

# THE Clayton Advocate

NEWSLETTER OF THE CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I can't believe this is the last newsletter issue of 2011. This year went by so fast. I distinctly remember March, and here we are in October already.

The only season we had this year was "Drought".

There are several upcoming events that I recommend you consider participating in:

- 1) November 3, 4, 5 - The Texas State Genealogy Society Conference - Marriott Hobby. Fabulous speakers. Wonderful topics. It's local, so you can pick and choose the programs you want to attend and then go home. CLF is officially hosting this event, so I feel this is a great opportunity to 'strut our stuff' and show the out-of-towners just how great our local societies are. I'd love to have everyone represented there. There's no better collection of genealogists than what we have in the Houston area.
- 2) The entire month of November will involve the CLF Holiday Tree Ornament Project. I have requested that each CLF member donate an ornament (with family name included) to be placed each year on

the Clayton tree. There will be a large wrapped box in the Clayton House for ornament drop-off. Additional info is in this newsletter and on the CLF web-site. The Clayton House will be decorated the week after Thanksgiving.

- 3) CLF Annual Meeting and Election of Officers - Saturday, November 12 at 10:15 at Clayton Carriage House. At this meeting we will vote on the 2012 Slate of Nominees, the 2012 CLF Membership forms will be available for early registration,

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### Clayton Library Friends Statement of Activities

January 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011

#### Income

Unrestricted Contributions	11,920.00
Temporarily Restricted	14,912.67
Membership Dues	16,618.40
Seminar Ticket Sales	4,447.55
Other Income	61.05

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 47,959.67</b>
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#### Expenses

Current Programs	56,895.65
Administrative & General	15,338.80

<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 72,234.45</b>
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Net Operating Revenue	- 24,274.78
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### Clayton Library Friends Statement of Financial Position As of September 30, 2011

#### ASSETS

##### Current Assets

Bank Accounts	428,202.56
Other Current Assets	908.11

<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 429,110.67</b>
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Other Assets	863,065.08
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,292,175.75</b>
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#### LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

##### Liabilities

##### Current Liabilities

Credit Cards	-1,490.63
Other Current Liabilities	455.40

<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ -1,035.23</b>
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Equity	1,293,210.98
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 1,292,175.75</b>
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Jim Knight

## President's Message continued

and Nick Cimino will be speaking about Italian Research. (great handouts) I'm sure there will be a festive theme to the meeting so come and enjoy.

Please keep an eye on the Houston Public Library, the Clayton Library, and the Clayton Library Friends web-sites. They're scheduling some pretty impressive classes in the next few months.

Did you know? Most of the CLF Board members stay after the General Meetings to answer any questions and/or to visit with you, the attendees.

I have agreed (if elected) to serve as CLF President for 2012 term. I like researching and I love being a part of the Clayton Library - Thank you for the opportunity.

Claudia Nickerson Grafton

## **REMINDER: Clayton Tree Decoration Drop-off in November**

Please bring your donated ornament to Clayton this month. There will be a designated drop-off box located in the Clayton House. The ornament may be something reminiscent of "your family", or just an attractive (unbreakable) ornament. Please include your complete family name with it. All names will be transferred onto gift cards, laminated, and secured to the ornament, and placed on the tree. You and your family will then be part of the Clayton tradition this year and for future years.

EXAMPLES; Quilted Globe - Fish or Bird - Star or Heart - Little Book - Clown - Soldier - Nurse

Come visit Clayton in December - Candles at night - should be pretty.

Thank you for your efforts,  
cmg

### **CLAYTON LIBRARY FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**

5300 Caroline  
Houston, TX 77004-6896  
832-393-2600

# Mark Your Calendar - Researching Your Italian Ancestors

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**Saturday, November 12 at 10:15 a.m.**

**Speaker: Nick Cimino**

CLF Annual Meeting and Election of Officers for 2012

Carriage House Meeting Room at the Clayton Library Center

Nick Cimino, will provide an entertaining and informative program on resource information needed for people researching ancestors in Italy. Nick's program will help you to identify the basic facts necessary to start researching in the Italian civil records. He highly recommends two books: *Italian Genealogical Records: How to Use Italian Civil, Ecclesiastical & Other Records in Family History Research* by Trafford R. Cole published in 1995, and *Our Italian Surnames* by Joseph G. Fucilla published in 1987. Both are available at the Clayton Library, Amazon.com, and through inter-library loan.



