

# THE Clayton Advocate

NEWSLETTER OF THE CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

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This summer was filled with volunteer projects and a very successful Clayton Library Friends August seminar with J. Mark Lowe.

Mark was a wonderful speaker covering very diverse subjects in addition to jokes, movie reviews, songs, and using the audience as part of his "visual aids." We hope he comes back to Houston soon.

Family History Month at Clayton Library included the Clayton Library Lock-In on October 19th, from 2:00 to 5:30 and 6:00 to midnight. Six classes were offered in the Carriage House during the afternoon and evening. Saturday, October 20th, was the Lineage Day event and it is always a wonderful opportunity to gather information regarding these societies.

The annual Texas State Genealogical Society convention is always the first weekend in November. Last year at this time we (Clayton Library and Clayton Library Friends) were busy preparing to host that event here in Houston. This year it is being held in Fort Worth. Information regarding this year's event is available at Clayton Library and at the TSGS website.

Our last CLF General Meeting of this year is Saturday, November 10th and we hope it will be one you'll remember. It's the 25th Anniversary of Clayton Library Friends and, along with the speakers and the election of Board members, we hope to bring many memories back from our early years and allow you the opportunity to tour the Clayton Center buildings. Please come and celebrate how far Clayton Library Friends has come in 25 years – and how the Houston Public

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### Clayton Library Friends Statement of Activities

January 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012

#### Income

Unrestricted Contributions	18,496.00
Temporarily Restricted Contributions	17,346.50
Membership Dues	14,969.53
Clayton House	640.00
Seminar Ticket Sales	3,316.00

**Total Revenue** \$ **54,768.03**

#### Expenses

Current Programs	56,161.03
Administrative & General	14,147.95

**Total Expenditures** \$ **70,308.98**

Net Operating Revenue - 15,540.95

### Clayton Library Friends Statement of Financial Position As of September 30, 2012

#### ASSETS

##### Current Assets

Bank Accounts	411,698.05
Other Current Assets	130.15

**Total Current Assets** \$ **411,828.20**

**Other Assets** **952,616.33**

**TOTAL ASSETS** \$ **1,364,444.53**

#### LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

##### Liabilities

##### Current Liabilities

Credit Cards	-202.18
Other Current Liabilities	546.90

**Total Liabilities** \$ **344.72**

**Equity** **1,364,099.81**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY** \$ **1,364,444.53**

Resa Nichols Hennings

## President's Message *continued*

Library genealogy collection has grown since its first assemblage of a few genealogy books in the Julia Ideson Building in 1921. It's all because of you, our Clayton Library Friends members, and we thank you all so much!

This is also the end of my second term as your President. It was such an honor to serve, and it turned out to be so much fun. I served on your Board during the Clayton renovation and just to have had a particle of participation in that overwhelming project makes me proud. One of the great things about my two years as President was to be surrounded with wonderful, strong, and dedicated individuals on our Board of Directors. I'm equally confident that the next Board will progress our society to new heights and continue to strengthen and support Clayton Library and its staff with new and exciting methods and ideas.

I will miss visiting with you all as your President, but hope to see you at Clayton, now that I might FINALLY have time to actually get some research done. I will also continue to visit all the societies out there (if I'm still invited) and you have my number. I'm getting verklempt now so will bring my final message to a close. Take care, support this library, and clarity and strength to all of you.

Remember the Clayton Center buildings will be decorated for our Holiday Season with candles, trees, wreaths, and merry attitudes -- so drop by, or drive by, and enjoy!

