



# THE Clayton Advocate

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

All my life, I have known that I am a descendant of Pocahontas. Wait, are you laughing at me? I have to admit that it is kind of funny, but this kind of story is very common in families. My grandfather always told it as gospel fact. He was quite proud of his illustrious supposed ancestress. In the innocent days of my beginning genealogy, I blithely set about tracking back to her. (I'm pretty sure I can still hear laughter!) And so it was that in the very beginning I learned that there is a lot of misinformation out there!

I could probably write a whole article just listing common family tales which generally prove to be more along the lines of fairy tales. Along with the %~~Indian~~ <sup>Adian</sup> Princess, + there are the %~~three~~ <sup>three</sup> brothers + who immigrated to America. (Why is it always *three* brothers?) My grandfather told that one, too. And of course, one of them became wealthy, though unfortunately not my branch.

Things that confer status are favorite family myths. Maybe you were tempted by that coat of arms for your surname which someone generously offered to sell you with a limited-time discount offer. Or perhaps your family was %~~connected~~ <sup>connected</sup> to European royalty. Mine was. You could just ask my grandfather if he were still around! I had another ancestor in a different family line who used genealogy to try to prove that he was heir to the throne of Spain. I'm not kidding. Obviously, he was unsuccessful, but it illustrates that elusive tales of status are quite popular, and generally undependable, in family stories.

As entertaining as all these myths can be, the only real value they may have is in encouraging people to get started in genealogy to find out more. It's important for us to help educate these beginners so that they know the importance of verification and documentation. It's up to us to try to set an example of good genealogical research both through mentoring and through our own practices.

Though it may be tempting to accept that seeming breakthrough at face value, we must check and double check, gather as many good sources as possible, and properly document *everything* before

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clayton Library Friends, Inc.

### Statement of Activities

July 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014

#### Revenue

Unrestricted Contributions	\$ 1,247
Temporarily Restricted Contributions	335
Membership Dues	395

**Total Revenue** \$ 1,977

#### Expenditures

Current Programs	\$ 11,718
Administrative & General	2,979

**Total Expenditures** \$ 14,697

**Net Operating Revenue** \$ -12,720

### Statement of Financial Position

As of September 30, 2014

#### ASSETS

##### Current Assets

Bank Accounts	\$ 257,129
Other Current Assets	63
Fixed Assets	230

**Total Current Assets** \$257,422

**Total Other Assets** \$ 1,076,935

(Investments, of which \$824,007 is the permanently Restricted Endowment)

**Total Assets** \$1,334,357

#### LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

**Total Liabilities** \$ -0-

**Equity** \$1,334,357

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY** \$1,334,357

**Resa Nichols Hennings, Treasurer**

**Clayton Library Friends** is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization -- IRS Code 501(c)(3).

The purpose of the organization is to enrich the resources and facilities of the Clayton Library,

Center for Genealogical Research,  
a Special Collections branch of the  
Houston Public Library.

## President's Message

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publishing *anything*! Misinformation did not begin with the internet; there is plenty of it in standard published works as well. However, the internet certainly helps to spread it much more quickly. One person posts erroneous information, and dozens of others eagerly accept it and share it as their own. So we must be very careful what we post. Even if corrections are made later, that earlier mistake will still be circulating out there forever!

Fortunately, there are helpful resources at Clayton Library to assist you in learning to properly evaluate and document your sources. You can find a number of books which will guide you in learning more about this subject. Additionally, the library regularly has free classes on this important subject, as well as on many other genealogical topics. One such class is upcoming on November 24. [Authenticity in Genealogical Research](#) will help you to identify reliable sources. Call the library or check its [Events](#) page for more information and to register.

In short, proper sources and documentation should be the keystone of our research. As exciting and delightful as a grandfather's tales can be to a child, it is equally exciting, and much more rewarding, to discover the *truth* of your family story. Happy hunting!

This is my last [President's Message](#) to you. My term ends in December, and the next newsletter will have a message from your *new* president. It has been a busy and fun two years! I am grateful to have had the privilege of getting to know and work with some truly creative, dedicated people. A lot goes on behind the scenes at the library and with Clayton Library Friends in order to make your research experience the best that it can be, and there are a lot of wonderful volunteers and library staff making that happen! So, thank your library staff and thank a volunteer. Better yet, *be* a volunteer!

