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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hard work pays off!

This is a great time to reflect on the stature and recognition that Clayton Library deserves as one of the top genealogical libraries in the U.S. This has occurred because of Sue Kaufman's leadership and the wonderful work and support from the Clayton Library Friends. I am enjoying learning more about the history of how our genealogical collection was formed and the gift of the Will Clayton mansion to house this material. Every month more volumes are added and new technology is being utilized. We have been fortunate to be one of three sites to have materials digitized by missionaries from the Mormon church.

Bronze statues of the Allen Brothers, who founded Houston, are on display at Clayton Library until the end of October when they will be moved to their permanent location on pedestals at City Hall where they were originally to be sculpted and placed before money ran out in 1939. Led by Lynna Kay Shuffield, they have now been completed and finally in November, these beautiful statues will be placed on the ordinal pedestals looking at the city the Allen Brothers envisioned.

You will read more in this newsletter about a truly remarkable program, Genealogy Roadshow, to be filmed as an extension of genealogy in Houston because of the efforts of many of our staff and volunteers who gave of their time and skills. We look forward to Clayton Library being nationally recognized to an even greater degree.

Congratulations to all who worked over the years to make this happen. We are thankful even before Thanksgiving, when many of our ancestors celebrated their harvest!

> Les Fullerton, President, Clayton Library Friends

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Clayton Library Friends, Inc.

Statement of Activities July 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015

Revenue

Total Revenue	\$ 3,887
Other	27
Seminar Ticket Sales	2,247
Membership Dues	365
Temporarily Restricted Contributions	415
Unrestricted Contributions	\$ 833

Expenditures	
Current Programs	\$ 5,755
Administrative & General	2,602
Total Expenditures	\$ 8,357
Net Operating Revenue	\$ -4 470

Statement of Financial Position As of September 30, 2015

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank Account	\$ 216,757
Fixed Assets	23,396
Other Assets	

(Investments, of which \$826,907 is the

Permanent Endowment Fund) 1,060,380

Total Assets \$ 1,300,533

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Total Liabilities \$ -0-Equity \$ 1,300,533

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Resa Nichols Hennings, Treasurer

Welcome New and Returning Members

Clayton Library Friends would like to extend a warm welcome to these fifteen new and returning members who have joined CLF since our last newsletter.

Wege glad that youge discovered (or rediscovered) Clayton Library Friends and hope that yough also join our group of volunteers that provides support to the library in so many ways.

Karen Ann Cambias, Brian M Davis, Crystal F Dowdell, Sharon Glllins, Janice K Hall, Jamesetta C Hammons, Sue E Harrall, Shawn T Harrison, Belinthia Hilton, Roberta Price, Patricia R Reed, Karen A Sutton, Sharon E Sutton, Carlos & Linda Vega.

Special Donations

Recent donations to Clayton Library Friends were made **In Honor Of:**

Susan Garwood

In Memory Of:

John Edwin Dusek, Judge Howard Robert Kaufman, Nellie Richardson.

Donations made to the CLF Angel Program are acknowledged in the *Angel Report* on page 8 of this newsletter.

Clayton Library Friends is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization. IRS Code 501(c)(3). whose purpose is to enrich the resources and facilities of the Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research, a Special Collections branch of the Houston Public Library.

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Mark Your Calendar -- And Join Us

Saturday, November 14, 2015, 10:15 am – 12:00 noon Carriage House Meeting Room at the Clayton Library Center

Clayton Library Friends of Houston, Texas, invites everyone to their Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 14, 2015 for a presentation by Dr John D Reveille. Registration begins at 10:15 am (coffee provided). A short business meeting and the program will begin promptly at 10:30 am. Members and visitors alike are welcome to the free presentation.

Genes, History, and the Development of Autoimmunity



Speaker: John D Reveille, MD

The Linda and Ronny Finger Foundation Distinguished Chair in NeuroImmunological Disorders, Division Director, Professor and Vice-Chair of the UTHealth Medical Schools Division of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunogenetics.

The program covers many journey out of Africa, with the development of ethnicity and the immune system, adapting to local environmental challenges, ultimately leading to immunemediated diseases.

Dr Reveille will bring his unique vocational experience with research and how it is leading to new ways of looking at human development through the ages. This offers us a new way of processing how movements of people and civilizations have affected mankinds genetic makeup. He will address how genes performed functions that helped early humans survive but over time are no longer necessary for survival. This evolution has been found to cause certain diseases and health problems in our present day world.

