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We are smack in the middle of another summer. This year the storms are plenty, and right now they are coupled with the mercury hovering between the 70s and 80s. Last year we had endless drought and heat. Isn't Texas grand – never dull!

Clayton Library Friends has some wonderful events to finish off the summer, regardless of the weather. We have two opportunities in August that I know you will just love.

Saturday, August 11th, brings our CLF General meeting with our Library Manager, Sue Kaufman, as our speaker. Sue will be here to give her annual update/status report on our beloved Clayton Library. She provides so much info in her visits, remember to take notes. I hope Sue will share some of her recent experiences in front of the camera, presenting genealogy to the Houston television audiences. It was a real treat to see her on television so many times. She's quite the celebrity!!

On Saturday, August 18th, we are thrilled to have J Mark Lowe come to Houston to speak at our all-day seminar. Mark hails from Tennessee and presents his lectures at national

genealogy conventions, on cruises, at Samford, and throughout the country. His expertise is known far and wide, and we have some interesting subjects scheduled. Please join us in giving him the warmest of welcomes, and share in this lovely event. (A registration form is included in this newsletter.)

Keep safe and dry until we see you next.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Clayton Library Friends Statement of Activities

January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011

Income

Unrestricted Contributions	14,550.00
Temporarily Restricted	16,601.26
Membership Dues	17,108.40
Seminar Ticket Sales	4,923.18
Other Income	61.05

Total Revenue \$ 53,243.89

Expenses

Current Programs	62,623.10
Administrative & General	18,017.04

Total Expenditures \$ 80,640.14

Net Operating Revenue - 27,396.25

Clayton Library Friends Statement of Financial Position As of December 31, 2011

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank Accounts	424,910.87
Other Current Assets	1,148.11

Total Current Assets \$ 426,058.98

Other Assets 903,052.93

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 1,329,111.91

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	219.27
Credit Cards	-1,748.12
Other Current Liabilities	563.40

Total Liabilities \$ -965.45

Equity 1,330,077.36

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$ 1,329,111.91

Resa Nichols Hennings

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Clayton Library Friends Statement of Activities

January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012

Income

Unrestricted Contributions	18,121.00
Temporarily Restricted	17,001.50
Membership Dues	14,384.53
Clayton House	640.00
Seminar Ticket Sales	70.00

Total Revenue \$ 50,217.03

Expenses

Current Programs	39,725.08
Administrative & General	12,357.25

Total Expenditures \$ 52,082.33

Net Operating Revenue - 1,865.30

Clayton Library Friends Statement of Financial Position As of June 30, 2012

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank Accounts	424,592.16
Other Current Assets	818.11

Total Current Assets \$ 425,410.27

Other Assets 930,560.94

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 1,355,971.21

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Credit Cards	-295.76
Other Current Liabilities	546.90

Total Liabilities \$ 251.14

Equity 1,355,720.07

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$ 1,355,971.21

Resa Nichols Hennings

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, August 11, 2012, 10:15 am – 12:00 noon
Carriage House Meeting Room at the Clayton Library Center
The State of Clayton Library

Speaker: Susan Kaufman

Manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

Come listen to Sue update us on the recent past, present, and future of our own Clayton Library. How has the City of Houston's budget crunch affected our genealogy library services? What do we anticipate in the future? How can we as volunteers help fill the gaps and relieve the professional staff of some duties not needing professional skills?

Hear about Sue's 'adventures' into promoting genealogy and Clayton Library on television. She recently appeared on both PBS and KHOU channels.



Also Mark Your Calendar for:

Saturday, August 18, 2012, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm
St Luke's United Methodist Church, 3471 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX
Full-Day Seminar –

Speaker: J Mark Lowe, CG

Nationally recognized full-time professional genealogist living in Tennessee

J Mark Lowe, CG, is a nationally recognized full-time professional genealogist, author, and teacher living in Tennessee. He researches primarily in original records and manuscripts throughout the South. Mark has been researching families for more than 40 years. He grew up in Tennessee with extensive family roots in Kentucky. He has travelled extensively in both states and enjoys sharing his love of genealogy and the joy of research with others including some historic reenacting. Mark's most recent notoriety is appearing on the *Who Do You Think You Are* television series helping Lionel Richey research his ancestry.



