



# THE Clayton Advocate

NEWSLETTER OF THE CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Clayton Friends,

It seems like forever since we last got together.

The cancellation of the May meeting due to inclement weather was necessary for the safety of our volunteers, as we all know our streets have a high tendency to flood. We were fortunate not to have another weather catastrophe.

It is time to thank some former Board members for their service and elect some new positions. Due to the cancellation of the May meeting, we were unable to ask for volunteers for the Nominating Committee.

We will have two positions available: Treasurer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP -- Ways and Means. We are excited that both our Director of Acquisitions and Director of Correspondence have agreed to serve another term. We need your help. Please consider volunteering for the Nominating Committee, which will consist of only a few short meetings and some email voting.

There are exciting things happening at the Library during the remaining months of 2019. There will be some remarkable renovations going on in the lobby area; we will be coming into the enlightened age big-time. There may be some library closings during this renovation, and we will try to keep you informed. However, if you are planning a trip to Clayton Library, please be sure to check that we are open.

And don't forget to join us at the August 10<sup>th</sup> General Meeting where our featured speaker will be Melissa Mel-Hayes presenting Beyond the Mainland: International Resources Available at Clayton Library.+

Hope to see you there!

Sue Yerby, CLF President

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Clayton Library Friends, Inc.**

### **Statement of Activities**

**January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019**

#### **Revenue**

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Unrestricted Contributions           | \$ 12,232 |
| Temporarily Restricted Contributions | 1,495     |
| Membership Dues                      | 1,770     |
| Other Income                         | 0         |

**Total Revenue \$ 15,497**

#### **Expenditures**

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Current Programs         | \$ 33,289 |
| Administrative & General | 11,780    |

**Total Expenditures \$ 45,069**

**Net Operating Revenue (Loss) (\$ 29,572)**

### **Statement of Financial Position**

**As of June 30, 2019**

#### **ASSETS**

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Current Assets  |           |
| Bank Account  | \$ 60,376 |
| Other Current Assets  | 30        |
| Fixed Assets  | 7,967     |
| Total Other Assets  | 1,253,950 |
| (Investments, of which \$826,907 is the permanently-restricted Endowment) |           |

**Total Assets \$1,322,323**

#### **LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Total Liabilities | \$ 0         |
| Equity            | \$ 1,322,323 |

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$ 1,322,323**

**Thomas F Coughlin, Treasurer**

## **New/Returning Members**

Clayton Library Friends extends a warm welcome to these new and returning members who have joined/re-joined CLF since our last newsletter.

**Dana Ribble,  
Lanell Smesny.**

We are glad that you have discovered (or re-discovered) Clayton Library Friends and hope that you will also join our group of volunteers that provides support to the Clayton Library in so many ways.

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## **Special Donations**

The following special donations were made to Clayton Library thru Clayton Library Friends since our last newsletter.

### **In Memory of:**

**Harriet Frances Wilcoxon Ancona,  
Alice "Sanny" Bellows,  
Mary Louise Bishop,  
Mary Clegg,  
Alice Picton Craig,  
Dorothy Knox Houghton,  
Beverly Maurice,  
Mary Catherine Farrington Miller,  
Theresa June Martin Wells,  
Nettie Dierlam Williams.**

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## **A Reminder --**

If you change your contact information (address, phone numbers, email address, etc.) PLEASE let us know at [1vp@claytonlibraryfriends.org](mailto:1vp@claytonlibraryfriends.org) Thank you!!

**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.

# **Beyond the Mainland:**

## **International Resources Available at Clayton Library**



**Speaker: Melissa 'Mel' Hayes**

**Clayton Library Friends  
General Meeting**

**Saturday, August 10, 2019**

**10:15 -- noon**

**Clayton Library Carriage House  
5300 Caroline, Houston, Texas 77004**

Join Clayton Library Friends for an overview of select sources for international research at the Clayton Library presented by Clayton librarian Mel Hayes. This presentation is meant to show you a small slice of our international collection in hopes that it will help you jump from the Mainland across the pond.

Melissa "Mel" Hayes joined the staff at Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research, Houston, Texas in June 2013, having worked in Adult Services and Youth Services with Houston Public Library (HPL) for fourteen years. She started working for HPL as a Senior Library Services Assistant. Since completing her Master's degree in 2008 from the University of North Texas in Denton, she has attained the position of Librarian III, Assistant Branch Manager, Clayton Library. Her passion for genealogy started over 30 years ago and still remains strong. Her goal is to help Clayton Library customers in finding their family!

### **Mark your calendar for:**

**CLF Annual Meeting** . 10:15 a.m. --Saturday, November 9 -- Carriage House  
*The State of Clayton Library* with Sue Kaufman, Clayton Library Manager

**CLF Board Meeting** . Saturday, October 26 . Clayton House, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Members are invited to attend CLF Board meetings.