At the upcoming CLF Annual Meeting on November 8, besides hearing an interesting speaker, you will be electing new Board members for Clayton Library Friends. I encourage you to read, here in the Newsletter, about the excellent candidates that have been selected by the Nominating Committee. Be informed and then come vote! I look forward to seeing you on November 8!

Tammy Frey  
[President@ClaytonLibraryFriends.org](mailto:President@ClaytonLibraryFriends.org)

## **Mark Your Calendar -- And Join Us**

Saturday, November 8, 2014, 10:15 am . 12:00 noon  
Carriage House Meeting Room at the Clayton Library Center  
Members and visitors alike are welcome to the free presentation.

Short business meeting . Board of Director elections (details on pages 6 and 7)

### ***Captain Dave v. The Yankees: The Civil War Blockade on the Texas Coast*** Speaker: Andrew W Hall

Andy Hall is a native of Galveston and has spent most of his life on the Texas coast. He spent his early working years, beginning while still an undergrad student, in local history museums, including the Texas Maritime Museum in Rockport. Hall holds degrees from the University of Houston Clear Lake and Texas Tech University.



For the last twenty years, Hall has served as a volunteer with the Texas Historical Commission investigating shipwrecks and in 2001 was part of the first group of state marine archaeological stewards appointed in the United States. Hall has worked on numerous marine archaeology projects in Texas, notably from 1995 to 2002 on the Denbigh Project, the most extensive excavation and research program on a Civil War blockade runner in the Gulf of Mexico.

He has authored several books, including *Civil War Blockade Running on the Texas Coast* and *Galveston-Houston Packet: Steamboats on Buffalo Bayou*.

Mr. Hall's blog . *Dead Confederates, A Civil War Era Blog* -- may be found at <http://deadconfederates.com/about/>. According to his blog site, he is "native-born and lifelong Texan, with some branches of my family here stretching back to the days of the Republic. All of my family, on both sides and going back half-a-dozen generations, are Southerners, from Texas, Virginia, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and elsewhere, with a few border state folks from Missouri thrown in for good measure.

I've got more Confederate ancestors, both direct and collateral, than I've been able to identify and count up so far. Some of them came from slaveholding families. They served in some of the best-known units of the war, including the Eighth Texas Cavalry (Terry's Rangers), the Fourth Texas Infantry in Hood's Brigade, and Walker's Greyhounds. In time and geography, their aggregate service spans the entire war, from First Manassas to after Appomattox, from Miller's Cornfield to the Siege of Vicksburg to the boulder-strewn slope of Little Round Top."

## **Also Mark Your Calendar for --**

Saturday, February 14, 2015 10:15 am . 12:00 noon  
General Meeting . Speaker: to be announced

# Manager's Message ó



## Visiting other locations.

There comes a time when resources at the repository where you have been researching are exhausted. Yes, that even happens at Clayton. After searching our books, microprint, periodicals, databases, vertical files, searching and ordering film from FamilySearch.org, searching Ancestry.com, using the plethora of databases that the Houston Public Library subscribes to, plus all your internet searches, you just have to go to the location that you are researching. Actually, this is a cool thing.

So much only exists at the local repository at the location that the family you are researching that does not exist at the non-location library. Often materials such as photographs, newspaper clippings, locally published sources, original documents, oral histories, vertical files, and other locally created materials are housed at local libraries, historical societies, genealogical society libraries, local historians' homes, or nooks and crannies only found on home soil.

The Houston Metropolitan Research Center (HMRC) of the Houston Public Library, what I affectionately call Clayton's Special Collection Sister, is one of these local history repositories. HMRC is located in the historic Julia Ideson Building, the first Houston Public Library building, downtown at 500 McKinney. This collection includes archival, Texas and local history, and special collections components with the primary objective of locating, preserving and making available to researchers the documentary evidence of Houston's history. The varied collections of HMRC include 40,000 Texas and local history books, 4.5 million photographs, 150,000 architectural drawings, 450 oral histories and 8,000 maps. The archival collections focus on non-current records of local groups or individuals who played roles in Houston's development.