Thanks for the memories,

Claudia M Grafton  
Claudiamg10@gmail.com

## 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.

**Walter Bissex and Tina Shaheen, Carol Gardner, Mr and Mrs Frederick Meyer, Randy Pace, Mary K Seay, and Linda Weseloh.**

# **Clayton Library Friends is 25 years old!!**



*Come celebrate with us  
Saturday, November 10th*

*10:15 - 12:30*

*10:30 - a VERY brief Annual Meeting  
(essentially the election of our Board of Directors for 2013)  
We need a 'quorum' of members for this - so please bring a friend!*

*Come for the business meeting, and stay for the fun!!  
Coffee, cake, speaker(s), historical displays...*

*We plan to recognize the CLF Charter Members  
and  
CLF Past Presidents*

*and  
Dr Mavis Kelsey and Myron Steves  
both Charter Members turned 100 this year*

*Watch the CLF website for updates to the program.  
[www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org](http://www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org)*

*Come prepared to renew your membership for 2013.*

*Remember, all 2013 memberships received by December 1st will be entered into a drawing  
for a complimentary one-year membership extension!*

# Manager's Message



Wow...where has the time gone? 2012 sure flew by. We have had so much fun here at Clayton. So many visitors have found information. Some have found a family connection in the person sitting at the table across from them doing research. Some have solved brick walls. Some have run up against brick walls. Whatever your personal research quest is, we are very glad to be part of it here at the library.

Often those who walk through the door don't know just what role they play in visiting the library. How many visitors a year do we have? How many books do we add on the shelves? How many reference questions does the staff answer in a year?

As a wrap up of the library activities, I offer you these statistics from the FY12 regarding Clayton Library. FY12 (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012)

## **In-depth reference service is the #1 service we provide**

- 51,861 customers were served at an average of 20 minutes per customer
- 25,468 genealogy reference questions were answered
- 28,281 directional questions (how to log on computers, how to copy materials, etc) were answered

## **Programming and Outreach**

Each month Clayton offers educational programs both in-house and as outreach. These presentations include Clayton resources, methodology lectures, and beginning genealogy classes to help equip researchers with the tools they need to discover a personal past.

- 67 adult programs were offered to 1730 people
- 15 outreach presentations were done for 403 people

## **Clayton Library Orientation**

Once each month the staff at Clayton offers an orientation to the collection and to genealogy, giving a deeper insight into the resources of and effective use of the collection.

- An average of 25 people attended each orientation for a total of approximately 300 people

## **Collection Development and Management**

Clayton Library is known for its resources and customer service. We provide specific resources for the pursuit of family history. The collection at Clayton is an international collection, and the staff is versed in many, many different areas of family history research, offering a highly effective level of customer service.

- 3541 pieces of new material were collected and processed by Clayton staff for researchers' enjoyment

## **Digitization and Research Source Partnership**

The major partnership Clayton enjoys is with FamilySearch. FamilySearch is the genealogical arm of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. This relationship includes a digitization project with FamilySearch, and operating as an affiliate library offering rental microfilm from the Family History Library collection. These two opportunities at Clayton offer increased resources for our researchers through the affiliate program. The digitization project brings specific Clayton holdings to the world through the internet, giving us publicity and interest in the collection we have on site.

- 624 books from the Clayton collection were scanned and mounted at: [books.familysearch.org](http://books.familysearch.org).
- 6347.5 hours were provided by 4 Missionaries from the LDS Church working on this project at Clayton
- Customers ordering microfilm resources totaled 572 pieces of microprint to Clayton. Permanent loan film remains at the library to be shared by other researchers. There are 350 rolls of film of this type.

## **Volunteers**

Clayton has 45-50 consistent volunteers. They supplement staff activities such as creating indexes to materials, shelving materials so sources can be found by researchers, and manning the Clayton House -- the location where our customers who rent film from FamilySearch view the film. These volunteers offer help to a growing population of users.

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

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# Volunteers

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!

As the year draws to a close and the holiday season approaches, this becomes a good time to count our blessings and be thankful for the help and support we receive throughout the year. At Clayton Library, we are very blessed to have a strong volunteer base drawn from the genealogical community, and particularly from the Clayton Library Friends. Volunteers not only provide relief to the staff that is taking on more duties as staff size gets smaller, but more importantly they help the genealogical community take ownership of and stay actively engaged in the library that they love.