Seminar topics (not necessarily presented in this order):

My Ancestor, the farmer: Shaping a profile for Your Rural Ancestor

Farming is a proud and honorable occupation. Develop a rich profile of your farming ancestor and community using available resources.

Whiskey, Brandy, and Southern Migration

Understanding why our Ancestors were searching for limestone-filtered flowing springs and abundant fruit and grain will help tighten their travel routes and destinations. Learn basic distillation process as well.

Confederate Yankees in the Southland

A number of Union blue soldiers maintained close ties to the Confederacy. Many crossed the line to change uniforms. Learn about your border ancestor and finding their uniform of choice or no uniform at all.

Cold Mountain: A Case Study of a Tarheel Soldier in the Civil War

Discover the real records of William P Inman, the subject of the controversial book and movie, who lived and died in North Carolina.

A registration form is enclosed with this newsletter, and can also be found on the bulletin boards at the library, and on our website – www.claytonlibraryfriends.org

Manager's Message



War of 1812

On June 18, 1812, President James Madison and the United States Congress declared war on Great Britain, officially authorizing what historically became known as the "Second American Revolution." The War of 1812 raged on for two years before a peace treaty, the Treaty of Ghent, was signed on

December 24, 1814.

However, because news was slow in coming, no Internet, the war still raged on. Most of the battles were fought in Ohio, New York, Ontario, on Lake Erie, and on Lake Ontario. On January 8, 1815, after the Treaty of Ghent was signed, the Battle of New Orleans took place. The War of 1812 had reached the South. American forces commanded by Major General Andrew Jackson defeated the invading British Army. Battles had occurred throughout the end of December into January along the Mississippi River area in Louisiana, when General Jackson's force was engaged in battle with the British. Due to bad weather, lack of preparation, and tactical mistakes, the British soldiers, without orders to advance or retreat, stood out in the open and were shot at directly. British General Lambert took command, as other commanders had been mortally wounded, and eventually ordered a withdrawal. This battle is highly regarded as the greatest American land victory of the war.

Records created by those that served in the War of 1812 for the United States include compiled service records of both regular army/navy and volunteer units, both federal and state militia, prisoner of war records, merchant marine records including seamen protection certificates, pension applications, military bounty land warrants, in addition to other "official" United States Department of State documents. See "Researching War of 1812 ancestors" on page 5 in this newsletter for a discussion of records created, their use, and availability.

One of the most sought after record groups from this conflict is the War of 1812 pension files. To recognize the

200th anniversary of the War of 1812, the Federation of Genealogical Societies, a non-profit genealogical organization headquartered in Austin, Texas, has announced a national fundraising initiative to raise \$3.7 million to digitize the War of 1812 pension files. The digitization process will enable online access by historians and family researchers to the memories and biographies of those who fought to protect our nation's independence.

The War of 1812, often referred to as America's second war for independence, significantly shaped this country's identity both internationally and domestically. Many remember the War of 1812 as the war that gave us the "Star-Spangled Banner" and the burning of the White House. Some of the greatest leaders of our country, including three presidents, took part in this conflict. Nearly 300,000 men served, including members of at least eighteen Native American tribes.

The pension records for the War of 1812 consist of more than 7.2 million documents in 180,000 files. Free digital copies of pension files are available on the Fold3 database which can be found both at <http://www.fold3.com> and as part of the HPL genealogy databases. However, only 3% of these files are available at this time. This makes the digitization project led by FGS even more important.

As an example of what can be found in these pension files, take John Baptiste Bandry. Mr. Bandry served from Louisiana. His pension file and documents filed by his widow are available in the Fold3 database. In his file we find: his marriage date, his death date (1846 before death certificates), his wife's maiden name, and more.

The staff at the Clayton Library invites you to visit the library and explore your War of 1812 soldier. For more information on researching the individuals who fought in this war read "Researching your War of 1812 ancestor" article in this newsletter. Additionally, a blog for the War of 1812 can be found at <http://www.visit1812.com>. For more information on the preservation of the War of 1812 pensions, visit <http://www.fgs.org>.

Happy Hunting!
See you at the Library!

Sue Kaufman

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Researching War of 1812 ancestors

“The War Nobody Won.”

