the early 1900s. These records give the names of the students and their parents, along with the names of the schools they attended. This great genealogical resource will now be able to be posted online alongside our other searchable databases on the Clayton Library website. Way to go transcription team!

Volunteers who have been stationed at the Clayton House Welcome Desk have been making great progress on another important project - adding barcodes into bound periodical volumes. Unlike most books in our collection, periodicals do not go through the standard centralized cataloging process. As a result, most of our periodicals have never been entered into HPL's Online Catalog. By placing barcodes in each volume, volunteers are enabling the staff to be able to start the

process of cataloging these volumes so that eventually books and periodicals will all be searchable in one place - the HPL Online Catalog. Volunteers have already completed barcoding the International section, the USA section, and are up through Texas in the States A-Z section. Great job volunteers!

And, of course we can never say thank you enough for the great work of our digitization team of volunteers, spearheaded by LDS missionaries Wayne and Pam Shipley, as well as the ongoing efforts of our shelving team and all those who work "behind the scenes" to make the library function on a daily basis. We are so grateful for all of you!

If you have any interest in becoming a library volunteer, or would just like to get more information about volunteering, please contact Steven Bychowski, Clayton Library Volunteer Coordinator, by email at steven.bychowski@houstontx.gov or by phone at 832-393-2600. Thank you!

Steven Bychowski

We Need Volunteers!!!

As you all know, the Clayton Library staff is stretched, so they need our help.

There is an urgent need for shelveers to support the staff, so they may provide quality assistance to the patrons. The added bonus is that you may find books you have never thought to look at. You may want to carry your copy card in your pocket or a pencil to write a reminder to go back and check further.

Also needed are volunteers to welcome and assist people in Clayton House. It is our LDS facility, and City Directories are housed here also.

There are other projects from time to time. Usually volunteers work two-hour shifts once a week, but you

can work less days or share with a friend. There will be classes to show you what you need to know, so don't say "I don't know how".

Steven Bychowski is our great Clayton Library Volunteer Coordinator. He can be reached at steven.bychowski@houstontx.gov or 832-393-2600. Pat Phillips, our CLF Volunteer Coordinator will be assisting Steven. She can be reached at pPhillips0225@sbcglobal.net or 713-682-0496. When contacting by e-mail, be sure to include CLF in the subject line.

Seriously, please join our volunteer team. We need you!

Pat Phillips



Angels Report

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

Thomas “Tom” Coughlin – *MASOG* and *Past Times* (Massachusetts) in memory of his great grandfather, Dennis J. Loneran.

Melissa Perret Cousin – donation to the Angel Program, preferably Louisiana.

Wally and Norma Davenport – donation for *Irish Roots* and *Mississippi River Routes* or other Angel periodical.

Bobby and Alice Braud-Jones – donations (1) in memory of Mrs. Rose Mary McDaniel Fritz and (2) in memory of Mr. James Thomas.

Betty A. Lava – *Families* (Ontario, Canada Gen. Society) and *Flint Genealogical Society Quarterly* (Michigan) in memory of her great grandfather, George Reed.

Jeanne Dillenback Lawrence – *American Canadian Genealogist* in memory of William Dillenback 1848-1918, *Blue Grass Roots* (KY) in memory of Presley Gill 1798-1848, and *Ceske Stopy* (Texas Czech Genealogical Society) in honor of Albina Hayek Elliott.

Mary Parent – *Internet Genealogy* in memory of Melvin Grady Gatlin and Ronald Adamski, and *Irish Roots* in honor of Erbie Gatlin Johnson.

Mrs. Betty Ryman – subscription to *Genie* (ARK-LA-TEX Gen. Assn.) in memory of Master Pierce Merritt Brower.

Bettye N. White – *The Journal of the Afro-American History & Genealogical Society*.

Angels are still needed for the following 2011 periodicals for Clayton Library. These are periodicals the library wishes to receive, and are in excess of their periodical budget.