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**Nick Cimino**, a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and on the board of the Bay Area Genealogical Society, began conducting his genealogical research in 1989. He and his wife have direct ancestry in 25 states and collateral relatives in 15 more. He has researched extensively in archives and libraries in California, Arkansas, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia, Canada, and Northern Ireland.

His Italian research has been primarily conducted in U.S. archives and libraries. Many of the Italian records have been filmed and are available through the FamilySearch Centers. More records are becoming available online. His current travel agenda includes a trip to Sicily to visit the land of his ancestors in the Siracusa province.

Nick volunteers at the Clayton House on Friday afternoons from noon to 2 p.m. and will provide research assistance for your genealogy questions whether you are a beginner in U.S. genealogy or if you need help breaking down your brick walls.

## Also Mark Your Calendar for:

Date: November 4-5, 2011

Event: Texas State Genealogical Society 2011 genealogy conference

Place: Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport

### From Allen's Landing to the Moon Landing: Destination Houston

The Texas State Genealogical Society with local host Clayton Library Friends announces the 2011 TSGS annual genealogy conference in Houston, TX to be held at the Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport, November 4-5, 2011. Nationally known genealogical lecturer, Paula Stuart-Warren will present 4 lectures on Saturday, November 5, 2011. *Finding and Using Manuscript and Special Collections Repositories; Railroad History & Records: Methods for Tracking; Southern Deeds: More than Land; The WPA Era: What It Created for Genealogists.*

Multiple lectures each hour are offered on Friday, November 4, 2011. These sessions include lectures on Civil War Research, DNA, the Texas Land Office, School Records, and much more.

Pre-conference activities on Thursday November 3, 2011 will be held at the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research / Houston Public Library. A day with FamilySearch, lectures on the website and more will be offered at the library. The afternoon at the Marriott is a special writing workshop with Paula Stuart-Warren. The evening activities include the opportunity to speak with representatives from lineage and ethnic genealogical societies, an ice cream social, and the evening hours of the exhibit hall.

For more information visit [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsgs](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsgs) or [www.claytonlibraryfriends.org](http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org)

## Manager's Message

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### A backyard opportunity!

No, not bird feeding, not lawn mowing, or raking, or even BBQing! The opportunity is the 2011 Texas State Genealogical Society annual conference, *From Allen's Landing to the Moon Landing: Destination Houston* with local hosts...

THE CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS!

As a member of CLF, you have a unique opportunity to register for the conference at a reduced rate as a "TSGS member". The registration fee covers 2 days of some of the best opportunities you will have this year and in the coming year in our area to learn from some of the best speakers in Texas, and one nationally known speaker - **Paula Stuart-Warren**. You have been hearing about the conference for almost a year now, and it is almost here!!! November 4th and 5th at the Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport – in our backyard!!

A couple of the most important things when doing genealogical research is learning new skills, and honing the old ones. Genealogical education gives us those opportunities. Learning online is nice; you can do it in your fuzzy slippers, with your hair messed up, or on a rainy day

without going out.

But a conference attended in person like this one, is a sharing experience, offering a feeling of belonging. Being with others who share your passion for family history research is an immeasurable experience. The opportunity to be part of a conference like this doesn't come to our backyard often.

Now although I mentioned BBQ will not be part of the conference, there will be ice cream available in our backyard, the Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport on Thursday evening November 3, 2011 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm (\$2). This is a great way to begin the weekend of genealogical research education! Come and join us and your family history research neighbors at this event, and all weekend. More information can be found throughout this issue of the Clayton Advocate, and visit [www.claytonlibraryfriends.org](http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org) for more information and a registration brochure. There is also walk-in registration, but we would love to know you are coming...just so we have enough lawn chairs! (and copies of the Conference Syllabus)

See you November 4th and 5th at the 2011 TSGS / CLF conference *From Allen's Landing to the Moon Landing: Destination Houston!!!*

Happy Hunting!