Please let us know at least a week ahead of the meeting if you wish to speak to the Board . so we can add you to the agenda.

# **Manager's Message -**



**Hello Everyone,**

In a recent meeting, I was discussing with a Clayton Library Friends Board member about what the root of our jobs are. She as a teacher, and I as a librarian came to the conclusion that those two professions share a core goal . education. Every day for both of us was the excitement of teaching and sharing . and learning . the reason why we are in the field we are.

On the third Saturday of each month at the library, we offer an orientation to the library's collection. This is our flagship educational opportunity to help you learn about sources we have at the library to help you to do research on your family.

Attending technique and resource lectures is a great way to learn, but also gives you a bigger wheelhouse of resources and skills to choose from when doing your research. Our programming at the Clayton Library reflects the needs and desires of our customers who fill out our survey forms after attending one of our programs. This coming fall and spring watch for sessions on databases and sources we have at the library. We are offering these types of presentations to help you learn how to more effectively utilize the resources of the Houston Public Library / Clayton Library. To learn more about our programming at the library, we invite you to subscribe to our newsletters, the *Clayton Town Crier* and our monthly programming newsletter, the *Clayton Extra*. Visit <http://houstonlibrary.org/find-it/readers-link/newsletters-all-interests> and choose the Special Collections link from that page.

An exciting opportunity for even more education is the Texas State Genealogical Society annual conference ~~Blazing~~ **Blazing** Family Trails+ right here in Houston. The Clayton Library Friends is a Platinum Sponsor of the conference being held October 11-13, 2019 at the Omni Westside at Eldridge and I10. Fifty-six sessions plus four workshops are all part of the offering. You will have the opportunity to choose from local and national speakers, experts in the family history field. For more information, please visit [www.txgs.org](http://www.txgs.org).

It is our goal at the Library to continually provide resources in print, microfilm, databases, and through education to help you find your personal past through your family history research. As always, we at the library look forward to seeing you at the library so we can discuss your specific research question.

See you at the library!

Sue Kaufman  
Manager, Clayton Library

## **Family History Month and Genealogy After Dark!**

October is Family History Month!  
Come celebrate your ancestors by coming to the library to help discover them!

### **Genealogy After Dark**

18 October 2019

Library Hours: 10am - 10pm

Webinars, snacks, and dead relatives!

For the full Family History Month schedule and the special events on 18 October 2019 visit:  
<http://houstonlibrary.org/research/special-collections/clayton-library-center-genealogical-research/clayton-library-events>



## BE AN ANGEL

### Angel Report and Donations Needed

These periodicals are ones Clayton Library wishes to receive on an ~~as~~ published basis, and that are in excess of their periodical budget. If you wish to earn your ~~wings~~ by donating for one or more of these periodicals, please contact: Liz Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030; phone: (713) 944-1118, or e-mail: erootrot@usa.net. All donations to the Angel Program will be acknowledged in the CLF Newsletter, unless otherwise requested. Memorial donations will be acknowledged upon request. Checks should be made payable to Clayton Library Friends, and mailed to P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078. Please write ~~Angel~~ on your check.

### 2020 Angel subscriptions (periodicals) needed for Clayton Library

*Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine* \$15

*American-Canadian Genealogical Society* \$50

*Annals of Wyoming* (Wyoming State Hist Soc) \$60

*Argyll Colony Plus* (NC Scottish Heritage Soc) \$30

*Carolina Herald and Newsletter* (So. Carolina) \$25

*Carolinas Genealogical Society Quarterly* \$18

*Central Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly* \$30

*Ceske Stopy* (Texas Czech Genealogical Soc.) \$25

*Chicago Genealogist* \$25

*Chronicles of Oklahoma* (Oklahoma Hist Soc) \$35

*Clarke County Hist. & Gen. Soc. Quarterly* (AL) \$40

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

*Connecticut Ancestry* \$35

*Connecticut Maple Leaf* (French Canadian Genealogical Society) \$30

*Families* (Ontario Genealogical Soc.-Canada) \$100

*Family Tree Magazine* (United Kingdom) \$100

*Franklin County Genealogical Soc. Quarterly* (TX) \$20

*Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly* \$35

*Goingsnake Messenger* (Goingsnake District Heritage Assn.-Oklahoma) \$20

*Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly* \$35

*Illinois State Genealogical Society* \$40

*Indiana Genealogist* \$30

*Internet Genealogy* \$32.95

*Kin Hunters* (Sandusky, Ohio) \$12

*Journal* (German-Texan Heritage Soc 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) \$13