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Also mark your calendar for our 2016 meetings -- February 13, May 14, August 13, and November 12

The second Saturday of the month in the Clayton Carriage House.

Manager's Message



Welcome to the holiday Season!

This year has been an especially good year for the library and the Clayton Library Friends. I would just like to say THANK YOU to all of you for your continued support. The support you offer to the Library has allowed many researchers to find family clues in the Family History Library microfilm that is read in the Clayton House that is manned by volunteers keeping the

doors open. CLF has supported new technology purchases in the form of microfilm scanners and a soon to be added photo scanner. The shelves are bursting with materials purchased with funding from your membership fees. Quality programming is brought to you at the library!

As a reminder for the holiday season. get those family stories now. Take pictures now. Write down your own story! Some of you have stories that now have an ending. Finish out interviewing, writing, or recording those stories.

As family historians, we are always looking backwards, looking for those that came before us. We need to remember that we too, will be one that wame before+ the succeeding generations. If we dong record our stories and pass them on, think of the effort the descendants will have to partake in to find them out. If we often ask our ancestors why, how, when+ and wish they could talk, give your descendants the gift of your own why, how, and when+ stories. They will thank you for them over and over.

Happy Hunting, Happy Holidays, Happy Family Events. We look forward to seeing you at the Clayton Library soon!

Sue Kaufman Manager, Clayton Library

CLAYTON LIBRARY CENTER FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH Library Hours:

5300 Caroline, Houston, TX 77004-6896 832-393-2600 www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton Tuesday. 10 am. 6 pm

Wednesday – 10 am -- 8 pm

Thursday. 10 am. 6 pm

Friday. 10 am. 5 pm

Saturday -- 10 am. 5 pm

(Closed on Sunday and Monday)

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<u>Lifesize Allen Brothers Bronze Statues Exhibit</u> <u>Temporarily At The Clayton Library</u>

An Open House exhibit of the bronze statues will be held at Clayton Library on Monday, October 26th from 4-7pm. These statues have been at the library since the end of August when they were accepted by the Oran M Roberts Chapter 440, United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC).

The Oran M Roberts Chapter 440, UDC, opened an exhibit this month at the Clayton Library featuring the life-size bronze statues of the Allen brothers, co-founders of Houston. The members of Oran M Roberts Chapter 440 commissioned Houston native Lori Betz, Betz Arts Foundry, to fulfill the 1937 exterior design of the renowned architect Joseph Finger, who designed the City Hall located downtown at 901 Bagby Street. The exhibit at Clayton Library will be open through Saturday, October 31, 2015.



Augustus Chapman Allen

John Kirby Allen



This Houston Press article from 1939 identifies that there were not sufficient funds for the two life-sized statues of the Allen brothers which were to stand on limestone pedestals in the front terrace of City Hall. The recently constructed Houston City Hall had been built on a New Deal grant from the Works Progress Administration (WPA) instituted by then President Franklin D Roosevelt.

After the library exhibit closes, the statues will be permanently installed in the space originally reserved for them on the east terrace of the City Hall entrance on the existing limestone pedestals.

The current cost of the bronze statues was nearly \$100,000 and fundraising is ongoing for the remaining \$20,000 balance. The statues were approved by the Houston Arts Alliance for acceptance into the citys public art collection in November 2014.

Election of CLF Executive Board members at the Annual Meeting on November 14, 2015

Clayton Library Friends members elected to the Executive Board at the Annual Meeting will assume office on January 1, 2016. The term of office for all Board members (except the Treasurer) 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. Thus the Bylaws have ensured that more CLF members will have the opportunity to participate in the direction of the organization.

SLATE OF NOMINEES

John Dorroh - Director (Acquisitions)

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John, a native of Houston, attended William and Mary College in Williamsburg, Virginia, University of Houston, SMU, and Uppsala University in Sweden. He has been a long-time active member of Clayton Library Friends.

John was first elected to the Executive Board in 1994, served as CLF President in 1995 and 1996, returned to the Board in 1998 to fill a vacated position, and continued on the Board in 1999 and 2000. Since then he has been an extremely active participant on the CLF Acquisitions Committee. helping to increase the selection of references that the Clayton Library Friends purchases for the library.

Elani Hantel – Director (Volunteers and Hospitality)



Elani was born in East Texas and raised in Dallas. She graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in Marine Biology. Elani retired in 2001 from Schlumberger Limited, after 11 years as Worldwide Environmental Manager. Her position included the preparation of presentations and curricula for environmental management, as well as world travel auditing facilities and dealing with government agencies.