Sue Kaufman

## 8th Annual Clayton Library Volunteer 'Lock-in'

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Don't forget – Monday October 31 (Halloween) is the date of our 8th annual Clayton Library Volunteer 'Lock-In'. This event, open to all who have volunteered for the library within the past year, is a fun way to meet and mingle with other volunteers. It also allows the staff to say thank you for the time and talent that our volunteers give to the

library. The Lock-In will be from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm, with snacks in the afternoon and a light meal in the evening. We are closed to the public that day, so there is an opportunity for a little extra research time as well. Please come on out – it'll be a scary good time!

## A New Volunteer Initiative

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We are proud to announce a new volunteer initiative at Clayton Library – book mending and repair! Staff members **Susan Peterson** and **Julia Ramirez** will be offering classes on October 24 and November 7 to introduce volunteers to the processes involved in keeping our aging and sometimes fragile books in good condition. This includes spine repair, re-inserting loose pages, creating boxes for fragile books,

and more. We currently have a backlog of books needing these repairs, so the classes will teach volunteers the basics so that they can help clear this backlog. Due to a pleasantly overwhelming response, both classes are already full, but if you think you might be interested in future classes offered on this topic, please contact **Susan Peterson**, project leader, at [susan.peterson@houston.tx.gov](mailto:susan.peterson@houston.tx.gov).

# Acquisitions Committee Report

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Since our August acquisitions report we have placed almost 30 orders. The books ordered cover areas that should have something for everyone. For those of you researching North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee there will be 90 new books to look through. If you are interested in the north-central part of the U.S., we have ordered 50 books for North Dakota. Oklahoma, Michigan, and New York will each get 10 new books, and there will even be a few new books for Alabama, Florida, and Louisiana.

We were able to take advantage of a sale at Heritage Publishing to purchase the Alabama and Florida books with a 'buy one for full price and get the second for half price' offer. We love book sales!

Four family history books have been donated since our last report. We appreciate the generosity and support of these authors. If you would like to purchase a copy of one of these family histories for your personal library, contact **Karen Acker** at: [ackertk@gmail.com](mailto:ackertk@gmail.com) or 281-358-0893 for information.

*Descendants of Hanss (John) Oswald (John Oswald)* by Hope Oswald Creasman and Fred Swygart

*James Beaty and Ann Bennett of Ballycanew, County Wexford, Ireland, and More Than Two Centuries of Their American Descendants* (2 volumes) by John D. Beatty

*Lest We Forget: A Tribute to Those Who Forged the Way* by Rueben M. Perez

Be sure to check the new-book shelves when you are at Clayton. As orders arrive, they are sent downtown for processing. When they are returned to Clayton, they first appear on the new-book shelves.

With the receipt of books that have been ordered for Robertson and Martin Counties we will be able to add Kentucky to the list of states with a book for every county.

The current county microfilm duplication project has been completed, and 206 new rolls of microfilm have been delivered to the Library. The cost to Clayton Library Friends for this project was \$24.75 per roll for a total of \$5,098.50.

Karen Acker

# Volunteers are always needed and welcome

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With only nine staff persons at Clayton Library, there is a strain on covering all tasks. Please consider giving a couple of hours of your time to our favorite library once a week, every other week, or even once a month. If four people volunteer two hours each, the library has the equivalent of another staff person for a day. If you cannot take a regular time, perhaps you could be on a list to call when a regular volunteer needs a substitute. There are

many ways to help such as shelving, Clayton house sitting, docent, learn to be a Book Doctor (mend and repair books), and scanning. Please contact **Steven Bychowski** at [steven.bychowski@houston.gov](mailto:steven.bychowski@houston.gov) or 832-393-2600, or **Pat Phillips**, [pPhillips0225@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pPhillips0225@sbcglobal.net) with CLF noted please, or 713-682-0496. Steven makes every effort to accommodate your schedule. The Clayton Library needs you!!