“The War Both Sides Won.”

“America’s Second War for Independence.”

“America’s Forgotten War.”

Many names have been given to the War of 1812, but there is no changing the fact that on June 18, 1812 President James Madison signed the act for a Declaration of War that had been passed in both Houses of Congress. This means that from now until January 8th, 2015 Americans, Canadians, and British subjects will be remembering the 200th anniversary of this forgotten war.

The particulars of the causes and battles become dim shadows in the memory to be illuminated however briefly by cultural references to our history, i.e. the Battle of New Orleans, the Star-Spangled Banner, “Tippecanoe and Tyler too,” “in 1815 we took a little trip along with Colonel Jackson down the mighty Mississippi.” The ancestors who fought in this war should not be forgotten. To illuminate these ancestors’ service we look to some of the records of the War of 1812 held at Clayton Library.

The first records we should look at would be service records. As the battles for this war took place both at established forts garrisoned by regular army personnel and at locations defended by volunteers, your ancestor may have been a member of either type of military unit.

Registers of enlistments in the US Army, 1798-1914 (M233)

This 81 roll set of microfilm is the listing of those who enlisted in the standing army of the United States, and is found in Microfilm Cabinet 52 Drawer 10. It is arranged by time period and then alphabetically by first letter of surname. The sources for this information do not all still exist. Since the War Office was one of the buildings burned in Washington, D.C. by the British during the War of 1812, it is reasonable to assume that the enlistment records of some of our soldiers defending the various forts were destroyed. Service records of those serving at forts that were captured may have also been destroyed by the actions of war, but this set of microfilm gives us a good base to start searching for “regular army” soldiers.

Index to compiled service records of volunteer soldiers who served during the War of 1812 (M602)

As the title states, this 234 roll set of microfilm lets us know who volunteered for service during the War of 1812. It is found in Microfilm Cabinet 46 Drawer 9. It lists the soldier’s unit, rank, and gives you the spelling that his service record is filed under.

After looking at service records we should look to the post war life of our ancestors and check to see if he received a pension or bounty land for his service.

Old wars index to pension files, 1815-1926 (T316)

The files indexed on this 7 roll microfilm set relate chiefly to claims based on death or disability incurred in service in the Regular Army, Navy or Marine Corps between the end of the Revolutionary War in 1783 and the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861. It is found in Microfilm Cabinet 52 Drawer 5.

Index to War of 1812 pension application files (M313)

Most of the pensions indexed in this 102 roll set of microfilm were applied for under the acts of Feb 14, 1871 (16 Stat. 411), and March 9, 1878 (20 Stat. 27). It is found in Microfilm Cabinet 46 Drawer 11. These acts were the first that granted pensions to the War of 1812 veterans solely on the basis of service. See the “Old wars index to pension files, 1815-1926” described above for pensions granted based on disability or death.

War of 1812 military bounty land warrants, 1815-1858 (M848)

This 14 roll set of microfilm reproduces 105 bound volumes containing two series of military bounty land warrants issued between 1815 and 1858 to veterans of the War of 1812, and a four volume index to the warrants. The index is on roll one. It is found in Microfilm Cabinet 47 Drawer 1.

If your ancestor’s service record or pension file mention that he was a prisoner of war, Clayton has resources to research this also.

Index to records relating to War of 1812, prisoners of war (M1747)

The three rolls of this microfilm set index the next set of microfilm “Records relating to War of 1812 prisoners of war” (M2019). It is found in Microfilm Cabinet 47 Drawer 2.

Records relating to War of 1812, prisoners of war (M2019)

On the single roll of this microfilm publication are reproduced records relating to War of 1812 prisoners of war.

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These records are part of RG 94, Records of the Adjutant General's Office, 1780's-1917 found in Microfilm Cabinet 47 Drawer 2. The records primarily concern American soldiers, but some also relate to civilians and British soldiers. The records included in this publication were assigned a manuscript number ranging from 1 to 94 in which order they were microfilmed. Most of the manuscripts are lists of prisoners, although there is some associated correspondence. There are also the following lists:

1. Accounts of the types, amounts, and value of clothing provided by U.S. agents to prisoners held in Canada.
2. Soldiers captured at a certain place or in a particular battle.
3. Prisoners of war held at a certain place.
4. Prisoners who died in captivity.
5. Men exchanged.

