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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to 2013 – a brand new year full of opportunities! I love a new beginning, don't you? I am looking forward to all the year has to offer, challenges and rewards alike. As you are planning your year, I hope your resolutions will include Clayton Library Friends! You will want to be sure to attend the first General Meeting of the year on February 9 where Sue Kaufman will be giving her annual State of the Library address.

THANK YOU for showing your support of Clayton Library by being a member of Clayton Library Friends and through volunteering and donations. I am encouraged by the number of you who renewed early, and I am truly humbled by the generosity of those who gave extra, either a monetary donation or a gift-in-kind. I know that not everyone can make a large donation, and every membership and donation, large or small, is important to us. We appreciate our members! The best part of being on the Board and volunteering at the library is meeting so many very nice people!

One way to enjoy your membership more is to get to know your fellow Friends. And the best way to do that is to

volunteer with CLF! I can tell you that it is truly rewarding. You get to know people and to feel connected and involved. I think you'd love it! There are many areas where you could help, either on an occasional basis or on a regular basis. Some of the areas in which we could use volunteers are:

Thank-you notes – We need another person to help us with thank you notes each month. We'll provide the cards and postage if you'll help us show our appreciation to our donors!

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Clayton Library Friends Statement of Activities

January 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012

Income

Unrestricted Contributions	23,487.00
Temporarily Restricted Contributions	69,049.45
Membership Dues	18,219.53
Clayton House	840.00
Seminar Ticket Sales	3,316.00

Total Revenue	\$ 114,911.98
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Expenses

Current Programs	82,426.92
Administrative & General	17,589.57

Total Expenditures	\$ 100,016.49
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Net Operating Revenue	14,895.49
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Clayton Library Friends Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2012

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank Accounts	439,747.21
Other Current Assets	75.15

Total Current Assets	\$ 439,822.36
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Other Assets	970,961.61
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,410,783.97
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Credit Cards	-2,689.46
Other Current Liabilities	591.90

Total Liabilities	\$ -2,097.56
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Equity	1,412,881.53
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 1,410,783.97
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Resa Nichols Hennings, Treasurer

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Website – Maintaining and managing the content on a section of the website. We'd like to have several people helping so that it's not too big a job for any one person.

Website – If you have up-to-date experience with web design and programming and would be willing to volunteer occasionally to help with technical issues, I would love to hear from you!

Facebook – Are you good with Facebook? Someone who has experience managing social media for an organization would be especially welcome, but if you're already familiar with Facebook, you could be just what we need!

Snacks for meetings and seminars – Everyone loves a nicely filled snack table! Some of you are either great cooks or know just where to buy those tasty treats. Won't you volunteer? We'll put your name on the list and remind you ahead of time. Yum! You'll be the favorite person at the meeting!

Committees, etc. – Look at the various Board positions. Is there anything you could do to help support the work of those Board members? Maybe you'd love to help with a seminar committee, or perhaps you'd like to help with publicity. Don't be shy! If you can think of something you'd like to do, let us know!

There are always volunteer positions open at the library as well. Our library volunteers play a vital role in keeping things going. If you haven't gotten involved there, you might consider either shelving or manning the Welcome Desk at Clayton House as a good place to start. House-sitting basically involves greeting visitors and helping with the LDS microfilms and film readers. A lot of people like shelving because they see so many interesting books and become very familiar with where things are. There are other library volunteer opportunities as well. Pat Phillips (CLF) and Steven Bychowski (at the library) will be glad to help you find just the right place to plug in your talents and interests!

Get involved. Give back. Let's make this the best year ever for Clayton Library!

To get involved, or if you have suggestions or comments, send me a message. I'd love to hear from you!

Tammy Frey

President@ClaytonLibraryFriends.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPECIAL PROJECT COUNTING THE ENTIRE COLLECTION AT CLAYTON LIBRARY

***Monday, March 11
9 a.m. – early afternoon
lunch provided***

Purpose: To determine an exact count of the number of volumes in the Clayton Library and to compare it to records in the card catalogue.

We will count all the books on the first floor of the library, all the books in the family history section on the second floor, and all the volumes in the Clayton house which consists of duplicates, and also city directories.