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.

## SLATE OF NOMINEES

### **President – Claudia Nickerson Grafton**



Claudia Grafton has previously served on the CLF Board in three positions – 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, and most recently as the CLF President in 2011. 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) – Tamara (Tammy) Bullin Frey**



Tammy Frey grew up in Houston, graduating from Dobie High School and Houston Baptist University. She and her husband, Chuck, have a son and a daughter, both recent Texas A&M graduates. A former teacher and librarian, Tammy now volunteers teaching English as a Second Language and pursues other interests, particularly genealogy. Tammy has been active in the genealogical community for

a number of years. She is a charter member of and was the first Corresponding Secretary of Bay Area Genealogical Society. Through the years, she has held various positions in addition to Corresponding Secretary, such as Newsletter Editor, Publicity Chairman, 5-Generation Chart Chairman, and, most recently, four years as Registrar.

### **2nd VP (Ways & Means) – Leslie O. Fullerton**



Leslie O Fullerton, DDS, MSD is a native Houstonian who grew up in the old Harrisburg area, attended Milby High School before attending the University of Texas Austin. Later he attended the UT Dental Branch-Houston, graduating in 1965 and then serving in the US Navy Dental Corps. After specializing in

Periodontics at Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas, he returned to Houston where he was in private practice until he began a teaching career at the Dental Branch. Serving in all levels of dental education, his achievements include vice dean and associate dean of continuing education and alumni affairs, recently finishing 25 years of service to his alumni association, ending as president. Les and his wife, Tricia, have three children: Meredith Hanna is a missionary daughter with four children, Megan Zyroll who has three children, and Leslie H Fullerton with two children who is an orthodontist in Conroe.

### **Secretary – Kathleen Dickerson**



Kathleen Dickerson was born in South Ruislip, England, where her father was serving with the United States Air Force. The family moved from Seattle, Washington to Houston, Texas in 1967. Kathleen graduated from the University of Houston-Clear Lake in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Finance. She then

went to work for the Belgium Chemical Company, Solvay America where she spent 34 years in accounting and information technology. After retirement in 2010, Kathleen took the plunge into genealogy. She says, “I was immediately fascinated with the information that I found and the family history I discovered.” A single lady, Kathleen enjoys cooking, entertaining, and traveling and is currently studying the Italian language. She is an avid fan of the Houston Astros.

### **Treasurer – Jim Knight**



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 south 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.

## SLATE OF NOMINEES

### **Director (Acquisitions) – Lesley Douthwaite**



Lesley Douthwaite was born and educated in England, graduating from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and obtaining her library qualifications from the Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic. Since 1974, she and her husband have lived in Kenya, New Orleans, Chicago, and New Jersey, before moving to Houston in 1999. Lesley

has been a professional librarian all her working life, and at the end of 2010 she retired after eleven years as Assistant Manager at Clayton Library. Working at Clayton was a wonderful experience, and gave her the opportunity to attend genealogical conferences and workshops and meet some outstanding people. She hopes that retirement will enable her to travel more, and allow her to become more involved in volunteer activities. Lesley and her husband Les live in west Houston and have two grown daughters.

### **Director (PR & Programs) – Vernon G. Gillette**



Vernon Gillette is a retired high school teacher, naval officer, and small business owner. His academic degrees include BA (History/Political Science) and MA (History). Locally he is a member of both Clayton Library Friends and the Friends of the Texas Room, as well as the Bay Area Genealogical Society and the Houston Genealogical Forum. He is

currently volunteering with the Mormon Digitizing Project at both Clayton Library and the Texas Room. Vernon is also a member of the National Genealogical Society, the Association of Professional Genealogists, and the Utah Genealogical Association. As a family historian Vernon is preparing histories on the Flavin, Gillette, and Hickman families. He has had four articles published in the HGF Genealogical Record.