Along with the records kept by the American military about our soldiers taken as prisoners of war, Clayton holds copies of records kept by the British on those captured by their soldiers.

Prison registers of prisoners of war, 1799-1820

This 39 roll set of microfilm contain British General Entry Books noting American, French, Italian, German (and others) prisoners of war. It is found in Microfilm Cabinet 47 Drawer 2. Information varies from roll to roll but usually showing name, ship or corps, duty or rank, dates of actions such captivity, parole, escaped, hospitalized, died, discharged, etc. Some entry books include personal descriptions: place of birth, height, body build, shape of face, complexion (identifies Negro, Black, Man of Color), color of eyes, hair, wounds or marks, and supplies distributed.

American prisoners of war held at Barbados, New Providence, and Newfoundland during the War of 1812 -

Harrison Scott Baker Publisher: Heritage Books
2007 Call Number: 973.527 B167 USA

Now, if your ancestor was on the other side of the conflict, Clayton has materials about their service also.

An index of the land claim certificates of Upper Canada militiamen who served in the War of 1812-1814

Wilfred R. Lauber. Publisher: Ontario Genealogical Society
1995 Call Number: L366 ONTAR CANADA

Canadian Veterans of the War of 1812

Eric Jonasson Publisher: Wheatfield Press 1981 Call Number: C212 CANADA

Soldiers of the king : the Upper Canadian militia, 1812-1815 : A Reference Guide

William Gray, Publisher: Boston Mills Press 1995 Call Number: G783 ONTAR CANADA

For a more in-depth guide to War of 1812 research, please consult the following:

War of 1812 Genealogy

George K. Schweitzer Publisher: G.K. Schweitzer
1995 Call Number: 973.52 S413 USA

The actual service records, pension files, and military bounty land records described and indexed in the National Archives microfilm sets described above are at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and can be researched on site there or copies can be ordered online using the NARA website (www.archives.gov) or by mail using NARA forms NATF 86 or NATF 85. Some have been digitized and are available in various databases such as Fold3 and Ancestry.com.

This article just scratches the surface of the resources that are available at Clayton Library about the "forgotten" War of 1812. As mentioned in the Manager's Message (pg 4), the pension records and some service records from the National Archives are available on the Fold3 database which HPL subscribes to for your use, and more are being added. Clayton has almost two dozen sets of microfilm that hold information about the War of 1812. 19th Century Newspapers, a digital newspaper database that HPL subscribes to, has newspapers that are contemporary to the war so that you can read the opinions of the time about the war. For the other side of the news, a digitized version of "The Times (London)" from 1785 to 1919 can be searched in the Fold3 database (remember to look about a month after an event to see the story, no telephones or telegraph to instantaneously convey the news to the editors, it had to travel by ship back to London). The Ancestry Library Edition database contains around 20 databases specific to the War of 1812, not to mention the dozens that contain references to soldiers of the war such as cemetery lists or multi-war pension files. The HeritageQuest database contains many digitized books with information about the war.

The Clayton book collection contains over a hundred books on various aspects of the War of 1812, many of

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Researching War of 1812 ancestors *continued from page 6*

which are specific to the state an ancestor served from or lived in after the war. Though not written about as prolifically as the American Civil War, let us on this 200th anniversary of this conflict swell and strengthen Lincoln's "mystic chords of memory stretching from every battlefield, and patriot grave, to every living heart, and

hearthstone, all over this broad land," and shed light on the dim shadows of "America's Forgotten War."

The above article is reprinted with permission from the on-line Clayton Library newsletter *The Clayton Town Crier* – July 2012.

The Clayton Town Crier and The Clayton Extra vs. The Clayton Advocate

The Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research / Houston Public Library is very fortunate to have such a strong supporting organization as the Clayton Library Friends. Nevertheless, we are two separate entities, and we EACH offer separate publications bringing you information about the library, its activities, and its collections.

THE PUBLICATIONS

The Clayton Advocate is published quarterly by the Clayton Library Friends. This is the publication you are reading NOW. Its goal is to keep the membership informed about the activities of the organization as it relates to the Clayton Library, and to promote the use and support of the library. The editorial staff is constantly looking for articles regarding research 'success stories' at our Library.