Volunteers would have to be able to:

- Do some lifting of books (not more than two or three at a time, but some of them can be heavy).
- Get down on the floor to count books on the bottom shelves.
- Stand on a stool or step ladder to count books on the top shelf. This may involve moving books to insure that all are counted.
- Write legibly to record the number of books on the shelf being counted.

To volunteer for this project, contact the Clayton Library at 832-393-2600.

Manager's Message



Hello Everyone and Welcome to 2013!

This year brings my 7th anniversary as Manager of Clayton. These past years have been great! In retrospect, we developed a partnership with FamilySearch as a microfilm affiliate rental site, our book digitization partnership has added almost 3,000 volumes from the Clayton library collection to the total 70,000+ books available for free at books.familysearch.org.

As part of the HPL Special Collection unit we enjoy a heightened profile both within the HPL library system, in Houston, and nationally. The year 2012 saw the release of the 1940 census. With that event, we worked with and received publicity from the Mayor's office, working with Channel 8 and her office to discover her family's roots. Len Cannon from KHOU / Channel 11 created two news stories about our working together to find his family roots in Indiana and Ohio in the early 20th century. We also enjoyed print publicity in the Houston Chronicle, in the Senior News, online at recordclick.com, and through countless positive comments by word of mouth by our strongest supporters, the Clayton Library Friends.

And, we had our first late-night after-hours lock-in during Family History Month!

This upcoming year I look forward to working with the new CLF board to bring you even more strategic planning; maintaining, and increasing our reputation. And also...look for some exciting "CLF member only" events at the library.

I appreciate all the past support and look forward to continuing to provide services to CLF and the genealogical community.

See you at the library!!!

Sue Kaufman

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, February 9, 2013 – 10:15-12:00 noon
Carriage House Meeting Room at the Clayton Library Center
The State of the Clayton Library



Speaker: Susan Kaufman

Manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

Join us as Sue Kaufman, Manager of Clayton Library, discusses the state of the library. An overview of activities and events that occurred during calendar year 2012 will be presented. The Clayton Library is your library, come see what we are doing!

CLAYTON LIBRARY CENTER FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

5300 Caroline • Houston, TX 77004-6896
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We Had Fun at our 25th Anniversary Party!!

We elected Clayton Library Executive Board Members at the Annual Meeting in November. Our volunteers brought us a wonderful spread of delicious treats. And, the highlight of the morning was Connie Lapallo's discussion of her two historical novels about the women and children of the early Jamestown area – 1607-1620. *Dark Enough to See the Stars in the Jamestown Sky* and *When the Moon Has No More Silver*.

One of the interesting developments was that CLF's newly elected Director of Public Relations, Randy Pace, is a descendent of Isabella Smythe Pace and son George Pace – characters in the second novel. He anxiously awaits the publication of the third novel due out in a couple of years and hearing about 'our ancestors,' and the role they played in history. The third novel will continue the story up to about 1680.

Connie's descriptions of the hardships of the voyage, based on the considerable historical research that she has done, painted vivid pictures of the conviction it took to venture into the unknown, and the abilities to survive as they traveled to a new and unknown world.

We appreciate Connie staying in Houston an extra day before returning to her home in the Jamestown area.



Membership



Welcome 2013! As you know, our new membership year at Clayton Library Friends has begun. We want to express our gratitude to everyone that has already renewed their membership!

Clayton Library Friends is committed to partnering with Clayton Library to provide a world class environment for genealogical research. We cannot do it without your support! If you have not already renewed, please take a few moments to complete the enclosed 2013 membership form or download, print and complete the form stored on the CLF website,

www.claytonlibraryfriends.org , (Join/Renew Tab). Mail the completed form with your payment to Clayton Library Friends, PO Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078.

The dues remain low at \$20.00 for individuals and \$25.00 for two members at the same address. Please consider an additional donation to help Clayton Library develop and expand its offerings. We hope to see you at the upcoming February General Meeting or at the Library.

Bring a friend and introduce them to Clayton Library and Clayton Library Friends!

Kathleen Dickerson

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.