### **Director (Facilities) – Henry R. “Hank” Wenzler, III**



Hank Wenzler has been pursuing his family history since 1990. After 31 years with Eastman Kodak, he began this pursuit in earnest. He has traveled extensively to trace his family records and has succeeded in tracing his family ‘Wenzler’ back to 1580 in Frittlingen Germany. He is currently writing a narrative history of the family. Hank is a graduate of

Memphis State University with a BS in Marketing and minors in History and Management. He pursued an MBA at the University of Hawaii. Hank is also a retired Commander from the U.S. Navy with expertise in Naval Air Intelligence and Photography. After Kodak, Hank worked seven years in the retail and wholesale food business. Besides his involvement on the CLF Board, Hank has been active as an officer on a number of community Boards and Councils.

### **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. She has served on the CLF Board in 2009 and 2010 as 1st VP (Membership), and in 2011 she filled an open Director position (Volunteers).

## CONTINUING 2012 DIRECTORS

### **Director (Newsletter) – Pat Metcalfe, and Director (Web Site) – Ruby Dusek**

Both were elected last year to their positions. The six Director positions are for a two-year term, so Pat and Ruby are not included in the slate of nominees. They will continue to serve on the board in 2012.



**Pat Metcalfe**



**Ruby Dusek**



# Angels Report

CLF 'Angels' are needed for 2012 periodical subscription renewals for Clayton Library. These are periodicals the library wishes to receive on an "as published basis", and are in excess of their periodical budget. Donations for binding and for periodicals published by societies who are no longer able to participate in periodical exchange are also needed.

## Angel subscriptions needed for 2012:

<i>Annals of Wyoming</i> \$45	<i>Lifelines</i> (Northern NY Amer.-Canadian) \$30
<i>Arkansas Family Historian</i> \$25	<i>MASSOG &amp; Past Times</i> (Mass.) \$25
<i>Blue Grass Roots</i> (Kentucky) \$25	<i>Maine Genealogist</i> \$20
<i>Central Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly</i> \$25	<i>Minnesota Genealogist</i> (MN Genealogical Society) \$35
<i>Chicago Genealogist</i> \$25	<i>Mississippi River Routes</i> (Vicksburg, MS Gen. Soc.) \$25
<i>Clarke County Hist. &amp; Gen. Society Quarterly</i> (Alabama) \$20	<i>Northeast Mississippi Hist. and Gen. Soc. Quarterly</i> \$20
<i>Families</i> (Ontario Genealogical Society-Canada) \$60	<i>Rhode Island Roots</i> \$25
<i>Family Tree Magazine &amp; CD</i> (United Kingdom) \$100	<i>Rodziny</i> (Polish Gen. Society of America) \$25
<i>Foothills Inquirer</i> (Colorado) \$20	<i>Ross County Genealogical Society Newsletter</i> (Ohio) \$15
<i>Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly</i> \$35	<i>St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly</i> \$35
<i>Goingsnake Messenger</i> (Cherokee-Oklahoma) \$15	<i>Shelby County Historical Society Quarterly</i> (AL) \$20
<i>Greenville County Genealogical Society Journal</i> (SC) \$21	<i>South Dakota Genealogical Society Quarterly</i> \$23
<i>Houston History</i> (UH Center for Public History) \$25	<i>Texas Czech Genealogical Society</i> (Ceske Stopy) \$25
<i>Idaho Genealogical Society</i> \$30	<i>The Times</i> (Central NC-several counties) \$20
<i>Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly</i> \$30	<i>Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly</i> \$25
<i>Internet Genealogy</i> \$28	<i>Upper SC Gen. and History</i>
<i>Indiana Genealogist</i> \$30	(Piedmont Genealogical Society) \$25
<i>Journal of the Afro-American Hist. &amp; Gen. Society</i> \$45	<i>Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter</i> \$30

Please make check payable to CLF, and mail: Attn: **Liz Hicks**, Clayton Library Friends, P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078. Your donation may be made in honor or memory of someone(s) and acknowledged in the CLF Newsletter and to the honoree or family of deceased. Upon request, a bookplate can be placed in the bound periodical(s) at the end of the subscription year. Please write "Angel" on your check.