The Clayton Town Crier (CTC) is published by the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research / Houston Public Library. This is the quarterly ONLINE newsletter of the Clayton Library written by library staff. The CTC brings you information about collections we have at the library, books, microprint and database resources,

hints for your research, information on special topics, and a listing of our upcoming programs and events. You need to sign up for this electronic newsletter through the Houston Public Library website. (Instructions are at the end of this article.)

The Clayton Extra (CE) is also published by the Clayton Library staff. This monthly ONLINE electronic newsletter promotes our programming and events each month at the library. The CE is supplemental to *The Clayton Town Crier*.

If you are not getting emails from "Houston Public Library" with the subject "Clayton Town Crier" or "Clayton Extra" followed by the date of publication, you are not subscribed to the library electronic newsletters.

To sign up for the Clayton Library electronic newsletters, visit: www.houstonlibrary.org/next-reads-hpl and click on the link in the lower right corner of the page that says "to sign up for Nextreads." Click the two "Genealogy" boxes on the page - Genealogy and Genealogy: Clayton Extra. Enter your email address in the sign-up boxes provided...and you are subscribed!

Nominating Committee –

A Nominating Committee was elected at the May General Meeting. The job of this committee is to prepare a 'slate of nominees' by the end of September to fill vacant Board positions for 2013. If you have an interest in being on the CLF Board or serving on one of our committees, please let us know as soon as possible. Send your bio

addressed to the Nominating Committee c/o Clayton Library Friends, P O Box 271078, Houston TX 77277-1078. With about 750 CLF members, it is impossible for the five Nominating Committee members to know everyone – even though we would like to. There's a place for everyone to help.

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.



Angels Report

It's that time again – to start seeking “Angels” to donate for renewal of 2013 periodical subscriptions for Clayton Library. These are periodicals the library wishes to receive on an “as published basis”, but are in excess of their periodical budget. Unspecified donations for the Angel Program are welcomed, as we continue to be notified that former exchanges now require a paid membership/subscription.

Angel subscriptions needed for 2013:

Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine \$15
 American-Canadian Genealogist (French Canadian & Acadian Genealogy) \$50
Annals of Wyoming \$45
Argyll Colony Plus (North Carolina Scottish Heritage Society) \$30
Blue Grass Roots (Kentucky) \$15
Carolina Herald and Newsletter (South Carolina) \$8
Carolinas Genealogical Soc. Quarterly \$18
Central Georgia Gen. Society Quarterly \$30
Chicago Genealogist \$25
Clarke County Hist. & Gen. Society Quarterly (Clarke Co., Alabama) \$20
Connecticut Ancestry \$35
Connecticut Maple Leaf (French Canadian Genealogical Society) \$40
Families (Ontario Genealogical Society-Canada) \$60
Family Tree Magazine & CD (United Kingdom) \$100
Flint Genealogical Society Quarterly (Michigan) \$20
Foothills Inquirer (Colorado) \$20
Genealogy Society of Washtenaw Co., MI (Family History Capers) \$10
Genie (ARK-LA-TX Genealogy Assn.) \$20
Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly \$35
Goingsnake Messenger (Cherokee-Oklahoma) \$15
Greenville Co. Gen. Society Journal (SC) \$21
Idaho Genealogical Society \$30
Illinois State Gen. Society Quarterly \$30
Internet Genealogy \$28
Indiana Genealogist \$30
Irish Roots \$35

We already have donors for the following periodicals:

Arkansas Family Historian
East Georgia Genealogical Society (Georgia Settlers)

Donations will be acknowledged in The Clayton Advocate, unless otherwise requested. Please make check payable to: Clayton Library Friends, P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078. Write “Angel” on your check, and include a note if you are making a donation ‘in memory of’ or ‘in honor of’ someone(s). Donations are tax deductible.