Many collections not only from HMRC but other local repositories can be found digitally also. For Houston material, visit the Houston Area Digital Archives <http://digital.houstonlibrary.org/>. Examples from other areas include the Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library (Indiana) offering Allen County specific resources <http://www.genealogycenter.info/fwacdb.php>, or the Quincy Public Library (Illinois) that offers a wealth of information from Abraham Lincoln's Quincy connections and Quincy's Underground Railroad, to local records for genealogy research that include digital images of the local newspaper. Much can be found at the local level. To find links to your local library, visit the Lib-Web+ website. This website offers links to over 8,000 library webpages from libraries in 148 countries <http://www.lib-web.org/>

Remember though, ALWAYS start at the Clayton Library! We are waiting to help you!

See you at the Library!

Sue Kaufman

Manager, Clayton Library

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

5300 Caroline, Houston, TX 77004-6896

832-393-2600

[www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton](http://www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton)

#### **Library Hours:**

Tuesday and Thursday . 10 am . 6 pm

Wednesday – 10 am-8 pm

Friday and Saturday . 10 am . 5 pm

(Closed on Sunday and Monday)

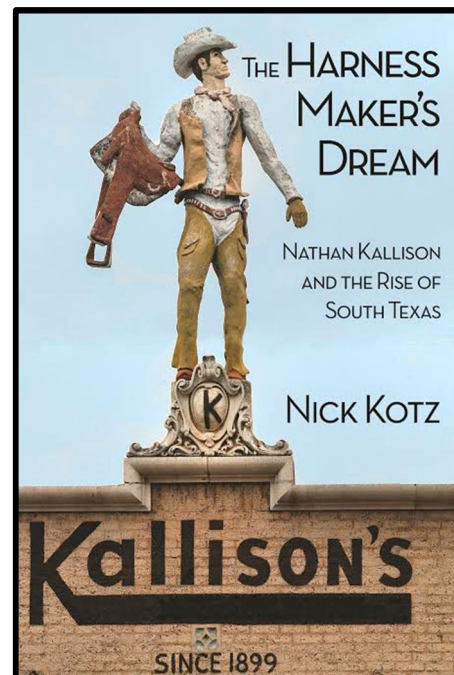
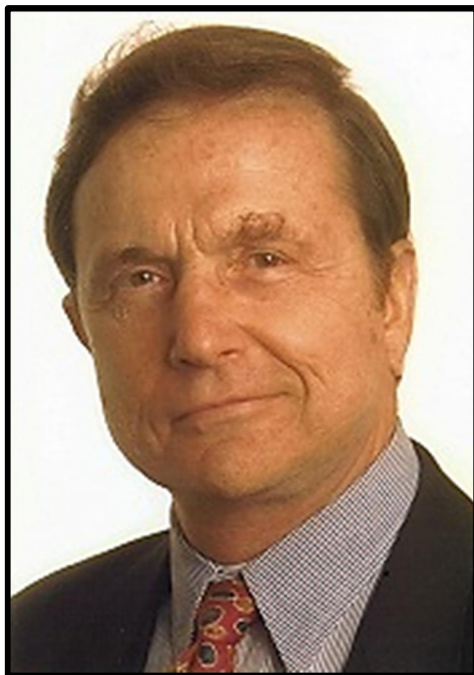


**Clayton Library Friends invites you to a  
Special Event!**

**Thursday, October 30, 2014  
Clayton Library Carriage House  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, author, historian, and  
genealogist **Nick Kotz** will be speaking on  
“American Family Histories: Lost, Forgotten, Found.”

His latest book will be available for purchase and signing:  
***The Harness Maker's Dream: Nathan Kallison  
and the Rise of South Texas.***



Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this  
**FREE EVENT!**

## Slate of Nominees

Clayton Library Friends members elected to the Executive Board at the Annual Meeting will assume office on January 1, 2015. The term of office for all Board members is two years. They may be re-elected to that position for one consecutive term, and are limited to serving on the Board to six consecutive years. (The Treasurer is elected every two years, but is not term-limited.)

### Leslie O Fullerton, D.D.S. – President



Leslie O Fullerton, DDS, MSD, is a native Houstonian who grew up in the old Harrisburg area, attended Milby High School before attending the UT-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 and twelve grandchildren. Les has served 2 terms as CLF Second Vice President.