If any of you personally subscribe to *Reflections* (Coastal Bend Genealogical Society), Clayton needs any issues prior to 2006. *Der Blumenbaum* (Sacramento Genealogical Society) any issues prior to Volume 21 are needed as well. These are NOT available from the society/publisher.

We wish to thank the new "Angels" who have earned their wings since the last newsletter, and a special THANK YOU to those who answered the call for donations for binding.

Emily P. Chiles. Donation for binding, "In honor of Charlotte Chiles Lewis of Dallas, Texas, who inspired me to seek out my own family history."

Florence I. Clark. Donation for binding and renewal of *Flint Genealogical Society Quarterly Family History Capers* (Washtenaw Co., MI), and *Irish Roots*.

Leslie A. Conrads. Donation for 2012 renewal of *American-Canadian Genealogist*, *Carolina Herald and Newsletter*, *Carolinas Genealogical Society Quarterly*, *Les Voyagers* (German-Acadian Coast Hist. & Gen. Society), *Le Raconteur* (Louisiana), *Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy and History*, and *Ohio Records and Pioneer Families*.

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# Facilities and Landscape Report

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The drought continues to plague all of Texas and the Clayton property as well. Our judicious use of water for the gardens surrounding the Clayton house has kept the majority of our plants and lawn alive. Houston's Parks Department has been the primary maintenance force caring for the property, with intermittent visits from Moss Landscaping for pest control, routine cleanup, and removal of drought-stricken plants.

The basement project is still underway. We have had two inspections of the area and will shortly begin a more introspective look for the actual cause of the water in the basement. Because of the drought, the place has been bone

dry but this will not continue if we ever get a change in the weather pattern. Our contract for work has been reviewed by our attorney and will be renegotiated shortly. HPL has been informed of our initial work and we will continue to keep them informed as work progresses.

We learned also that the driveway 'birdbath' that we have had for years will be replaced shortly. The City plans to have this work completed by January 1, 2012. The work will be scheduled so that minimum interference will occur with library traffic.

Hank Wenzler

## Welcome New Members!

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Clayton Library Friends would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members who have joined since our last newsletter. We're glad that you've discovered the Clayton Library Friends and hope that you'll also join our group of volunteers that provides support to the library in so many ways.

**Jerry L. Bauman, Anne Marie Bernay, Barbara Ann Buckley, Emily Jane Chiles, M/M William L. Davidson, Kathleen A. Dickerson, Kathryn F. Dickerson, Linda R. Elliott, Dr/M Leslie O. Fullerton, Gary R. Gantt, Susan B. Gettman, Brigitte Grimm, Dr. Grace Holley-Stewart, Lesley Shayne Kelley, Cynthia Kilmer, Michael McCoy, Dr/M Robert I. McNeil, Heather Linn Motschman, Peggy Norton, M/M James V. Poole, Dana Ribble, M/M Charles Rivette, Etta Ree Shepherd, M/M Ronald O. Thompson, Daphne Trevino, M/M Scott G. Watkins, Sandy Wilbourn, Lt. Col. Karen S. Williams, Sue Yerby.**

### Angel Report *continued from page 8*

Dr. Les Fullerton. 2012 Renewal of *Irish Roots* and donation to Angel program in memory of his Fullerton and McCorkle ancestors.

Alice Braud-Jones. Donation in memory of Debbie Ketteringham.

Rosemary P. Mullin. Renewal of *Argyll Colony Plus* (North Carolina) in memory of Stanley William Mullin.

Phyllis V. Moody. Donation for 2012 renewal of *Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine, Carolina Herald and Newsletter, Carolinas Genealogical Society Quarterly, Genie* (ARK-LA-TX Gen. Assn.), *Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy and History, Tap Roots* (East Alabama), and donation for binding.

Joyce E. Naumann. Donation for binding.

Patricia Phillips. Donation in memory of Gladys Johnson Kendrick for Angel subscription.

Cindy Rhodes. Renewal for Georgia Settlers.