Argyll Colony Plus (NC Scottish Heritage) \$30.00

Central Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly \$25.00

Chicago Genealogist \$25.00

Der Blumenbaum (German genealogical research) \$30.00

Foothills Inquirer (Colorado) \$20.00

Georgia Settlers (multiple counties of east Georgia) \$20.00

Greenville County Genealogical Society Journal (SC) \$21.00

Idaho Genealogical Society Journal \$30.00

Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly \$30.00

Kith ‘n Kin (Sandusky, Ohio) \$10.00

Lifelines (New York) \$30.00

Maine Genealogist \$20.00

Marissa Historical & Genealogical Society (Illinois) \$20.00

Rhode Island Roots \$25.00

Ross County Genealogical Society Newsletter (Ohio) \$15.00

South Dakota Genealogical Society Quarterly \$23.00

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

To donate, make check payable to CLF, and mail: Attn: **Liz Hicks**, Clayton Library Friends, PO Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078. Donations may be made in honor or memory of someone(s) and acknowledged in the CLF newsletter and to honoree or family of deceased. Upon request, a bookplate can be placed in the bound periodical(s) at the end of the subscription year.

For questions regarding the Angel Program, please contact Liz Hicks at e-mail: erootrot@usa.net, or phone: (713) 944-1118.

List of Items Returned from Cataloging/Processing October - December 2010

GREAT BRITAIN

Hereford Cathedral and Diocese, 676-1976

Tracing Your Ancestors in the National Archives: The Website and Beyond

USA

500 + Revolutionary War Obituaries and Death Notices

Americans from Wales

Biographical Dictionary of Early American Jews

Civil War Chronicle

Fourth Annual Angelian College Genealogy Reference

Getting the Most Out of Family Origins

National Genealogical Society 1997 Conference in the States Program Syllabus

Some Brethren Pathfinders

Delaware

An Index to Kent County Probates 1680-1924

Connecticut

Jewish Cemeteries of Five Counties of Connecticut: the Chohn/Goldfarb Collection

Florida

Cemeteries of Bradford County, Florida: Volume 1

Cemeteries of Columbia County, Florida: Volumes 1, 2, 3

Cemeteries of Levy County, Florida: Volume 2

Cemeteries of Nassau County, Florida: Volume 2

Cemeteries of Union County, Florida: Volumes 1, 2, 3

Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens/Cemetery Lake City, Columbia County, Florida:

Macedonia Cemetery, Baker County, Florida

Swift Creek (Mt. Zion) Cemetery, Union County, Florida

Woodlawn Cemetery, Baker County, Florida

Georgia

Atkinson County, Georgia Cemeteries

Bethel Primitive Baptist Cemetery, Echols County, Georgia

Cemeteries of Charlton County, Georgia, Volumes 1, 2

Placenames of Georgia, Essays of John Goff

Kansas

Chautauqua County Marriage License Books Index: Sedan, Kansas Chautauqua

Chautauqua County Marriage License Books, Volumes A-F, Sedan, Kansas

Chautauqua County Marriage License Books, Volumes G-L, Sedan, Kansas

Chautauqua County Marriage License Books, Volumes M-R, Sedan, Kansas

Dickinson County, Kansas: Marriage Records, 1861-1881

Pioneer Life and Lore of McPherson County, Kansas

Indiana

Reclaiming African Heritage at Salem, Indiana

Louisiana

Early Jews of New Orleans

Maryland

Allen, Maryland 1702-1981

Republic's Private Navy: The American Privateering Business...1812

Wicomico County History

Michigan

Atlas & Plat Book Alcona County, Michigan

Beth El Story With a History of the Jews in Michigan Before 1850

Mecosta Area History Book, In Celebration of the Mecosta Area Centennial 1879-1979

Missouri

Historic Sites in Franklin County, Missouri

Notable Lawyers and Criminal Trials

Mississippi

Prentiss County Cemeteries, Book 1 (A-J) and Book 2 (K-Z)

Publications of the Mississippi Historical Society, Volume IV

Nebraska

Dodge County, Nebraska Cemeteries, Volumes 3, 4, 5

Echoes of the Past and Along Pioneers Trails in Pierce County, Nebraska

Plainscape: A Portrait of Perkins County

Rock County, Nebraska Centennial 1888-1988

Saunders County, Nebraska Cemeteries, Volumes 1, 2, 3, 4

New York

Index to Marriage and Deaths in Dutchess County, N.Y. 1778-1825

Index to the History of Dutchess County, New York

Master Index to Southeastern New York, A History of the Counties of Ulster, ...