Journal (German-Texan Heritage Society) \$40
Journal of the Afro-American Hist. & Gen. Society \$45
Kin Hunter (Sandusky, Ohio) \$15
Le Raconteur (Le Comte des Archives de la Louisiane) \$15
Les Voyageurs (German-Acadian Coast Hist. & Gen. Society) \$15
Leaves and Branches (Navarro County, Texas Genealogical Society) \$13
Licking Lantern (Licking County, Ohio) \$17
Lifelines (Northern NY Amer.-Canadian) \$35
MASSOG & Past Times (Mass.) \$32.95
Maine Genealogist \$25
Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy and History \$25
Minnesota Genealogist (MN Genealogical Society) \$35
Montgomery Co. Genealogical Society Quarterly (Alabama) \$25
Northeast Mississippi Hist. and Gen. Soc. Quarterly \$20
Prairie Gleaner (West Central Missouri) \$15
Rhode Island Roots \$25
Rodziny (Polish Gen. Society of America) \$25
Ross Co. Gen. Soc. Newsletter (Ohio) \$15
St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly \$35
Shelby County Historical Society Quarterly (AL) \$20
South Dakota Genealogical Society Quarterly \$23
Tap Roots (East Alabama Genealogical Society) \$25
Texas Czech Genealogical Society (Ceske Stopy) \$20
The Times (Central NC-several counties) \$20
Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly \$25
Upper SC Gen. and History (Piedmont Genealogical Society) \$25
Wisconsin State Gen. Society Newsletter \$42

Houston History (UH Center for Public History)
Mississippi River Routes (Vicksburg, MS Gen. Soc.)
Ohio Records and Pioneer Families

Do you have old or current issues of periodicals? Donate these to Clayton Library. If they are duplicates for Clayton, your periodicals will be used to “trade” for periodicals needed to fill gaps in the periodical collection.

If you have *Reflections*, publication of the Coastal Bend (TX) Genealogical Society, issues prior to 2006, and *Der Blumenbaum*, Sacramento (CA) Genealogical Society, issues prior to Volume 21, please contact Clayton Library or **Liz Hicks**. These are no longer available from the publisher.

For information regarding CLF’s Angel Program call or contact: **Liz Hicks**, Angel Chair, (713) 944-1118, or e-mail: eroottrot@usa.net.

Acquisitions Committee Report

In 2012 the Clayton Library Friends Acquisitions Committee has continued its mission of supporting the Clayton Library by identifying and ordering materials which the Library might otherwise have been unable to purchase, in these times of deep budget cuts. In the past, our focus has been on large ticket items, such as collections of microfilm. But, space constraints and the fact that so much microfilmed material is now being digitized have made this less of a priority. During the past few months we have therefore attempted to fill in gaps in the Library's collection, and purchase volumes which may be missing from a series. To that end, we have purchased recently published books in the *Family Maps and Texas Land Survey Maps* series from Arphax Books; some missing volumes of *North Carolina Revolutionary Army Accounts*, as well as some cemetery and deed abstracts for North Carolina; and 15 volumes in the *Map Guide to German Parish Registers* series. As of this writing, some of these books have not yet been received or are not yet on the shelves, but we hope that they will arrive to be added to the Library's collection very soon.

In addition, because Houston Public Library has had to drastically reduce the amount of money available to send books to the bindery, CLF made a donation of \$3000.00 to bind periodicals and books which might benefit from it. These could be newly acquired soft cover or spiral bound books, or old books which are showing signs of wear and tear. The Friends is also donating money to buy additional supplies for the Surebind machine, so that items such as incomplete periodicals or family history newsletters can be bound quickly and inexpensively, and made available to Library patrons.

In the future, the Acquisition Committee will be discussing with Library Manager Sue Kaufman the possibility of using acquisitions funding to purchase additional online databases which may be of interest to the genealogical community. As always, we will continue to work with Sue and her staff to identify how best we can support the Clayton Library in terms of collection development. But if you have any ideas about material that you think might be of use to the Library's collection – whether in printed or electronic format – please let us know.

Lesley Douthwaite

Volunteer Corner

“Adopt-A-State” Shelf Reading Volunteers Needed!!!

Have you ever wished that you could get the books in your favorite section at the library in a little better order, while helping out the library in a big way at the same time? Now you can, by becoming a volunteer in the new Adopt-A-State shelf reading program!

Here's how it works: (1) Choose a range of books covering a U.S. state of interest to you, (2) Go book-by-book through that section once per month to ensure that every book in that section is filed in its correct location (based on its call number), (3) If you find any books in your section that have been incorrectly filed, you can return them to their proper place in the library. That's all there is to it!