### Pat Palmer Metcalfe – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President -- Membership



Pat Metcalfe has served as CLF president in 1998 and 1999, and in several other CLF board positions. She was a proof-reader for the *CLF Newsletter* and *The Clayton Advocate* for ten years, and is currently the editor of *The Clayton Advocate* . a position that is now appointed by the President (with approval of the Board). She is also a former editor of the *HGF Newsletter* and the HGF quarterly *The Genealogical Record*. Having retired from three professions (college teacher, counselor, and small business owner) Pat now has the time to be even more deeply involved in genealogy. She and her husband Jack have one adult son and one granddaughter.

### Loren K Martin – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Ways & Means



Loren Martin was born and grew up in Kansas City, Missouri. He and his wife Mary are both graduates of the University of Missouri and have lived in the Houston area for over 36 years with the last 13 being residents of League City. They have been members of the Clayton Library Friends for about 25 years, and are charter members of the Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS). Within BAGS, Loren has served as President, First Vice President, various committee roles and is currently completing his second term as Treasurer. He and Mary are very committed to genealogy research and have traveled to many distant libraries, courthouses, and state archives to uncover information regarding their New England, middle colonies, and Midwest ancestors. They have two sons and three young grandchildren.

### Kathleen A Dickerson – Secretary



Kathleen Dickerson was born in South Ruislip, England, where her father was serving with the United States Air Force. The family moved to Houston, Texas in 1967. Kathleen graduated from the University of Houston-Clear Lake in 1976 with a B.S. 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 enjoys cooking, entertaining, and traveling, and is currently studying the Italian language. She has served CLF as Secretary, and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-Membership, and has undertaken the task of the upkeep of the CLF Database.

## **Resa Nichols Hennings – Treasurer**



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 DAR 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 a number of offices. 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, and served on several committees. She is currently serving as our CLF Treasurer.

## **Sue Yerby – Director (Programs)**



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. She is currently a Director for the Texas State Genealogy Society, and has served on the CLF Board as Director of Grants and Endowments.

## **G Randle Pace – Director (Publicity & Public Relations)**



Randy Pace is a native of New Mexico with a history degree from Centenary College in Shreveport, 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. He is a preservation consultant, author, editor, and investor. 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 he has restored many historic buildings and homes himself. Randy's hobbies include genealogy, antique postcard and photograph collecting, travel, reading, duplicate bridge, and research/writing.

## **Fidel G Ramirez – Director (Social Media & Technology)**



Fidel G Ramirez was born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley of south Texas. In 1994, he moved to Houston to attend the University of Houston. Now a proud Cougar alum, he graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems and a minor in Spanish. He is a Microsoft Certified Professional, and has skills in the areas of web and social networking, networking, and working with many computer platforms. He has supervised and trained IT personnel, and managed IT projects. His interest in genealogy began early in life as a teenager. This curiosity was brought about by his parents' ability to remember the names of extended family members from great-grand-aunts to third cousins twice removed. He has taught classes in the use of technology in the aid of genealogical research.



# **Public Relations Update --**

During the month of August, the Clayton Library Friends Publicity Committee spearheaded an effort to solicit members and the public-at-large to submit family history stories and family mysteries to GENEALOGY ROADSHOW (GR) which is broadcast on the Public Broadcasting System (PBS). GR is always seeking family mysteries and fascinating genealogical stories for upcoming seasons of the popular program. Since GR has never chosen Houston for one of their programs, CLF thought it would be a great idea to spread the word. If enough interesting stories were submitted from the Houston area, GR might be enticed to bring the program to Houston. As a result, a number of stories and mysteries were submitted from the Houston area, and CLF is hopeful that Houston will be chosen for a future season broadcast.

Randy Pace, CLF Director -- Public Relations, sent out over 1,000 emails to individuals in the Houston area about Genealogy Roadshow, and also sent notices to all local genealogical and historical groups asking them to spread the word and publish a notice in their newsletter about the Genealogy Roadshow idea. Tammy Frey and Randy attended several meetings of genealogical societies and other groups, including the Sons of the American Revolution Chapter, Houston Hispanic Genealogical Society, Bay Area Genealogical Society, and Clayton Library Friends where they handed out flyers and requested that people submit their stories. Information about GR was also posted on Eastman's Genealogical Newsletter, the CLF website, and the CLF Facebook page. On Saturday, August 16th, CLF members Sandy Wilbourn, Tammy Frey, and Randy Pace greeted and handed out flyers to 200 visitors to Clayton Library. Tammy created a wonderful, large poster for the event which was placed in the lobby of the library. Information flyers were also available in the library during August.