Saint Alphonsus Glens Falls, New York: Baptism, July 1855 - Oct 2003 Volume I (A to L) and Volume II (L - Z)

St. John the Baptist Schenectady, New York: Baptisms October 1845-June 2009, Volume I (A-K) and Volume II (L-Z)

Wills of Early New York Jews (1704-1799)

North Carolina

Anson County, N.C. Wills, Volume One (1790-1834); Volume Two (1834-1846); Volume Four (1856-1874)

Ohio

Complete Name Index to John F. Edgar's 1896 Pioneer Life in Dayton and ...

Early Ohioans' Residences From the Land Grant Records

Odell's Dayton Directory and Business Advertiser to Which is Prefixed a Sketch of ...

Pennsylvania

Abstracts of Lancaster County, PA. Deed Records (Books II, KK, LL, MM, NN)

Abstracts of Lancaster County, PA. Deed Records (Books w, x, y, z)

Colonial Taxes, Heidelberg Township, 1751-1783 (now Lebanon County)

Picture of the Pennsylvania Germans

Pottstown Area Necrology; Book 1 to 3 index

Pottstown Area Necrology - Book 1 (1878-1899), Book 2 (1900-1909), Book 3 (1910-1922)

Tavern Keepers and Innkeepers of Bedford County, Pennsylvania

Tennessee

Sullivan County, Tennessee Death Records, Volume 1 (1908-1918) and Volume 2 (1919-1925)

Texas

Historic McLennan County: An Illustrated History

Milam County Courthouse and its People

Newspaper Obituaries 1991 and Part of 1990 Cherokee County, Texas, Book 8

Newspaper Obituaries 1992, Cherokee County, Texas, Book 9

Newspaper Obituaries 1993, Cherokee County, Texas, Book 10

Newspaper Obituaries 1994, Cherokee County, Texas, Book 11

Obituaries with Cass County Connections, 1975-1978

Virginia

Program 300th Anniversary of the Founding of Surry County 1652-1952

West Virginia

Barbour County, VA (now West Virginia) Birth Records, 1854-1859

Calhoun County, VA. (now West Virginia) Birth Records 1855-1860, Death Records 1855-1859

Family

Confederate General of the West: Henry Hopkins Sibley

Acquisitions Committee Report

The Acquisitions Committee is pleased with the additions we have made to the collections at Clayton this past year. In addition to the materials reported in 2010 CLF Newsletters, we have purchased 215 rolls of city directory microfilm. These City Directories are for various cities in Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma and cover time periods up to the 1950s.

To honor the memory of former CLF Board member, Sam Lusk, USN (Retired), we purchased some early naval records from the National Archives. These titles are *Index to Rendezvous Reports Before and After the Civil War, 1846-1861, 1865-1884* (T1098) and *Index to Rendezvous Reports, Civil War, 1861-1865* (T1099). The collection includes 65 rolls of microfilm.

We continued our search for books for counties not represented on the shelves at Clayton and were successful in acquiring books for 73 additional counties. I think you will find that Kansas, Nebraska, Michigan and Florida are better represented as a result of these purchases.

For those of you interested in California death records the California Death Index microfilm for 1905-1939 is available at Clayton House in the LDS collection where it will remain on indefinite loan.

We were busy in 2010. We placed 104 orders for 436 rolls of microfilm and 256 books and spent \$43,898. Our goal is to do as much or more in 2011. In order to do that, we need your donations. Tell us what you would like to see at Clayton and help us make it happen.

Family history authors continue with generous donations of their publications. We have received the following since our last Newsletter report.

Creveling Family History and Genealogy, Second Edition by Louis G. Creveling

Oakwood: A Family That Put Its Name on the Map (2010), Volume 3 by H. Thomas Howell

Schultz: From Germany to America, A Family History, 1800-2006 by Arthur P. and Amy M. Schultz

A Journey for God, A Missionary's Calling: The Life of the Rev. Thomas Tanser, 1791-1845 by Paul Markey Heston

Tufts Kinsmen by Herbert Freeman Adams

If you would like to purchase a copy of any of these family histories for your personal library, contact Karen Acker, at ackertk@gmail.com or 281-358-0893.

Have You Renewed Your 2011 Dues Yet?

If you have not renewed your dues, please do so now. As we all know, there is strength in numbers. Because of you, our members, we were able to accomplish a great deal for our favorite library in 2010. Much more is to come this year, so be a part of it. We will be adding even more to enhance your

research visits. Send in your renewal as soon as possible and please check the volunteer box.