If you are already trained in shelving books by call number, then you already have all the training you'll need.

If not, no problem. We will arrange shelving classes for those who are interested in learning this skill.

For more information, or to indicate interest in participating in this important effort, please contact Steven Bychowski, Clayton Library Volunteer Coordinator, at steven.bychowski@houstontx.gov, or by calling Clayton Library directly at 832-393-2600.

Thanks for your help! ☺

Steven Bychowski,
Clayton Library Volunteer Coordinator

[Editor's note: If you haven't already discovered it, shelving is a wonderful way of handling books that you may not have chosen to look at otherwise. Every so often you'll stumble across a genealogical 'gem'. I found out that my g-grandfather was an Irish immigrant in 1848 when I re-shelved a book of passenger lists that included the names of his entire family.]

THE CLAYTON ADVOCATE deadline for the November 2012 issue is **October 8, 2012.**
What have you found at Clayton? We welcome any articles related to Clayton Library, or it's collections.

Revised Bylaws passed at May meeting –

At the May General Meeting, the Bylaws Revision Committee chairman, Trevia Wooster Beverly, presented the newly revised bylaws to the CLF members for acceptance. The revision had previously been unanimously approved by the Clayton Library Friends Board of Directors. The committee was pleased that the revised bylaws were also accepted by the membership. The current document is now posted on our website – www.claytonlibraryfriends.org – in the ‘About Us’ section.

The committee (**Trevia Wooster Beverly, Resa Nichols Hennings, and Pat Palmer Metcalfe**) is now working on

compiling a current Policy and Procedures Manual. It has been a number of years since the ‘procedure’ portion of Board positions has been laid on paper. When one of our Board members was suddenly hospitalized, others started thinking “What if that was me? How would someone else do my job?” It was realized that the procedural details of many Board positions were locked inside the Board member’s personal computers. Although this Manual should be in a constant state of updating, the committee is developing a detailed starting point. It should help to keep your Board running smoothly no matter what happens.

Facilities and Grounds

The basement project continues. During June, the consultants group met again to determine our next course of action. We met with a representative of a local manufacturer that produces chemical products to seal water leaks. This product, when injected into the space behind the leaking wall, seeks out water and replaces it with a foam curtain to seal out any future seepage. A test will be conducted this month to determine the effectiveness of this product. Once the test evaluation has been completed, we will move on to the next phase: seal the east wall of the basement. Other work will follow in order to complete the possible sealing of the entire area. This is the type of

undertaking that has some probability to it. The goal is to eliminate as much seepage as possible to prevent MOLD.

The Clayton House grounds were a kingdom for weeds in early June. Parks and Recreation (City of Houston) came out on June 6th but they just could not handle the weed problem. We had an outside contractor come in and get the property back into pristine shape. This is necessary due to the fiscal challenges that the city faces in the current year. Our benefactor, Susan Clayton Garwood, wants the home and grounds of her great-grandfather to remain a showplace for all visitors to the Clayton Center.

Hank Wenzler

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. 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.

Louis Aulbach, Regina Flynn, M/M John Gillies, Brucette Catherine Kirtley, Betty Linder, Gerald John Markowich, Mary Ann Olsen, Michael O’Reilly, Sharon Russell, and Linda Louise Stiles.

Family Histories

Our recent letters of request to authors of family histories have resulted in the following donations to Clayton Library through the Clayton Library Friends. Once the books have been processed, they will be available at the Library. For information on purchasing a personal copy of either of these books, contact Karen Acker, ackertk@gmail.com or 281-358-0893.

The Chesnutt Family of Southeastern North Carolina by A. Ray Girffin, Jr.

The Quiet Patriarch, the Life of James Abram Newberry,

Native American Pioneer; by D. Suzanne Simonich

The Bidwell Family, Volume 1, The Lineages of the Sons of John Bidwell, Early Connecticut Settler and The Bidwell Family, Volume 2, The Lineages of the Daughters of John Bidwell, Early Connecticut Settler; by the Bidwell Family Association

Ulrich Buler (Beeler) of Shenandoah County, Virginia, and His Descendants, by David R. Cosper

Karen Acker

Clayton Library Friends turns 25

Clayton Library Friends celebrates their 25th anniversary this year. During the year, we are publishing a series of articles in the CLF newsletter chronicling some of the highlights of the organization. Part I – Starting out... documented some highlights of organizing CLF, and the new library building. Part II – The middle years... included hosting NGS, city budget problems, winning the NGS newsletter award, re-labeling every book in the library, and the emphasis on active grant-writing.