Part detective story and part emotional journey, GR combines history and science to uncover stories of diverse Americans. Each

story links to a larger community, revealing the rich cultural tapestry of America. "Genealogy Roadshow is an engaging, innovative program that reveals the bigger picture of our nation's past, present and future," said Beth Hoppe, Chief Programming Executive and General Manager of General Audience Programming for PBS. "With a diverse mix of stories in each episode, Genealogy Roadshow appeals to Americans interested in learning about their family histories. It also shows that no matter one's heritage and background, everyone has a place in history."

Not only does GR choose interesting stories for their broadcast but they also share those stories on television in a historic venue! There is no more perfect venue than our own historic Clayton House, the centerpiece of the Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research, Houston, Texas, which is one of the top genealogical research facilities in the United States! CLF will keep you posted if Houston becomes a site for the program!

During August, Randy Pace also contacted Edel Howlin with the local PBS affiliate and inquired about the possibility of appearing on the radio or Channel 8 to promote Genealogy Roadshow. While scheduling could not be worked out, Edel liked the idea of showcasing the pursuit of someone seeking their family history and how to use Clayton Library in their pursuit. On Wednesday, October 7, she and a cameraman came to Clayton Library and filmed an interview with Susan Kaufman, Manager of Clayton Library, who talked about the collections and resources that are available and general information about how patrons can benefit and use the library in their family history quest. CLF members, Sandy Wilbourn and Randy Pace, were also interviewed and talked about why they began their family history research and about some interesting facts that they had uncovered using the resources at Clayton Library. Be sure to watch Houston PBS Channel 8 and listen to the PBS radio program called "Houston Matters" to catch the interviews about family history research and Clayton Library!

## **Editor's Note:**

The following interview is now available from the above-mentioned October 7<sup>th</sup> taping:

<http://www.houstonmatters.org/segments/segment-d/2014/10/20/studying-your-genealogy-houstonian-randy-pace>





## BE AN ANGEL

### 2015 Periodical Subscriptions for Clayton

You can earn your wings+by donating for one or more of the following periodicals requested by Clayton Library. Non-specific donations are always welcome. All donations to the Angel Program will be acknowledged in the CLF newsletter, unless otherwise requested. Memorial donations will be acknowledged upon request.

Please contact: Liz Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030, phone: (713) 944-1118, or e-mail: [erootrot@usa.net](mailto:erootrot@usa.net) for questions. Checks should be made payable to Clayton Library Friends, and mailed to: P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078.

Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine \$15	<i>Irish Roots</i> \$35
<i>American-Canadian Genealogist</i> (French Canadian & Acadian Genealogy) \$50	<i>Kin Hunters</i> (Sandusky, Ohio) \$17
<i>Annals of Wyoming</i> (Wyoming State Hist Soc) \$45	<i>Journal of the Afro-American Hist &amp; Genealogical Society</i> \$45
<i>Argyll Colony Plus</i> (NC Scottish Heritage Soc) \$30	<i>Journal</i> (German-Texan Heritage Society quarterly) \$40
<i>Arkansas Family Historian</i> (Arkansas Genealogical Society) \$25	<i>Le Raconteur</i> (Le Comite des Archives de la Louisiane) \$15
<i>Carolina Herald and Newsletter</i> (South Carolina) \$8	<i>Les Voyageurs</i> (German-Acadian Coast Hist & Gen. Society) \$15
<i>Carolinas Genealogical Society Quarterly</i> \$18	<i>Leaves and Branches</i> (Navarro County, TX Genealogical Society) \$15
<i>Central Georgia Gen. Society Quarterly</i> \$30	<i>Licking Lantern</i> (Licking County, Ohio) \$17
<i>Ceske Stopy</i> (Texas Czech Genealogical Soc) \$20	<i>Lifelines</i> (Northern NY-American-Canadian) \$35
<i>Chicago Genealogist</i> \$25	<i>MASSOG &amp; Past Times</i> (Massachusetts) \$30.00
<i>Chronicles of Oklahoma</i> (Oklahoma Hist Soc) \$50	<i>Maine Genealogist</i> \$25
<i>Clarke County Hist. &amp; Gen. Society Quarterly</i> (Alabama) \$30	<i>Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy &amp; Hist</i> \$25
<i>Collin County Chronicles</i> (Texas) \$20	<i>Minnesota Genealogist</i> (Minnesota Geneal Soc) \$35
<i>Connecticut Ancestry</i> \$35	<i>Montgomery Genealogical Society Quarterly</i> (Alabama) \$25
<i>Connecticut Maple Leaf</i> (French-Canadian Gen. Society) \$30	<i>Old Newberry</i> (South Carolina) \$20
<i>Der Blumenbaum</i> (German Genealogy) \$30	<i>Prairie Gleaner</i> (Missouri) \$15
<i>Families</i> (Ontario Genealogical Soc - Canada) \$60	<i>Rhode Island Roots</i> \$25
<i>Family Tree Magazine</i> (United Kingdom) \$110	<i>Rodziny</i> (Polish Genealogical Soc of America) \$25
<i>Flint Genealogical Society Quarterly</i> (Michigan) \$20	<i>South Dakota Genealogical Society Quarterly</i> \$23
<i>Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly</i> \$35	<i>St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly</i> (Missouri) \$35
<i>Genealogist</i> (Assn. for the Promotion of Scholarship in Genealogy) \$45	<i>Tap Roots</i> (East Alabama Genealogical Soc) \$25
<i>Genie</i> (ARK-LA-TEX Genealogical Assn) \$20	<i>The Times</i> (Central North Carolina-several counties) \$20
<i>Goingsnake Messenger</i> (Goingsnake District Heritage Assn-Oklahoma) \$15	<i>Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly</i> (Kansas) \$35
<i>Greenville County Genealogical Society Journal</i> (South Carolina) \$21	<i>Vermont Genealogy</i> \$25
<i>Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly</i> \$35	<i>Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter</i> \$30
<i>Illinois State Genealogical Soc Quarterly</i> \$30	
<i>Indiana Genealogist</i> \$30	
<i>Internet Genealogy</i> \$32.95, 2yr subscription \$50	

## Acquisitions Committee Report –

Again this quarter we have been working closely with Sue Kaufman and the Collection Development Team at the Library. One of the Library's priorities at this time is to bring its collection forward into the mid twentieth century; whereas before, materials in Clayton's collection have tended to stop prior to the 1920/1930 time period. Sue now feels that it is important to begin to acquire records that bring us up to the time of the 1940 census, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War.

With this in mind, Sue asked the Clayton Library Friends to purchase several rolls of Texas City Directories on microfilm, produced by Primary Source Media. Included on the list are the cities of Dallas, Fort Worth, El Paso, Port Arthur, and Waco, from the late-1930s to the mid-1950s. Because of CLF's quick turnaround time, we were able to take advantage of Primary Source Media's Annual Fall Sale, and purchase the microfilm at a cost of \$42 a roll, instead of the regular cost of \$140 a roll. a real bonus! We also ordered 55 volumes of Illinois and Wisconsin Historical Plat books, as requested by Sue. Again these cover the 1940s and 1950s.

Because the Houston Public Library is on a limited budget, and because many of the books ordered by the Friends are published either in paperback or are spiral bound, we have also donated \$5,000 to the Houston Public Library Foundation, to be used exclusively for binding Clayton Library materials. This means that many of the books ordered by the Friends can be sent to the Bindery immediately after they are cataloged, which greatly improves both their appearance and their shelf life.

We are also still working on the Book for Every County project, so if you happen to be researching in a certain geographic area and notice that we don't have any books on a particular county, please let us know. Of course, we would appreciate it even more if you know of a specific book that has been published that might be available for us to purchase! We are always trying to strengthen Clayton's collection in whatever ways we can, so if you have any suggestions, please leave a note at the Library Information Desk.

Lesley Douthwaite

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## Membership Committee Report --

Welcome to Fall..... and welcome to Clayton Library Friends's 2015 Membership Drive! It is time to begin thinking about renewing your membership OR..... if you are not currently a member, please join our organization! CLF annual dues are low; only \$20.00 for a single membership or \$25.00 for a joint membership for two people with a single mailing address. Members receive *The Clayton Advocate*, our quarterly newsletter, and are the first to hear about upcoming speakers and events sponsored by CLF.