This year we have increased not only the number of volunteers, but also the number of roles that they fill at the library. For example, this year we have added book repair, shelf reading, and Saturday microprint desk support as volunteer activities. This supplements the ongoing activities of book shelving, Clayton House desk support, digitization, docent help, acquisitions support, record indexing/transcription, lineage research assistance... and just about any kind of short-term special need that might arise. We should also thank the CLF board members who put in many hours of their time in various capacities to support the Clayton Library as a whole.

In 2012 we would like to acknowledge the following individuals who have logged hours on behalf of the library (my sincere apologies for any accidental omissions): Karen Acker, Jodi Bash, Sister Verleen Bay, Trevia Beverly, Virginia Blalock, Sharline Boykin, Dorothy Breedlove, Sister Shirley Cable, Rae Calvert, Louisa Collett, Leslie Conrads, Kathryn

Coughlin, Tom Coughlin, Joy Cowen, Ann Davidson, Tania DeJohn, Kathleen Dickerson, John Dorroh, Lesley Douthwaite, Ruby Dusek, Norma Eriksen, Joan Evans, Cathy Fitch, Sister Siria Flynn, Tammy Frey, Les Fullerton, Charlie Gardes, Susan Garwood, Susie Gay, Vernon Gillette, Darwin Gilmore, Claudia Grafton, Sammie Graves, Richard Gregg, Elani Hantel, Barbara Hatton, Glenda Hayes, Carlee Heit, Resa Hennings, Liz Hicks, Deven Kirby, Ruth Lewis, Michael Lindee, Sister Lesley Linton, David Lodge, Marjorie Lowe, Angela Mahmarian, Mary Martin, Jean McLeod, Pat Metcalfe, Sister Vivian Packer, Sister Shirley Palmer, Diane Patrick, Larry Patrick, Chocolate Peipelman, Pat Phillips, Steve Price, Theresa Pye, Lynna Kay Shuffield, Janice Shultz, Vanessa Smith, Lana Sullivan, Bobbie Taylor, Susan Thompson, Ron Ware, Marilyn Weaver, Bill Weimer, Ann Weiss, Hank Wenzler, Cathy Wigley, Sandy Wilbourn, Winona Wilkinson, Sandy Williams, Charlene Wilson, Gloria Wilson, Sue Yerby, Joyce Zongrone, and David Zwahr. Many, many thanks to all of you, as well as to those who work anonymously behind the scenes on behalf of the library – your work is greatly appreciated!

This year's holiday-themed Volunteer Appreciation Event will be held in early December and is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 10 (mark your calendars!). If you have volunteered your time on behalf of the library in any capacity, you are welcome to attend. Invitational notices will be sent out soon, so stay tuned for more details!

Steven Bychowski  
Clayton Library Volunteer Coordinator

## Manager's Message *continued from page 4*

4043.5 hours were provided by a total of 456 volunteers

These individuals:

- Keep the Clayton House open
- Shelve materials
- Create indexes
- Offer limited and guided customer service in the microprint area and other library areas

### Group Visits

Groups schedule visits monthly for research.

- 46 groups with 615 people visited Clayton

As you can see, the staff is very busy providing the best possible customer service and resource management we can for you. You are the reason we exist, and we appreciate your business. Without you...we are history!

Have a great 2013 – see you at Clayton!!!

Sue Kaufman

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

In accordance with the Revised By-Laws adopted by the CLF membership in May 2012, all terms of office are now two years.

### **President – Tamara (Tammy) Bullin Frey**



Tammy Frey grew up in Houston and is proud to live in a city with such great resources and opportunities. She and her husband raised two children here, both Texas A&M graduates. A former teacher and librarian, Tammy has had a lifelong love of libraries and research. She has actively served in genealogical organizations in a variety of leadership positions for over ten years. Those

positions include Corresponding Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Publicity Chairman, Pedigree Chart Chairman, and Registrar. She has also been on numerous committees including Finance, Seminars, and Bylaws. Tammy is currently First Vice President of Clayton Library Friends in charge of Membership. She has had the opportunity to be involved in many aspects of the operations of CLF this year, working with and learning from experienced and dedicated people. Besides enjoying genealogy, Tammy has also spent time in other community service, including volunteering in libraries and as a teacher of English as a Second Language.