Acquisitions Committee Report

During 2012, members of the CLF Acquisitions Committee (Karen Acker, Gay Carter, John Dorroh, Lesley Douthwaite, Ruby Dusek, Vanessa Smith, and Charlene Wilson) selected and were responsible for the addition of almost 200 volumes to Clayton Library's collection. We were able to purchase titles from as far away as Great Britain, Canada, and Norway, continue to add to our collection of the Arphax Publishing Company Family Maps series, add to the Map Guide to German Parish Registers series, take advantage of sale prices offered by Colonial Roots and Heritage Books, and purchase 28 titles in the Alabama Ancestral Homesteads series. (Special thanks go to John Dorroh for his persistence in tracking down this series.) Some of these materials were purchased from the general acquisitions fund, while others were purchased using restricted gift money. In addition, Clayton Library Friends provided substantial financial support for the Clayton Library's bindery program, and purchased additional supplies for the Surebind machine so that more simple binding could be carried out in-house.

In 2013 we will continue to assist with the purchase of library materials, after consultation with Clayton Manager Sue Kaufman, and we would welcome any suggestions from CLF members for potential purchases. Members of the Acquisitions Committee, together with other members of the Friends, will also be working on a project, led by John Dorroh, to take an inventory of the Library's collections. It has been many years since this was done, and we feel that the approximate collection numbers that we are using probably vastly underrepresent the number of books on the shelves at Clayton Library. If you would be interested in helping with this project, please let us know.

Again, if you happen to hear about an interesting title that you think would be a good addition to our collection, please let the Acquisitions Committee know. Either leave the information in the CLF Acquisitions folder at the Clayton Information Desk, or email the information to me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Lesley Douthwaite
lwdouth@aol.com

Family History Acquisitions

We have recently added the following books as a result of requests for donations from the authors.

Deguire dit La Rose and Allied Families, by B. Darrell Jackson

Jackson Family History, by B. Darrell Jackson

Woodward/Woodard Ancestors of New England, by Lindsay S. Reeks

Copies of these books may be available for purchase. If you are interested in adding a copy of one of these books to your personal library, please contact **Karen Acker**, ackertk@gmail.com, for additional information.

Partner Societies — Do you belong to one?

We love partner societies! Have you looked at the left side of the homepage of our website and seen a list of genealogical organizations with links to their web sites? These groups pay just \$20 dues and fill out the membership form! It is basically an individual membership and shows support for CLF and for the Clayton Library.

Being a Partner Society also helps to advertise your society. Browsers on our website will see the name of your society with a link to your webpage, and if one of

our partner societies is having a special event, such as a seminar, we'll post a note about it on our website.

The membership is not a group (whole-society) membership. We strongly urge our partner societies to encourage their individual members to join CLF as well. The more members we have, the greater our ability to support the Clayton Library and increase its resources!

Ruby Dusek

2012 Contributions and Donations

Clayton Library Friends wishes to acknowledge and express its appreciation to the following individuals and organizations who, during the calendar year of 2012, have generously contributed cash and/or gifts-in-kind for our ongoing goal of enriching the resources and facilities of Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research.

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Angels Report

A few "Angel" sponsors are needed for 2013 periodical subscriptions for Clayton Library. If you would like to earn your wings by donating for one or more, please contact Liz Hicks, Angel Chair, e-mail: erootrot@usa.net, or phone: (713) 944-1118.

The following "Angels" have earned their wings since the last CLF Newsletter. A big Thank You to them for their donation, and continuing support of Clayton Library and the Angel Program.

Myron Steves. Donation for renewal of *Der Blumenbaum, Genealogist, Lifelines, St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly, and Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly.*

Pat Phillips. Renewal of *Family Tree Magazine*, in memory of her grandfather, John William Lindsay, born Manchester, England.

Deta Rogillio. Donation to the Angel program in memory of her mother, Frances Stevens Eilenberger.

Thomas and Kathryn Coughlin. Renewal of *MASOG* and *Past Times*, in memory of his great grandfather, Dennis J. Lonergan.