We have enclosed a membership form in this newsletter. All you need to do is fill it out, put it and your payment in an envelope, and send it back to us.

More Clayton Facilities Progress –

The parking spaces at the Clayton Center have been re-stripped, and each one now has a concrete ‘wheel stop’ installed. The standing water along the driveway, which we fondly refer to as ‘the bird bath’, will be

corrected in the near future. And, by the time that you get this letter, the Harris County Master Gardeners will have installed bulbs in the median beds.

Look Carefully . . . Before Jumping to Conclusions



In the nineteenth century, Lucy was a fairly common given name, whether it was a shortened form of Lucinda or Lucille or used simply as Lucy. Likewise, Morse was a surname found nationwide. Texas descendants of one Lucy A. Morse have been

struggling for years with the age-old question of “Who were her parents?” Born in 1848, according to the record book her husband kept, Lucy married Stephen J. Ford in 1868 in Franklin Parish, Louisiana. The couple had six daughters before Lucy died in 1879. The couple was not enumerated in Louisiana or elsewhere in the 1870 census, and this Lucy hasn’t been identified with likely parents or family in the 1850 or 1860 censuses. In fact, most of Lucy’s life remains a mystery.

Recently, on Ancestry.com, several Ford descendants posted family trees listing Stephen, Lucy and their children. This may have been a sincere attempt to attract other genealogists who might supply more information on Lucy. Two of these online but undocumented trees identified Lucy Ford as a daughter of George and Dewanner Morse, based only on the 1850, 1860 and later censuses of that Morse family. The two earlier censuses suggested that Lucy was born in Michigan, lived briefly in Wisconsin, and grew up in Iowa. The problem was that her future husband, born reportedly in Mississippi but mostly a resident of Louisiana, had served in the Confederate army during the Civil War and spent most of the war in Union prisons, primarily Fort Delaware. Thus, how did Lucy and Stephen meet in order to marry in Louisiana in 1868? Did she leave her family in Iowa

and move alone to Louisiana? It seemed unlikely, as her siblings and parents remained in Iowa into the 20th century. The whole scenario didn’t seem plausible, and many questions remained unanswered.

I needed to tackle this problem because Lucy and Stephen Ford were also my husband’s great-grandparents. Family tradition was no help as Lucy and Stephen both died while their children were young, and few family stories survive. After searching on Ancestry.com without positive results, I looked online for information on Howard County, Iowa where the Morse family lived and where the Morse parents are buried. Then I phoned the local public library’s genealogy department and contacted their volunteer researcher. I asked her to look into several questions for me: (1) Did Lucy Morse, a daughter of George and Dewanner Morse, marry in Howard County? If so, when and to whom? Was there evidence that she remained in Howard County? (2) Was there evidence that this Lucy may have died in Howard County? Depending on the answers to these questions, I was interested in any probate file of the father, George Morse, and any obituaries of family members in the local paper. These could help identify surviving descendants if further research there was needed.

My researcher was diligent. She even followed another local Lucy who turned out not to be a Lucy Morse. However, she learned that the Michigan-born Lucy Morse died in 1860 at age 12 and was buried in the cemetery where her parents would eventually rest. Therefore, Lucy A. Morse of Iowa was not the Lucy who married Stephen J. Ford in 1868 in Louisiana. Now the descendants of Stephen and Lucy Ford are back to square one. In the long run, however, it’s better for genealogists to investigate various possibilities so that we don’t claim descent from the wrong people!

Emily A. Croom

Web Site -- One Way to Keep in Touch

The CLF newsletter is published quarterly. Many things can happen between these publications, and the Clayton Library Friends Board uses the website www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org to keep members advised of things they need to know.

- Some things are found on our Home Page as announcements, such as our next meeting and program.
- Some things are sent as e-mails to all the members whose address is known to us. We try not to send too many of these so that when the members get an e-mail they will know it is something we feel is important. Also, sometimes Clayton Library asks us to send items, or the Houston Public Library has something of interest for us.
- Announcements of meetings, seminars, and current newsletter availability come as e-mails.
- Monthly in the Members Login section we have a listing of all new books and microfilm that have come to Clayton Library, either through donations or purchases, and are available for use. This is a good place to find out if something new in your area of research has come in. It is usually updated by the end of the first week of the month. It is also a good place to check if a book you donated has made its way through cataloging and onto the shelf.