### **1st VP (Membership) – 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 thirty-four 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." Kathleen enjoys cooking, entertaining, and traveling and is currently studying the Italian language. She is an avid fan of the Houston Astros. Kathleen has served this year as CLF Secretary, and has undertaken the task of adopting the upkeep of the CLF Database.

### **2nd VP (Ways & Means) – Leslie 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 twenty-five years of service to his alumni association, ending as president. Les and his wife Tricia have three children. Les is being nominated for a second term as Second Vice President -- Ways & Means.

### **Secretary – Sandy Wilbourn**



Sandy Wilbourn was born in Tucumcari, New Mexico, but grew up in El Paso, Texas. She graduated from UT-El Paso and taught in the El Paso schools. Sandy has lived in Midland, Texas, West Covina and Glendora, California, and a five-year stint in Bangkok, Thailand with her husband Doug and their two daughters, Laura and Amy. They moved to the Houston area in 1995. Sandy volunteers with the

Sugar Land Police Department's SLCPAAA (a volunteer organization). She also volunteers at Clayton Library by shelving and repairing books.

### **Treasurer – Resa Nichols Hennings**



Resa Hennings, an Ohio native, was employed as a law office Administrator/Paralegal before moving to Houston. She has lived in the Houston area since 1989. As an active genealogist for over thirty-five years, she has traveled to numerous counties and libraries for research and has attended local and national conferences and seminars. As a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution

she has served as Chairman of various committees in her chapter since 1999. Resa is a Charter Member of the Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS), and, in that organization, has held the offices of President, First Vice President, Treasurer, Publicity Chair, and Editor of the Quarterly. She completed the H&R Block Income Tax Prep course and worked there several tax seasons. Resa has been a member of Clayton Library Friends for many years. She served this year on the CLF Bylaws committee and the CLF Policy and Procedures Manual committee. Upon the resignation of our previous Treasurer, the Board appointed Resa to complete his term of office. She is being nominated for a full term as Treasurer.

## SLATE OF NOMINEES

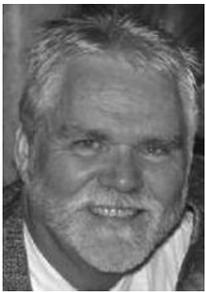
### **Director (Programs) -- Elsa Schmieder**



Elsa Schmieder has found that researching both her husband's and her own family's history has been immensely rewarding. She has been avidly learning about genealogy and doing research since 2009. Having joined Clayton Library Friends in 2010, she is also a member of the Ohio Genealogical Society, and the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society.

In 2011, Elsa attended the Federation of Genealogical Societies conference in Springfield, Illinois. Growing up in Houston, Elsa graduated from Rice University in 1990 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, and earned a JD from The University of Texas School of Law in 1993. Since 1995, she has worked for the U.S. District Court in Houston, as an assistant to a staff attorney. Elsa and her husband enjoy traveling to National Parks, Civil War battlefields, and historic sites in the United States. Other interests include reading about current events and American history, Bible study, country western dance lessons, golf, and piano.