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James H. and Amelia Huskey McDonald. Renewal of *Internet Genealogy* in memory of James Martin and Mary Laura Willis Hendrix; *Alabama Genealogy Magazine* in memory of James and Martha Condren Daniel; *Journal of Middle Tennessee* in memory of David James and Louisa Crabb Montgomery; *Shelby County Alabama Genealogical Society Quarterly* in memory of Alfred Green and Ida Virginia McAdams McDonald.

You can earn your "wings" by donating for one or more of the following:

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

Carolinas Genealogical Soc. Quarterly \$18

Chicago Genealogist \$25

Clarke County Hist. & Gen. Society Quarterly (Clarke Co., Alabama) \$30

East Georgia Genealogical Society (Georgia Settlers) \$30

Families (Ontario Genealogical Society-Canada) \$60

Foothills Inquirer (Colorado) \$20

German-Acadian Coast Hist. & Gen. Society (Les Voyageurs) \$15

Greenville Co. Gen. Society Journal (SC) \$21

Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly \$30

Illinois State Gen. Society Quarterly \$30

Journal of the Afro-American Hist. & Gen. Society \$45

Kin Hunter (Sandusky, Ohio) \$15

Licking Lantern (Licking County, Ohio) \$17

Maine Genealogist \$25

Minnesota Genealogist (MN Genealogical Society) \$35

Montgomery Genealogical Society Quarterly (Alabama) \$25.00

Rhode Island Roots \$25

Rodziny (Polish Gen. Society of America) \$25

Ross Co. Gen. Soc. Newsletter (Ohio) \$15

Texas Czech Genealogical Society (Ceske Stopy) \$20

The Times (Central NC-several counties) \$20

Wisconsin State Gen. Society Newsletter \$42

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.

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

New at the Library: Clayton's CD-ROM Collection

Clayton Library is pleased to welcome back its CD-ROM computer for public use. Library staff is currently installing all of the software programs, and all titles should be available soon. For your convenience, here is a list of all CD-ROM titles available at Clayton Library, arranged alphabetically by geographic location:

STATES

ALA	Tuscaloosa Co.	<i>Appeals Book, 1822-1835</i>
ALA	Tuscaloosa Co.	<i>Register of Deaths, 1893-1903</i>
ALASKA		<i>Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co. Personnel Records, 1914-1944</i>
CALIF	San Francisco Co.	<i>Early San Francisco Newspaper Index, 1849-1927</i>
COLO		<i>Tombstone Inscriptions of El Paso and Teller Counties, CO</i>
GA		<i>Georgia Colonial and Headright Plat Index, 1735-1866</i>
GA		<i>Georgia Salt Rolls, 1862-1864 (Civil War) — <u>not yet available</u></i>
GA	Jackson Co.	<i>Cemetery Database</i>
IND	Pike Co.	<i>Deaths, 1887-1907 — <u>not yet available</u></i>
KY	Graves Co.	<i>Circuit Court Order Book G and Index</i>
ME	Cumberland Co.	<i>Cemetery Inscriptions</i>
ME	Sagadahoc Co.	<i>Cemetery Inscriptions</i>
MD	Baltimore Co.	<i>East Baltimore Station Methodist Episcopal Church, V. 1, 1801-1885</i>
MD	Baltimore Co.	<i>East Baltimore Station Methodist Episcopal Church, V. 2, 1885-1908</i>
MD	Harford Co.	<i>African-Americans in Harford Co., MD 1774-1864</i>
MASS	Suffolk Co.	<i>King's Chapel Burial Grounds (Boston, MA)</i>
MICH		<i>Biographical Album of Ionia and Montcalm Counties, MI</i>
MICH	Clare Co.	<i>Cemeteries</i>
MISS		<i>13th Mississippi Infantry Regiment Records (Civil War)</i>
MISS	Wilkinson Co.	<i>Slaves and Slave Holders in Wilkinson Co. MS Newspapers, 1823-1849</i>
NH	Merrimack Co.	<i>Hard Time in Concord, NH (a prison roster)</i>
NY		<i>New York Genealogical and Biographical Record Index, 1870-1998</i>
TENN		<i>Founding of the Cumberland Settlements (supplement to a book)</i>
TEX		<i>Gone From Texas, 1901-1905</i>
TEX	Harris Co.	<i>Deaths Reported in the Houston (Daily) Post, 1880-1900</i>
TEX	Washington Co.	<i>Washington County History</i>
TEX	Webb Co.	<i>St. Augustine Catholic Church Records (Laredo, TX), 1700s-1900s</i>