Elani volunteers weekly at the Clayton Library. Her genealogy research is concentrated in the southern United States.

She has been nominated for another two-year term on the Clayton Library Friends Executive Board . a job that she has done with exemplary skill.

Mary L. Martin – Director (Correspondence)



Mary, a native of Kansas City, Missouri, and a graduate of the University of Missouri, moved to Houston in 1978, before moving to League City in 2001. She and her husband, Loren, have been members of the Clayton Library Friends since the late 1980s.

Mary and Loren were charter members of the Bay Area Genealogy Society in 2001 where Mary has continuously served this society as either an officer or committee chairman, since almost the beginning. An active genealogist, she has visited many county courthouses, genealogy libraries and state archives to gather data regarding her ancestors. Mary is an officer in several lineage organizations.

Since 2011, Mary has been serving in the unofficial role of CLF corresponding secretary by volunteering to send thank you notes to donors.

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CLF Executive Board members whose elected terms continue thru 2016

President Leslie Fullerton

1st VP (Membership) Pat Metcalfe

2nd VP (Ways & Means) Loren K Martin







Secretary Kathleen Dickerson

Treasurer Resa Nichols Hennings





Director (Programs) Sue Yerby

Director (Publicity & Public Relations) Randy Pace

Director (Social Media & Technology) Fidel Ramirez









BE AN ANGEL

Donations needed for 2016 periodical subscriptions for Clayton Library

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 write wingel+on your check.

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

Those who have earned their wings+by making donations since the last newsletter are:

Hazel A. Potvin. *American-Canadian Genealogist* (French Canadian and Acadian Genealogy)

Maureen Murphy Singleton. Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter in memory of Milford Patrick Murphy.

2016 periodicals needing Angel donors (before January 1st):

Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine \$15

Annals of Wyoming (Wyoming State Historical Society) \$45

Argyll Colony Plus (NC Scottish Heritage Society) \$30

Arkansas Family Historian (Arkansas Genealogical Society) \$25

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

Chronicles of Oklahoma (Oklahoma Historical Society) \$35

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

Collin County Chronicles (Collin County, TX) \$25

Connecticut Ancestry \$35

Connecticut Maple Leaf (French-Canadian Gen. Society) \$30

Der Blumenbaum (German Genealogy) \$30

Families (Ontario Genealogical Society-Canada) \$60

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Family Tree Magazine (United Kingdom) \$120

Flint Genealogical Society Quarterly (Michigan) \$20

Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly \$35

Genie (ARK-LA-TEX Genealogical Assn.) \$20

Goingsnake Messenger (Goingsnake District

Heritage Assn.-Oklahoma) \$15

Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly \$35

Illinois State Genealogical Soc. Quarterly \$35

Indiana Genealogist \$30

Internet Genealogy \$32.95

Irish Roots \$37

Kin Hunters (Sandusky, Ohio) \$17

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

Journal (German-Texan Heritage Society quarterly) \$40

Le Raconteur (Le Comite des Archives de la Louisiane) \$15

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

Leaves and Branches (Navarro County, TX Genealogical Society) \$15

Licking Lantern (Licking County, Ohio) \$17

Lifelines (Northern NY-American-Canadian) \$35

MASSOG & Past Times (Mass.) \$25

Maine Genealogist \$25

Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History \$30

Minnesota Genealogist (Minnesota Genealogical Society) \$35

Montgomery Genealogical Society Quarterly (AL) \$25

Old Newberry (Newberry County, South Carolina) \$20

Rhode Island Roots \$15

Rodziny (Polish Genealogical Society of America) \$25

Shelby County Historical Society Quarterly (AL) \$20

South Dakota Genealogical Society Quarterly \$23

St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly (Missouri) \$35

Tap Roots (East Alabama Genealogical Society) \$25

The Times (Central North Carolina-several counties) \$20

Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly (Kansas) \$35

Vermont Genealogy \$25

THE CLAYTON ADVOCATE deadline for the February 2016 issue is January 22, 2016.

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

CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS NEWSLETTER STAFF

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Editorial Assistance -- Norma Davenport

Review: Clayton Library Friends' 2015 Symposium –

Clayton Library Friends held their 2015 Symposium on August 22nd at the Asia Society of Texas, near Clayton Library. We had a great turnout and the speaker was very well received. Dr. Deborah Abbott, Ph.D. gave us much to think about and ways to make our genealogy more productive.