### **Director (Public Relations) – Randy Pace**



Randy Pace is a Shreveport, Louisiana native with a history degree from Centenary College, and a PLT (Preservation Leadership Training) graduate, National Trust for Historic Preservation in San Antonio. He retired in May, 2011 after sixteen years as Historic Preservation Officer for the City of Houston. Prior to that position, he was director of Preservation Programs for the

Galveston Historical Commission (GHF). He is a preservation consultant, author, editor, and investor. Among his many accomplishments was helping in the acquisition of 1870-1970 records of the Houston Electric Company/Houston Transit Company and the donation of them to the Houston Metropolitan Research Center, Julia Ideson Library Archives. He has been a juror for the Gold Brick Awards, Greater Houston Preservation Alliance (1995-2001), Houston Heights Association (HHA) Community Improvement Awards (2002-2003), and many architectural design competitions in Houston. Randy's hobbies include genealogy, antique postcard and photograph collecting, travel, reading, duplicate bridge, and research/writing.

### **Director (Grants and Endowments) – Sue Yerby**



Sue Yerby's all-consuming hobby, and often her obsession, is genealogy. She has been doing her own family research for over thirty-nine years. Her background as a legal assistant, for twelve years, helped her tremendously to sharpen her research skills. In 1999 she decided to take additional classes and become a Professional Genealogist, so she would have something to do, if she ever retired. Sue enjoys working for clients but more importantly she loves to teach others how to do their own family history research. For over thirty-one years Sue has been a Family History Consultant for two different LDS Family History Centers. She has taught continuing education classes in genealogy as well as developing and orchestrating several full day genealogy workshops.

## CONTINUING 2012 DIRECTORS

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

### **Director (Facilities) – Henry R "Hank" Wenzler, III**

### **Director (Volunteers) – Pat Phillips**

These three Directors were elected last year to their positions. Their positions are for a two-year term, consequently their names are not included in the slate of nominees. They will continue to serve on the Board in 2013.



**Lesley Douthwaite**



**Henry R. Wenzler, III**



**Pat Phillips**



# Angels Report

Donors are needed for “Angel” (periodical) subscriptions for 2013. These are periodicals the library wishes to receive on an “as published basis”, but are in excess of Clayton’s periodical budget. Unspecified donations for the Angel Program are welcomed, as we continue to be notified that former exchanges now require a paid membership.

Donations will be acknowledged in The Clayton Advocate

## We wish to thank those who have become “Angels” since the August newsletter.

**Emile A. Bussemey**, donation for 3 yr. subscriptions to *Connecticut Ancestry*, and *Connecticut Maple Leaf* in addition to a monetary donation to the Angels program.

**Marjorie J. Lowe**, donation for the *Goingsnake Messenger* (Cherokee Oklahoma).

## You can earn your “wings” by donating for one or more of the following:

*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 Society Quarterly* \$18  
*Central Georgia Gen. Society Quarterly* \$30  
*Ceske Stopy* (Texas Czech Genealogical Society) \$20  
*Chicago Genealogist* \$25  
*Clarke County Hist. & Gen. Society Quarterly* (Alabama) \$30  
*Der Blumenbaum* (German Genealogy) \$30  
*Families* (Ontario Genealogical Society-Canada) \$60  
*Family Tree Magazine & CD* (United Kingdom) \$100  
*Flint Genealogical Society Quarterly* (Michigan) \$20  
*Foothills Inquirer* (Colorado) \$20  
*Genealogist* (publ. by Assn. for the promotion of scholarship in Genealogy Ltd.) \$45  
*Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly* \$35  
*Georgia Settlers* (East Georgia Genealogical Society) \$30  
*Greenville Co. Gen. Society Journal* (SC) \$21  
*Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly* \$30

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” with other libraries and societies for periodicals needed to fill gaps in the Clayton Library periodical collection.

Clayton is still in need of these past issues- *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: [erootrot@usa.net](mailto:erootrot@usa.net).

newsletter, unless otherwise requested. Please make your check payable to: Clayton Library Friends, and mail 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 honor of someone(s). Donations are tax deductible.

**Anita C. Luce**, donation for *Genie* (ARK-LA-TX Genealogy Assn.) in memory of our mother, Shirley Coci.

**Betty Ryman**, donation for the *German Texan Heritage Society’s Journal*, in memory of Pierce Merrick Brower, 12 June, 1996 – 7 August, 2002.

*Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly* \$30  
*Internet Genealogy* \$32.95/yr. or \$50/2 yr.  
*Indiana Genealogist* \$30  
*Journal of the Afro-American Hist. & Gen. Society* \$45  
*Kin Hunter* (Sandusky, Ohio) \$15  
*Leaves and Branches* (Navarro County, Texas Genealogical Society) \$13  
*Les Voyageurs* (German-Acadian Coast Hist. & Gen. Society) \$15  
*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 Genealogical Society Quarterly* (Alabama) \$25.00  
*Northeast Mississippi Hist. and Gen. Soc. Quarterly* \$20  
*Rhode Island Roots* \$25  
*Rodziny* (Polish Gen. Society of America) \$25  
*Ross Co. Genealogical Society Newsletter* (Ohio) \$15  
*St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly* \$35  
*Shelby County Historical Society Quarterly* (AL) \$20  
*Tap Roots* (East Alabama Genealogical Society) \$25  
*The Times* (Central NC-several counties) \$20  
*Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly* \$25  
*Upper SC Gen. and History* (Piedmont Genealogical Society) \$25  
*Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter* \$42

# Acquisitions Committee Report

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The Acquisitions Committee has continued to provide support for Clayton Library during the past year, both in terms of books purchased, and other services that we have been able to provide. The books purchased have included a number of foreign materials, which otherwise would have been difficult for the Library to purchase. Some items are available for only a short time during a publisher's sale and we were able to place an order more quickly than the Library would have been able to do. In all we have purchased around \$5,000 worth of individual titles since the beginning of the year 2012.

In addition, because the Library's bindery budget has been cut considerably this year, CLF agreed to send a large number of new materials to be bound. Thank you to Acquisitions Committee member John Dorroh for arranging this. Clayton

Library Friends also made a donation of \$3,000 so that some of the items already in the Clayton collection could be sent to the bindery used by Houston Public Library. Many of these materials were either soft cover or spiral bound items, which do not hold up well to heavy use. We also purchased a large number of supplies for Clayton's Surebind machine, so that items such as family histories, unbound periodicals, and more ephemeral items can be bound in-house.

We continue to work with Clayton Manager Sue Kaufman to identify materials to add to Clayton's collection, and to ensure that it continues to be one of the best genealogy libraries in the nation.

Lesley Douthwaite

## Family Histories

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Have you written a family history? Does Clayton Library have a copy? If not, please consider donating a copy to the Library with a notation that it is donated through Clayton Library Friends. CLF and Clayton Library do not purchase family histories, so we must rely on the generosity of family history authors to grow the family history collection. We have recently added the following books as a result of requests for donations from the authors.

*Descendants of James Logan & Mary Mitchell of North Carolina*, by William R. Bauer

*Thomas Andrew Cowhick, 1774-1866, His Ancestors and Descendants*, by Mary Alice (Cowhick) Tuxhorn

*The Norwoods of Conway County: A Family History*, by Diane H. Norton

*The Hauslein Family of Illinois*, by Adele Loudermilk

*The House on Lower Rock Creek, The Edgar & Maggie Lashley Family in Madison County, Missouri, 1909-1946*, by Ann Jackson and Jeremy Jackson

Personal copies of these books are available, so if you are interested in purchasing a copy please contact Karen Acker, ackertk@gmail.com, for additional information.

Karen Acker

## Facilities and Grounds

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On Sept 6, Moss Landscaping came out and cleaned up the property. Since that time the only work has been routine visits by the City of Houston Parks and Recreation (P&R) on 16-day intervals. A note was sent to the P&R about the lilies on the front and rear walkways from the parking lot asking that they keep these trimmed back from the walks. They responded positively. A few days later, after the October CLF Board Meeting at the Clayton House, the crew from P&R was on the grounds and they had already trimmed the flowers back.