If you have a question or concern, sending an e-mail to info@ClaytonLibraryFriends.org will put you in contact with the appropriate person to help you. We get several of these requests every month.

Under Members Login, everyone's Username is their first initial and last name with no spaces. If the Password is forgotten, click on "forgot your password?" and you will be asked for your e-mail address that we have, and your password will be sent immediately.

By going to the Members Login page and using your Username and Password you can see when your dues are due. That is located on the right in green letters, under the box labeled My Account. That box is where you can change your password if you want.

Dues can be paid through the Join/Renew tab. A credit card can be used through the PayPal option, OR you can fill out a membership form online, print it and mail it with a check, OR you can print out a regular form and fill it by hand to mail with a check.

What would you like to see on our web site? We are looking for someone who would like to help. Please write to info@ClaytonLibraryFriends.org if you are interested.

More next newsletter,

Ruby Dusek
CLF Director – Website

Jim Knight Replaces Ed Harris as CLF Treasurer

On January 20th, the Clayton Library Friends Board accepted the resignation of Ed Harris to be effective February 1st. They then accepted Jim Knight as their new Treasurer.

Jim Knight was born in Houston, and has spent much of his life here. Various branches of his family arrived in Texas from the 1820's through the 1890's. He counts among his ancestors five Revolutionary War veterans, and southern Civil War veterans too numerous to count.

He attained CPA certification a number of years ago, and started his own CPA firm in 1976. In 1993 he began transitioning into the investment management field while still running his CPA firm, and today is associated with Wealthcare Asset Management.



Another Resource Available at Clayton

You have heard about the LDS facility located in the Clayton House. Microfilm and microfiche is available for rental from the Family History Library in Salt Lake. The fee for a monthly rental is \$5.50 per roll of microfilm or \$.15 per sheet of microfiche. Films can be requested for permanent loan (the film remains at Clayton indefinitely) for \$16.50. If you think that you might want to refer back to that film at a later date we recommend that you order it for 'indefinite loan'. All microfiche is automatically on permanent loan.

This is where we have developed 'Another Resource'. 'Indefinite loan' items are kept in the LDS file drawers in the Clayton House. They are NOT commingled with the films on the second floor of the main building, and are not yet listed in an on-line database. There is a notebook at the House that lists all the items on loan and the date that they are due to be returned to Salt Lake. The majority of them are on 'indefinite loan'; they stay here on a permanent basis, thanks to the folks who ordered them. The next time that you are at Clayton Library, walk across to the House and see if there's something there that will help your research.

The list is alphabetical by state or country, with counties or cities as sub-titles. There is an impressive geographic diversity, and a number of really old records, i.e. *Lancashire England births and christenings 1626-1852*, *Devon parish registers & Bishop's transcripts 1560-1697*, and *Barnstable Massachusetts probate and guardianship records 1674-1950*. Currently there are 24 states on indefinite loan, 6 foreign countries, and 11 family histories. There are lots of marriage records, land/deed records, probate records, cemetery records, orphans court records, etc. If you don't find what you're looking for, consider ordering something from FamilySearch. When you place a film order, the Clayton Library staff will check our second floor collection to be sure that we don't already own that particular film. In these days of \$80.00 microfilm, consider expanding the film records for your favorite area by ordering \$16.50 'indefinite loan' items from LDS.

[Editor's note: One of my goals for each 2011 CLF newsletter is to include an article on a Clayton collection so that we can discover or re-discover some of the resources of the Clayton Library.]

In Memoriam

The Houston area genealogy community has lost another dedicated member. **Rose Mary Fritz** passed away on November 19, 2010 at her home in Dickinson, Texas. After her retirement a number of years ago, she spent many hours at Clayton Library working on her own genealogy, and helping others with their search for their ancestors. Her many friends will truly miss her.

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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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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday – February 12, 2011
10:15 am General Meeting

***Clayton Library's Newest Collections and Their
Appropriate Use***

Sue Kaufman, Manager of Clayton Library

Friday – February 25, 2011
All-day Workshop
10:30 am – 4:15 pm

***Family History Clues in Landowner Maps
and Beyond***

Greg Boyd, Arphax Publishing

Saturday – May 14, 2011
10:15 am General Meeting

Splitting the Blanket

Emily Croom, Author