Stephen F. Russell. Donation for Leaves and Branches (Navarro County, Texas) a former exchange.

Betty Monk Ryman. Donation for former exchange, the Journal, publication of the German-Texan Heritage Society, in memory of her grandson, Pierce Merrick Brower, 1996-2002.

Joseph "Joe" Wolfe. Renewal for Sandusky, Ohio publication Kin Hunter.

THANK YOU!

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

# Clayton Has It

## *WPA Index to Naturalization Records Found in Texas State District and County Courts 1846-1939*

If you are researching a foreign born ancestor who came to Texas, you should look at the microfilm of the *WPA Index to Naturalization Records Found in Texas State District and County Courts 1846-1939*. This set of microfilm is located at Clayton in C52 D02 (C = cabinet, D = drawer number). This film is arranged alphabetically by county name, then alphabetically by last name of person filing a Declaration of Intent and/or Naturalization within that county. Be sure to check for variations of spelling the immigrant's surname (Becker may be Beeker, etc.). These records show Name, Birth Date or Age at date of filing, Country of Allegiance, the place records were filed (County Court, District Court or other), whether a Petition, Declaration, or Affidavit, and location of original records.

These records are important because the immigrant may not have lived long enough to answer the year of immigration question on the 1900, 1910, 1920, or 1930 censuses. Using the WPA Index, and the date he filed his Declaration of Intent will give you an idea of about when he may have emigrated to the U.S. Having a date is key to finding a passenger list and possible place of origin in his native country. You may also find information you did not expect which can help you in your research. It is important to read what the naturalization laws were when your ancestor emigrated.

**Column Headings:** Name, Record Reference, Name of Court, Country of Birth or Allegiance, Birth Date or Age, Date of proceedings, and Nature of Proceedings and Remarks.

**Example #1:** Carl Ludwig Nitschke born 30 August, 1813 in Germany, resided from 1855 until his death, 9 October, 1888, Austin Travis County, TX.

WPA Index: Travis County, Texas

Name: Nitsckkee (Nitschkie), Charles Ludwig (He used Nitschke)

Record Reference: -- (Declaration); Naturalization: Civil Minute Book Vol. G, page 451 recorded Spring Term, July 21, 1858 Travis County, Texas.

Name of Court: Declaration: District Court Sumter Co., Alabama [surprise!]

Country of Birth or Allegiance: Germany, Saxony

Birth Date or Age: --

Date of Proceedings: 1853 (Declaration)

Nature of Proceedings and Remarks: Declaration of Intent; Naturalization

**Example #2:** WPA Index: Galveston County, Texas

Name: Carl Louis Funke

Record Reference: District Court Min. Book 2 page 148 (Declaration)

District Court Min. Book 2 page 457 (Naturalization)

Name of Court: District Court (Galveston)

Country of Birth or Allegiance: Germany

Birth Date or Age: 26

Date of Proceedings: Nov. 29, 1849 & Jan. 7, 1852

Nature of proceedings and Remarks: Dec. of Intent (next to Nov. date)

Grant of Citizenship (next to Jan. date).

A trip to the District Clerk's office in Galveston, TX resulted in finding his Declaration of Intent and Record of Naturalization. A copy of the WPA Index for Carl Louis Funke was presented to the clerk in the District Clerk's office. This person said she did not know of these records, but asked someone who said, after seeing the photocopied index, "We must have it". She found it after a trip to the basement.

If you do not find your ancestor listed in the county where you think his Declaration of Intent and/or Naturalization was recorded, he may have been in another place (County or State) when he filed. One way to determine this is the census, and the 1867-1869 Voters Registration Lists. To vote, the foreign born person had to say when and where he was Naturalized.

**Example:** Jonas A. Forsberg married April 29, 1862 and (dead by 1868) Fayette County, Texas. He is not listed on the *WPA Index to Declarations of Intent and Naturalizations For Fayette County*. However, Jonas Forsberg is listed on the *1867 La Grange, Fayette Co. Voters List*. He said he was naturalized November 22, 1859 in McLennan County, Texas.