The first presentation was *Cluster Genealogy, finding your lost ancestor*. She showed us that by using the siblings and even the neighbors of our known ancestor we can locate our % wick wall+person. It also helps us fill in our ancestor personal and social history. Cluster genealogy can help you with the migration patterns of your family and ultimately get to their places of origin. Dr. Abbott led us through the steps to begin using this process to make inroads into our family research.

Are your family treasures located in a manuscript collection somewhere? Dr. Abbott presented us with a sample list of things that may be in a manuscript collection: family papers, letters, prior genealogy research, church records, funeral home records, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, bibles, oral histories, military records, diaries and personal notes. She then explained how to locate that collection of material. She provided us with a long list of some of the primary locations holding collections, but also explained that a manuscript collection could be anywhere and then she gave us the tools to locate these priceless documents.

After lunch we learned what records exist for researching African Americans prior to 1870, and where we can find them. She stressed the need for a solid methodology plan to enable the location of these records. She provided us with nine good places to start our research. Dr. Abbott stressed the need for the use of Cluster Genealogy+ and using manuscript collections again. The bibliography for this presentation was remarkable and provided many options for reading and learning how to research these records once you have found the collection.

Dr. Abbottos final presentation was on *Critical Thinking in Genealogical Research: A Case Study Using Oral History*. She explained that often those old %amily stories+may have been true or at least had some grain of truth to them. She said that to take on this challenge you need to think critically, take the story and try to poke holes in it or at least come up with several questions that need to be answered about the events of the story. Then we were taken down the path to proving or disproving each of the questions until we came up with the most likely actual story that may fill in some of our genealogy holes.

This day of learning was a great use of effort and time. We were in a beautiful venue and were fortunate enough to be there the day the Asian Society had Mongolian Sand Painting also on site. A group of Mongolian monks were doing a beautiful sand painting over a three-day period. Once the painting was complete, the sand was taken up, and all their work was gone. The process was amazing. The vivid colors of the sand were laid down a few grains at a time to make the design.

In Memoriam

Once again we have lost some of our long-time Clayton Library Friends members.

Myron Fuller Steves got to celebrate his 103rd birthday before he passed away. He was an avid genealogist, and rarely missed a CLF meeting in recent years.

Kay Vivian Van Cleve died September 28th after a brief hospitalization. She was a long-time member of CLF as well as DAR, UDC, and HGF.

Martin Benjamin 'Ben' Gantt passed away on July 23rd. Long-time CLF members will remember him as a CLF Board member in 1997 and 1998, and very active in helping CLF find locations for our all-day Genealogy Orientation programs . often in the Scout room at his church on Memorial Drive.

John Edwin Dusek, Jr, husband of our CLF member Ruby Dusek, died on July 26th.

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Acquisitions Committee Report

The Clayton Library Friends continues to provide collection development support to the Library by ordering and purchasing books and microfilm to add to Claytons collection. So far this year we have ordered around \$13,000 worth of materials . some have been purchased with unrestricted donations from CLF members, while in other cases individuals have asked for their donation to be used for material on a specific topic or a particular geographic area. It is also possible to make donations ±n Honor Ofqor ±n Memory Ofqa loved one, in which case a name plate will be placed in the front of the book recognizing the donation. This is truly a gift which lasts forever!

Our latest sizeable order is for over 60 books requested by Sue Kaufman and the Library Collection Development team, with assistance from the Friends Acquisitions personnel. These books are being purchased from a company called Round Tower Books in Fort Wayne, Indiana. They cover a wide geographic area, but many of them are books which are out of print or otherwise difficult to obtain. They haven yet arrived at the library, but we look forward to receiving them. In addition, we have recently ordered a large number of books on Boone County, West Virginia, which fill in some gaps in our West Virginia collection, and a series of books from Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

The end of the year is rapidly approaching . what a terrifying thought! . and I will be finishing my second two-year term as Director of Acquisitions and handing the job over to someone new. But my successor will be working with a good committee to continue the task . there are always lots of books to buy! . and I hope that I will still be part of the process. If any of you would be interested in working on next years Acquisitions team please leave your information in the folder at the old Information Desk, and I will pass on your name. Its a fun job!

Lesley Douthwaite

Family History Month Volunteers!

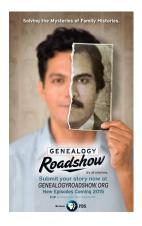
October 2015 has proven to be another successful Family History Month at Clayton Library. Two particular special events highlighted a month full of interesting programs and exhibits: the Genealogy Book Sale and the annual Genealogy After Dark+webinar programming day. For both events, volunteers stepped forward when asked to help make these events a success. For the Genealogy Book Sale at the Clayton House, volunteers helped to locate books of interest for customers, answer questions, and collect money from purchases. For Genealogy After Dark, volunteers helped to greet and register guests, prepare refreshments, shelve books, answer questions, assist with computers/copiers, and staff the microprint desk.