*Licking Lantern* (Licking County, Ohio) \$19

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

*Maine Genealogist* \$25

*MASSOG & Past Times* (Mass.) \$25

*Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History* \$30

*Minnesota Genealogist* (MN Gen. Soc.) \$35

*Mississippi River Routes* (Vicksburg Gen. Soc.) \$25

*Montgomery Genealogical Soc. Quarterly* (AL) \$25

*Rhode Island Roots* \$15

*Rodziny* (Polish Genealogical Soc of America) \$35

*Shelby County Historical Society Quarterly* (AL) \$20

*South Dakota Genealogical Society Quarterly* \$23

*St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly* (MO) \$40

*Tap Roots* (East Alabama Genealogical Soc.) \$25

*Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly* (KS) \$55

*Vermont Genealogy* \$25

*Wisconsin State Genealogical Society* \$30

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## Angels

(Those who have earned their wings since the last newsletter)

**Wally and Norma Davenport** -- donation for *Arkansas Family Historian and Genie* (ARK-LA-TEX Genealogical Association).

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## If You Haven't Renewed Your Membership for 2019 yet -

You will be receiving an e-mail reminder soon. Membership renewal is easy. Just go to the CLF website to renew and pay online or you can print the form and mail it with your check.

If you forgot that you had already renewed for 2019 and recently renewed again, that payment will be applied to the 2020 year.

Can't remember if you renewed? Feel free to email me at: [1vp@claytonlibraryfriends.org](mailto:1vp@claytonlibraryfriends.org)

Lynda Collins, CLF Membership Chair

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## In Memoriam –

We have just learned of the June 16, 2018 death of **Dickie Kent Warren**. CLF President in 2005 and 2006. His term of office coincided with the start of the CLF project of renovating the Clayton House, Guest House, and Carriage House. Dick joined the CLF Executive Board mid-year in 2003 to fill a vacancy left by a resignation. In 2004 he served as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President/Director of Programs, followed by his election the next year as CLF President.

Dick was a founding member of the Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS), as well as being a member of several other genealogical groups. He had a forty-five year professional career at NASA, the U.S. Air Force, and Boeing. He was involved with every manned space program from Project Mercury to the Space Station. a real rocket scientist.

**THE CLAYTON ADVOCATE** deadline for the November 2019 issue is October 27, 2019.

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

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**Library Hours:**

Tuesday, Wednesday . 10 am . 6 pm

Thursday. 12 pm . 8 pm

Friday, Saturday . 10 am . 5 pm

(Closed on Sunday and Monday)

**Clayton House Hours:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday -- 10 am . 2 pm

Thursday . noon . 4pm

**CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS**

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**Did you know you can avoid tax on required minimum distributions?**

After age 70½ you are typically required to withdraw money from your traditional retirement accounts and pay the resulting income tax bill. However, if you don't need the money, there is one way to avoid income tax on withdrawals from traditional retirement accounts. Retirees ages 70½ and older who transfer any amount up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to a qualified charity will not owe income tax on the contribution.

Clayton Library Friends is a 501(c)3 organization . qualified to receive such a donation.

A special thank you to those of you who have thought of us in this way.

**Attention: Parents, Grandparents, Teachers, Librarians, Museum Directors, and More!**

**TxSGS Announces the 2019 Student Project Contest**

**Categories: Grades 4-6, Grades 7-9, and Grades 10-12**

**The application deadline is September 15, 2019.**

**Project entries may be part of a school, library, genealogical society, or museum initiative but must be sponsored by a TxSGS Partner Society or individual member.**

**Entries are for grade placement for the prior school year.**

**Guidelines for student writings are minimum requirements for consideration of awards.**

**Send applications to:**

**Pat Metcalfe**

**5807 Arboles**

**Houston, TX 77035-2403**

**Direct questions to Pat at 713-721-7062**

**or by email at: [plpm@ix.netcom.com](mailto:plpm@ix.netcom.com)**

For details and project requirements, visit the Student Projects Contest Page at:  
<http://www.txsgs.org/programs/awards-grants/writing-awards/>



# **Volunteer Opportunities at Clayton Library --**

Are you looking for an opportunity to give back to the library that gives us so much? We encourage you to support this wonderful library by volunteering in one or more of the following areas and projects.

## **Shelving Volunteer**

The next Shelving Training Class for those interested in becoming volunteer shelvees will be held on Monday, August 26, 2019, 10:30 am . 12:30 pm. Please RSVP to Steven.Bychowski@houstontx.gov if interested in attending the training. The typical time commitment requested for shelving volunteers is a 2-hour shift one day per week.

## **Clayton House Welcome Desk**

The duties include greeting visitors, limited reference help, and assisting with microfilm readers and printers. Training is provided for all duties. Helpful skills would include general experience in genealogical research, basic computer skills, and familiarity with microfilm readers and printers.