Our mission as Clayton Library Friends is to enrich the resources and facilities of Clayton Library, one of the top genealogical libraries in the United States. Membership is a great way to support the library! There is a good chance that the last book you used at Clayton or the last microfilm you read was donated by a CLF member or a CLF benefactor. There is also a good chance that the next piece of the Clayton Library collection that enables you to find an elusive ancestor or understand a bit of history is the direct result of a membership or supplemental donation to CLF. Don't hesitate! The membership form is included in the newsletter and may also be found on the CLF website. Renew or join today.

Kathleen Dickerson

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## Welcome New Members --

Clayton Library Friends would like to extend a warm welcome to these 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.

**Monica K Andersen, George Louis Blair, M/M Richard L Buchanan, Jane G Buckman, Betty B Mann, Linda W Petersen, Fidel G Ramirez, Catherine P Sharp, Mrs Kelly Sharp, Walter J Steets, and Janice Yeager.**

## Gone to Brazil...

# *The Confederados*

**Is your Confederate ancestor missing from the 1870 Federal Census?  
Did you assume he died in the Civil War?  
He may have gone to Brazil!!!**

The Clayton Library for Genealogical Research has several resources available for the study of the Confederates in Brazil, as well as Confederates that moved to other South and Central American locations.

After the Civil War, many Confederate soldiers were disgusted with the state of the Union and the devastation of the south. Many of these soldiers moved their families 7,000 miles to Brazil in hopes of starting new lives on new land that had similar soil and climate conditions to the southern states.

The Emperor of Brazil offered land for 25 cents an acre to anyone who wanted to migrate. While General Robert E. Lee implored the Confederates not to abandon the south, it is estimated that ten to twenty thousand people left for South America. They travelled on sailing ships and steamships from New York, Charleston, New Orleans, and Galveston, at great cost and great hardship.

The immigrants from the southern United States raised crops such as cotton, corn, sugar cane, and introduced watermelon and pecans to Brazil. Many of the settlers lived in the small community of Santa Barbara D'Oeste which later became known as Americana, and still exists today. For over a century and a half, Americana has celebrated the Confederacy with an annual celebration of southern clothing, southern food, Dixie music and the flying of the rebel flag. There are several graveyards in the area with the graves of confederate soldiers and their families.

If you would like more information on the Confederados, you may consult the following references found in the Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research:

William Clark Griggs, *The Elusive Eden: Frank McMullan's Confederate Colony in Brazil*, Austin: University of Texas, 1987, about the failed Iguape Colony.

Michael L. Conniff and Cyrus B. Dawsey, editors, *The Confederados: Old South Immigrants in Brazil*, Auburn: University of Alabama.

Eugene C. Harter, *The Lost Colony of the Confederacy*, Oxford: University Press of Mississippi.

Reference materials regarding the immigrants in Brazil may also be ordered online at FamilySearch.org for delivery to the Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research, a Family Search affiliate.

Elani Hantel

### ***In Memoriam***

Sadly, we have lost three more of our Clayton Library Friends members:

**Pierre Mommessin** passed away Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. He was a former CLF board member (1991, 1992) and a long-time supporter of the organization.

**Milton Harold Waghalter, Jr** died on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. A dedicated genealogist, he served on the CLF Executive Board in 2008.

**Lee (Lorenzo) Emil Gaskill** passed away Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. An avid genealogist, he was currently serving on the Board of the Houston Genealogical Forum.

We will miss the genealogical enthusiasm of these folks. Each leaves us with special memories of their dedication to the field and their contributions to our local genealogical organizations.

**THE CLAYTON ADVOCATE** deadline for the next issue is **January 19, 2015.**

We welcome any articles related to Clayton Library or its collections.

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**Thursday – 30 October, 2014**  
10:30am Special Event  
Clayton Center Carriage House

**Saturday – 8 November, 2014**  
10:15am Annual Meeting/  
Election of Officers  
Clayton Center Carriage House

**Saturday – 14 February, 2015**  
10:15am General Meeting  
Clayton Center Carriage House

### ***American Family Histories:***

#### ***Lost, Forgotten, Found***

Nick Kotz, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist,  
Author, Historian and Genealogist

### ***Captain Dave v. The Yankees:***

#### ***The Civil War Blockade on the Texas Coast***

Andrew K Hall. Author and Historian

**Speaker and Topic to be announced  
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