Part III – The new century begins ...

Remember the trips to Salt Lake City with our CLF trip coordinator, Dr Art Alee? And how disappointed we were when we were told to discontinue sponsoring them because of possible liability to the organization.

The “Millennium Book Project” helped the library fill some gaps in the library collection. *The CLF Newsletter* published a ‘want list’ of individual books that were needed, and members generously contributed toward the designated purchases. All of the books on the first list were “spoken for” within the first week after the newsletter appeared. So, the presentation of an updated ‘want list’ was continued for several years.

In 2000, the library started a concentrated effort to have topical displays – Texas history, Black Heritage, Finding Your Female Ancestors, etc -- an effort that has been continued and has made the library more welcoming.

Houston history remembers ‘The Great Flood’ when tropical storm Allison hit the area June 5-9, 2001. Luckily the library escaped flooding, and only suffered a few leaks that were quickly cleaned up. There was no damage to the Clayton collection or to any of the library’s equipment or furnishings.

After a number of years of talking about these collections, the Natchez Trace collection of colonial and territorial documents from Louisiana and Mississippi, and the Cuban Papers were ordered in the fall of 2001. The 1,321 rolls of the Cuban Papers arrived in segments, until the last batch of 321 rolls arrived in September of 2006. A number of other sponsored collections were purchased for the library over the years.

In about 2003 the Clayton staff started the tradition of hosting a Volunteer Party for the Clayton Library Friends

volunteers. Taking place one evening in October, Family History month, the occasion has been a fun gathering of volunteers for food and research after the library has closed. It’s a wonderful opportunity to meet other volunteers.

On Saturday, October 2, 2004 the dedication of an Official State of Texas Historical Marker honoring William Lockhart Clayton and Susan Vaughan Clayton was held in the auditorium of the Holocaust Museum. Ray Miller gave the principal address honoring the Claytons while providing the audience with some interesting history of the Anderson Clayton company in Houston. After the presentation, everyone walked across the street to the Clayton library where the marker was unveiled.

The May 2004 CLF newsletter had an article titled “Clayton Home Restoration Fund.” The first line reads “Recently, a group of Clayton family members came forward to the CLF board and expressed interest in providing a substantial portion of funds needed for the renovation and restoration of the Clayton home, carriage house, and guest quarters.” Thus began a long-term project of renovating the three buildings. The Clayton home was built in 1916 and donated to the City of Houston in 1958 by the Clayton family. It was partially refurbished during 1993-1995, but this work fell far short of what was needed.

As fund-raising for the renovation continued, the property continued to deteriorate. Every time it rained, the library staff had to set out buckets in the House to catch water. In early June 2006, new shelving was installed on the second floor of the main building, and the Family History Book Collection was moved from the house. Everything was available for researchers in the main building. The Hard Hat Party was held at the Clayton House on July 9, 2006. Over the next several years workmen came and went, until on Monday March 2, 2009, Mayor Bill White formally opened the new facilities to the public. The loan to fund the renovation project was paid in full in 2009. Clayton Library with Charlie Gardes, CLF Director and Construction Committee Chair, received the Houston Business Journal’s prestigious Landmark Award for the renovation of a historical facility.

The Clayton Complex now has three historic buildings to be proud of!!

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday -- August 11, 2012
10:15 am General Meeting
Clayton Center Carriage House

The State of Clayton Library
Susan Kaufman, Manager of Clayton Library

Saturday – August 18, 2012
9:30 am – 4 pm
St Luke's United Methodist Church
3471 Westheimer Rd, Houston

Full-Day Seminar
J Mark Lowe, CG, Tennessee

Saturday – 10 November, 2012
**10:15 am Annual Meeting/
Election of Officers**

25th Anniversary Celebration
Watch your e-mail and the CLF website for details and speaker(s). Do plan to attend.