A note was sent to Moss Landscaping about treating the weeds in the lawn with chemicals, which they did not do on September 6, 2012. The Moss management indicated they would investigate and respond.

The Clayton House basement project continues. The east wall is about 85% dry, but we are still getting moisture from the third bay. We are also getting water from the cold joint where the wall

meets the floor. Charlie and I inspected the rain incursion on Saturday, September 29, 2012. There is water on the floor but less than before the foam injection treatment. Our consultant, Val Kuntz, has said that it may take several treatments to cure the wall problems. The other water entry points continue to be a problem, but they have not been treated yet.

A meeting of the team for our continuing restoration punch list work was held on September 27, 2012. The team is Ernest Maldonado, Charles Gardes, Ricky Holder of TDC, and Hank Wenzler. We met for about three hours and the discussion covered foundation support work, cracks in the exterior walls, mortar replacement, painting, work on the mechanical equipment slab, lighting on the walkway, trash receptacles for the area, and signage. TDC will act as the General Contractor for this work.

Hank Wenzler

# Membership

## It's Been a Great Year – Let's Do It Again!

How quickly this year has passed! THANK YOU to all of you who worked with us to support Clayton Library this year! I'm sure our founders and charter members are pleased and proud to see all the accomplishments of Clayton Library Friends since its beginning. Even as we prepare to celebrate our 25th Anniversary, we are looking ahead to what we can do next year – and for many more years after that.

With the new year just around the corner, it is time to begin receiving membership renewals for 2013. Some of you have already renewed for 2013, thank you very much! We'd love to have everyone renew by the beginning of the year. In fact, to thank those who choose to renew early, all memberships which are received by December 1 will be

entered into a drawing for a complimentary one-year membership extension!

A new membership form for 2013 is included in this newsletter. There are a few changes to the form, so please be sure to use the 2013 version. Additional forms are available at the library and online at *ClaytonLibraryFriends.org* (join/renew tab).

We're excited about next year and look forward to the opportunities it will bring! We hope you'll join with us again, working to make a difference, as together we support Clayton Library. What a great way to give back – helping others and helping ourselves by working to keep our Library strong! Thank you!

Tammy Frey

## David Lodge has retired from his CLF volunteer Database duties –

The Clayton Library Friends honored David Lodge at their August General Meeting with a special cake. He was on the CLF Board of Directors in 2001 when he started developing our CLF database programs – and has been keeping our records for us ever since. Now retired from his NASA related employment, he is moving to Oklahoma to be nearer his family. CLF owes David an enormous Thank You for developing a system that we can continue using, and for assisting Kathleen Dickerson in assuming the database duties.



## In Memoriam

Clayton Library Friends has lost two more of our early members. Both ladies were devoted genealogists for many years. **Beverly Kennerly**, a Charter Member of CLF, passed away on Friday, July 13th. On October 16th, **Ruth Patricia Chambers Lewis**, a long time CLF member, passed away after a short illness. Ruth volunteered at the Clayton House Welcome Desk on Saturday afternoons until just a few weeks before her death. Complete obituaries are available on-line.

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**THE CLAYTON ADVOCATE** deadline for the February 2013 issue is January 4, 2013.  
What have you found at Clayton? We welcome any articles related to Clayton Library, or it's collections.

## ***I Found It At Clayton –***

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Selena Post, a Houston author and CLF member, provides us with a specific instance when the Clayton Library was the ONLY place she found one key answer about her family.