*1867-1869 Voters Lists for Texas* – another resource, and **Clayton Has It** too!

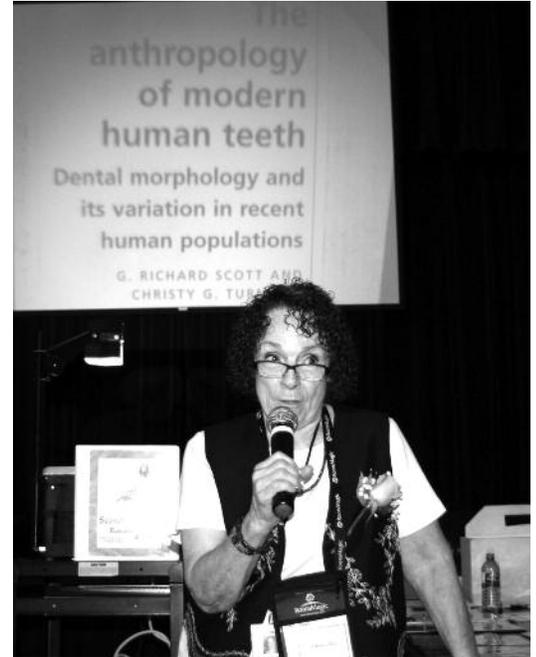
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**The CLAYTON ADVOCATE deadline for the February 2012 issue is January 15, 2012.  
What have you found at Clayton? We welcome any articles related to Clayton Library, or it's collections.**

# The Eakle Seminar - It Was a Wonderful Day

On Saturday, August 27th, **Arlene Eakle** from Utah presented an all-day seminar sponsored by Clayton Library Friends. The number of registrations proved to be beyond our anticipation. Originally scheduled for the Clayton Carriage House (maximum capacity of 60), the location had to be changed to a larger venue – the Fellowship Hall at St Luke’s United Methodist Church on Westheimer. This is the same location that we used for the Dick Eastman seminar last year. The final count of registrations was 125 – 93 were members and 32 were non-members.

All reports from attendees and the Seminar Committee indicate that a good time was had by all, and that everything ran very smoothly.



## A Fond Farewell and a Warm Welcome

This October has seen a “changing of the guard” at Clayton Library. After 18 months of service, Wayne and Pam Shipley are returning home to Utah, and a new set of LDS missionaries are taking over the digitization work for the next 18 months. The Shipleys, in addition to being friendly faces around the library, have completed the extraordinary task of scanning, digitizing, and making searchable over 777 books (that’s 307,151 pages!) and have contributed 4,656 volunteer hours to the library over their 18 months. Our partnership with FamilySearch and the BYU Family History Archives allows these out-of-copyright books to be viewed online (currently at <http://lib.byu.edu/fhc/index.php>) alongside the digitized works of other partner libraries. This includes major collections from Clayton Library such as all

75 volumes (and 18 supplemental volumes) of the Robert Bruce Blake collection of Texas history.

The LDS missionary couple of Ed and Cam Greenwood first set the digitization project at Clayton in motion. The missionaries have been assisted in their efforts by a team of volunteers including Marolyn Armstrong, Rose Barrow, Nancy Crane, Darol Dimmick, Siria Flynn, Vernon Gillette, Carl Graham, Doug Hamilton (who led the project for several months), Pat Metcalfe, and Bill Weimer. We are happy to welcome the Shipley replacements, Sisters Maureen Olson and Shirley Palmer. If you see them in or around the digitization room (behind the reference desk), be sure to say hello and welcome them!

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## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Thursday/Friday/Saturday –  
November 3, 4, 5, 2011**

***TSGS Conference, co-hosted by CLF***  
guest speaker, Paula Stuart-Warren

**Saturday – November 12, 2011  
10:15 am Annual Meeting/  
Election of Officers**

***Researching Your Italian Ancestors***  
Nick Cimino

**Saturday – February 11, 2011  
10:15 am**

***General Meeting***  
Speaker to be announced