USA (GENERAL)

USA		<i>Native American Collection</i>
USA		<i>Early American Gazetteers, 1833 and 1853</i>
USA		<i>Natl. Soc. Daughters of Founders & Patriots of America (Index V. 35-40)</i>
USA		<i>Natl. Soc. Sons of the American Revolution Patriot Index (3rd Ed.)</i>
USA		<i>Revolutionary War Graves Register (SAR, 2000 Ed.)</i>
USA		<i>U.S. Army, Register of Deceased Soldiers, 1810-1836</i>
USA		<i>Civil War Maps</i>
USA		<i>Civil War Collection</i>
USA		<i>Dictionary of Medical Terminology</i>

INTERNATIONAL

CANADA		<i>The Tanguay Collection of French-Canadian Families</i>
EUROPE (Eastern)		<i>Geographical Dictionary of Poland and Other Slavonic Countries — <u>not yet available</u></i>
GERMANY		<i>Deutsches Geschlechterbuch Index, Vols. 1-209 — <u>not yet available</u></i>
GREAT BRITAIN		<i>National Burial Index for England and Wales, 1538-2000 (1st Ed.)</i>
IRELAND		<i>Complete Catholic Directory, Alamanack, and Registry, V. 2 (1837)</i>
IRELAND		<i>Indexes to Irish Wills (5 volumes), 1536-1858</i>
IRELAND		<i>Irish Names and Surnames</i>
IRELAND		<i>Registers of St. Patrick (Dublin), 1677-1800</i>
IRELAND		<i>Townlands in Poor Law Unions (1885)</i>
JEWISH		<i>International Jewish Cemetery Project</i>
POLAND		<i>Dictionary of Surnames in use in Poland in the 21st Century</i>

Some of the titles we previously had in our collection have been superseded by online editions and are therefore not included in the list above. So if you don't see a title that you remember using in the past, look for an online version of it (most likely on Ancestry Library Edition or FamilySearch). The CD-ROM computer is located behind the last row of public computers on the first floor. If you need help using any of the programs, please ask for assistance at the Reference Desk. Good luck with your research!

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.

Marie Brannon, Christiane Chambers, Peggy L. Joneson, Connie Lapallo, Patricia H. Nevill, Charles E. Tatum, and Mr. & Mrs. William R. Voss.

Facilities and Grounds

CLAYTON HOUSE

Progress continues on the basement work in the Clayton House. The primary seepage along the east and south walls has been contained. Work still remains to be completed on the support pilings, the secondary drains from the A/C equipment, and sealing of the conduits from the main library. More maintenance work also needs completion on the site itself. This is installation of lights along the front walk, signage in various locations, trash receptacles, and attention to caulking, painting, and mortar replacement on the house itself.

CLAYTON HOUSE GROUNDS

At the present time all plant life is dormant for the winter. In early December, Moss Landscape spent all day cleaning up the property for the winter season. A new tree was planted in the small courtyard on the southwest corner of the house to replace the one lost during the drought. We also signed a new contract for 2013 with Moss Landscape for their quarterly visits to the property. CLF will receive a grant to cover this expense. The City of Houston, Parks and Recreation Department, will continue to be the primary caretaker of the property for HPL.

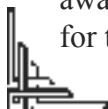
Hank Wenzler



In Memoriam



Clayton Library Friends has lost another loyal friend. **James Albert Pruett, Jr** (Judge Al Pruett) passed away November 24th 2012. Al was very active with the Friends, and served on the CLF Board of Directors for the 1998/1999 term, and then served as 2nd Vice President in 2000.



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



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday – 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

Saturday – 11 May, 2013,
10:15 am General Meeting,
Clayton Center Carriage House

Speaker and topic to be announced
Watch your e-mail and the CLF website for details and speaker.
Do mark your calendar!