While gathering data to write *Beyond DNA: Inheriting Spiritual Strength from the Women in Your Family Tree*, I was researching my Murrow/Hodgin ancestors (yes, Edward R. Murrow is my second cousin, once removed) at Clayton Library. I had selected the book *Bonds and Apprentice Papers – Guilford County, NC – 1817-1870*. After I had found answers to several specific questions from that volume, I started just glancing through the book to see if there were any other tidbits of interest. My great, great-grandfather, Andrew Caldwell Murrow, had been orphaned, and I'd been told he was "taken in" by a Quaker couple, Joshua and Abigail (Hunt) Stanley. Up to that point, however, I had not viewed any specific document to verify that fact. As I paged through that book of bonds/apprentice papers, my eyes fell on this line:

"Apprentice: Andrew Caollurrow, male orphan,  
age 5. Master: Joshua Stanley, November Court,

1826. Special Conditions of Indenture: Learn Mercantile Business. \$25 age 21."

Well... the court record must have been hard to read or very poorly written. I would NEVER have found "Andrew Caldwell Murrow" in a digitized form because the name would have been entered "Andrew Caollurrow." Thanks to Clayton for having that book on the shelf, I found the record of my great, great-grandfather's specific attachment to Joshua Stanley. I smiled as I read those words because I knew after growing up as an apprentice to Joshua Stanley in the mercantile business Andrew Murrow did indeed become a merchant. I'm so grateful to Clayton for providing excellent resources and helpful customer service. Houston is blessed to have such a marvelous resource.

*Editor's note:* Selena's book is in the general collection of Houston Public Library. The 15 women (and their ancestors, husbands, children) who are the focus of the book spent all or most of their lives in North Carolina, Virginia, or Maryland.

## ***Clayton Library Friends turns 25 –***

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Clayton Library Friends celebrates their 25th anniversary this year. During the year, we have published 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...** discussed the Millennium Book Project, annual Volunteer Party started, the Cuban Papers, and the start of the restoration of the Clayton House, Guest House, and Carriage House.

### **Part IV – Recent years ...**

In May 2006, Marje Harris, Manager of Clayton Library retired. The first week of August we welcomed Susan Kaufman as our new Library Manager. She is the fourth manager in the history of Clayton library – following Mary Flo Ulmer, Maxine Alcorn, and Marje Harris.

Along with the updated look of the Clayton Center buildings, the CLF Board agreed to a new look for their newsletter. *The CLF Newsletter* became *The Clayton Advocate* in 2007. And, it changed from a black and white publication with the mast-head of a line-drawing of the main library building to a masthead drawing of the front door of the Clayton House. The new look also included two-color front and back pages.

Did we mention the fund-raising 'Paver Campaign'? The resulting success of that project is visible daily as one walks through the parking lot between the House and the Main building.

When the buildings were nearing the final stages of completion, an Open House was held for the donors on Sunday, March 1, 2009. On Monday, March 2nd, Mayor Bill White formally opened the new facilities to the public. After several years of concentration on the renovation, we were ready to re-dedicate ourselves to focusing on the long established goal of the Friends – acquisitions for the Clayton library.

April 2010 brought us the recurring refrain from the Houston City Council (and Houston Public Library) that budget cuts would be absolutely necessary, and with it would come cuts in Library service hours. We were told that the library would be open only one night a week, and that it would be closed on Fridays. Outrage is a mild term for the reaction from our library patrons – particularly those in town for the weekend and wanting to do genealogical research. After documenting library attendance, the library system was convinced that having Clayton closed on Mondays was more logical than closing on Fridays. We continue with the reduced hours and a diminishing number of staff personnel as one by one the current staff retires, resulting in repeated requests for more Volunteers to do some of the routine tasks so that the staff is free to help patrons.

Early in November 2011 the Texas genealogy world descended on Houston for the annual meeting of the Texas State Genealogical Society – co-hosted by Clayton Library Friends.

For a more complete story of the first twenty-five years of Clayton Library Friends, sit down with the bound copy of the newsletters – found in the Texas section of the books at Clayton.



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## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Saturday – 10 November, 2012** *25th Anniversary Celebration*

**10:15 am Annual Meeting/  
Election of Officers**

**Clayton Center Carriage House**

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

**Saturday – 9 February, 2013**

**10:15 am General Meeting  
Clayton Center Carriage House**

*The State of Clayton Library*

An annual report to CLF members and friends  
Susan Kaufman, Manager of Clayton Library