Though I am sure there are a couple of names that I will regrettably miss (as well as some kind folks who volunteered anonymously ‰ehind the scenes+), I would like to take a moment to thank Tom and Kathryn Coughlin, Nancy Crane, Tammy Frey, Lee Gonzales, Elani Hantel, Liz Hicks, Marjorie Lowe, Pat Metcalfe, Randy Pace, Pat Phillips, Barbara Richards, Anthony Startz, and Sue Yerby for their help with these events. The willingness and flexibility of these volunteers to help out whenever and wherever needed was so greatly appreciated by all of us!

As 2015 enters its final quarter, we are now in the process of planning for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Celebration, which will be held in December this year. If you have logged volunteer hours with Clayton Library in 2015, you will be receiving an invitation soon to attend this fun and festive holiday event. Stay tuned for more details to come!

Steven Bychowski, Clayton Library Volunteer Coordinator

The Genealogy Roadshow is coming to Houston!!



The Genealogy Roadshow is coming to Houston, Texas, Sunday, November 22, 2015 due to area genealogists submitting their stories and to the efforts of Clayton Library Friends.

The venue for the event is the historic Julia Ideson Library building, 500 McKinney Avenue, downtown Houston which is adjacent to the newer, modern Houston Public Central Library building.

The program will be held from 8 am to 6:30 pm. Josh Taylor, Kenyatta Berry, Mary Tedesco, the PBS Network and the shows producers invite all to participate in the Genealogy Roadshow. Please come to the show and come asking questions about your ancestors. For those who are chosen by the Genealogy Roadshow team to appear on camera, it will be the opportunity of a lifetime.

The Genealogy Roadshow wants local and national genealogical associations, societies, genealogy vendors, and local genealogists to be part of their show by exhibiting your products and services. Come and get your message out to the public! Genealogy Roadshow is offering a FREE table and space along with immeasurable exposure! The taping also provides you with a unique opportunity to expand your database and increase your clientele for your organizations. For those who want to be a vendor, volunteers for staffing the tables may work in shifts but a volunteer must be at their tables at ALL times. Set up is at 8:00 AM and close at 6:30 PM or until taping is finished. Space is limited so reserve your spot now. Bring with you any products for sale or display books, software, online services, or promotional information. To reserve a table, please contact Lisa Hope at Lisabhope@yahoo.com or call 323-839-6387.

Season three of the PBS Genealogy Roadshow program will premiere nationally May 17, 2016 with episodes filmed in Boston, Providence, Miami, Houston, and Los Angeles. The program is part detective story, and part emotional journey. After participants are chosen, genealogy, history, and DNA experts will use family heirlooms, letters, pictures, historical documents, and other clues to hunt down more information. These answers will be revealed on camera before a local audience, in a historic building relevant to each city.

Since August 2014 Randy Pace, Director, Public Relations, CLF has spearheaded an awareness campaign to bring the Genealogy Roadshow to Houston and to encourage area genealogists to submit their stories and mysteries to the program. And, at last, Genealogy Roadshow is coming to HOUSTON !!!. Clayton Library Friends is looking forward to seeing you at the show and welcomes ALL to participate. If you have questions, please call Randy Pace at 713-869-1528. If you want to volunteer for the event, contact Elani Hantel (CLF, Director of Volunteers & Hospitality). And, keep checking the Clayton Library Friends website for updated details. www.claytonlibraryfriends.org

SEE YOU AT THE JULIA IDESON LIBRARY BUILDING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2015 !!!!!!

<u>Membership</u>

In the next few weeks CLF will be starting our 2016 membership drive. We have now restored the capability to pay dues with Paypal online, which we hope will make it easier for you to renew your membership.

Recently, while organizing some records in the CLF office, I came across the membership list from 1999. It was wonderful to see so many names on that list that are still CLF members in 2015. If you know of persons who have let their membership lapse for one reason or another over the years, please encourage them to get in touch with us. In many cases their contact information has changed, and we've lost track of them. To those of you who have kept up with us over the years, we (CLF) are very grateful! A big THANK YOU! Membership dues and donations are what enable us to give so much support to the Clayton Library.

Pat Metcalfe, 1st VP -- Membership

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