## **Microprint Desk**

A genealogy background would be very helpful.

## **Outreach Assistant**

Outreach Assistants deliver brochures and promotional materials to neighborhood libraries, community centers, cultural organizations, etc. to help promote Clayton Library's programs and services. Duties include identifying easily-accessible locations that have display racks for materials and a clientele that would likely be interested in learning more about genealogy and dropping off brochures at these locations on either a one-time or ongoing basis. Training will be provided. Access to a vehicle may be required. Scheduling is very flexible.

## **Book Sale Assistant**

Book Sale Assistants work with the Donated-Duplicate books that are temporarily stored at the Clayton House and help list these books for inventory and inclusion in the Clayton Library's book sale. Duties include sorting the books by state or geographic area on shelves and using a computer to enter book information into pre-set tables in a Word document. Training will be provided. Helpful skills include good visual acuity and attention to detail. Some bending, stooping, and light lifting may be required. This activity may involve working on a laptop computer in the stacks at the Clayton House. Scheduling is flexible but subject to the days/times that the Clayton House is open. A commitment of 8 hours per month is requested.

## **Periodicals Assistant**

Periodicals Assistants help with organizing and labeling Clayton Library's bound and unbound periodical collections to make these collections more visible and accessible to library patrons. This would be a good activity for someone who wants to become more familiar with genealogy periodicals, or who enjoys organizing. Duties include inspecting, labeling, organizing, and shifting periodicals, and working with periodicals on specific projects identified by the Periodicals Supervisor. Training will be provided. Helpful skills include good visual acuity and attention to detail. Some bending, stooping, and light lifting may be required. This activity involves working with periodicals in the stacks or in the compact shelving in the staff workroom. Scheduling is very flexible. A commitment of 8 hours per month is requested.

For questions or to begin volunteering, please contact Steven Bychowski, Clayton Library's Volunteer Coordinator, at Steven.Bychowski@houstontx.gov or 832-393-2600.

Elsa Schmieder, CLF Director, Volunteers and Hospitality



# **From the Library –**

## **August, September 2019 – Calendar of Events**

### **DAR Day**

**Saturday, August 3, 2019 – 10:30am – 4:30pm**

Ever wonder how to join the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)? Representatives from local DAR chapters will be at Clayton Library for consultation and research help in preparing lineage papers for submission to the DAR. No reservations required. Adults/Teens.

### **Clayton Library Orientation**

**Saturday, August 17, 2019 – 10:15am – 11:30am**

In Clayton Library's monthly orientation we cover the process of research and discovery in the beginning steps of a family history project. Following this brief introduction, we examine the resources available at the Clayton Library and their organization, as well as how to plan an effective visit to the Library. Reservations required, please call 832-393-2600. Adults/Teens.

### **DNA Basics**

**Saturday, August 31, 2019 – 10:30am – 12noon**

Join Clayton Library staff member Franklin Smith for an introduction to DNA genealogy research. This session is for beginners who have yet to test and or have tested but are not sure what to do next. Topics will include why to take a DNA test, the types of DNA tests and where to test, the differences between test providers, basic terminology and suggestions on how to interpret matches. Autosomal DNA will be the focus of this presentation with brief discussions of Y and Mitochondrial DNA. This presentation is intended for beginners, but all experience levels are welcome. Reservations required, please call 832-393-2600. Adults/Teens.

### **Researching Hispanic Ancestry**

**Saturday, September 14, 2019 – 10:30am – 12noon**

Discover the rich records of Hispanic genealogy! We'll examine records commonly found in Hispanic genealogical research, with an emphasis on Mexican records. We'll also cover research strategies and tips for translation. Presented by staff member Joy Oria. Reservations required, please call 832-393-2600. Adults/Teens.

### **Clayton Library Orientation**

**Saturday, September 21, 2019 – 10:15am – 11:30am**

In Clayton Library's monthly orientation we cover the process of research and discovery in the beginning steps of a family history project. Following this brief introduction, we examine the resources available at the Clayton Library and their organization, as well as how to plan an effective visit to the Library. Reservations required, please call 832-393-2600. Adults/Teens.

### **Mind the dust: brick walls coming down!**

**Saturday, September 21, 2019 – 2pm – 3:30pm**

Into everyone's genealogical life one or more brick walls must come. Whether employing a less-is-more approach to data searching, or a brute force bludgeoning of the data is more your style, come and hear about ways to approach genealogical brick walls that should make them develop cracks, holes, and eventually tumble to dust. Presented by staff member Irene B Walters. Reservations required, please call 832-393-2600. Adults/Teens.