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President's Message



We had hoped to be able to have our August 14 Member Meeting at the Carriage House with at least a few in-person attendees. I am sure that many of you were looking forward to the comradery and refreshments we've enjoyed for so many years. Unfortunately, Covid precautions still prevent that, so please register for the August

meeting so you can attend via Zoom. You can find the link on the CLF Website.

Because of the tremendous increase in participation offered by virtual meetings, we plan to continue providing them via Zoom even when we are able to safely host in-person meetings. To prepare for that, a few Board Members will join Sue Kaufman on August 14 as we learn how to provide hybrid meetings in the future. Please bear with us as we work out the technical requirements to seamlessly meet the needs of both a virtual and on-site audience.

After Sue gives a report on the State of the Library, I will introduce your hardworking Board who have been working behind the scenes to make sure the administrative structure of CLF continues to support both the Friends and Clayton Library. A couple of Board members will give you updates on some exciting new projects planned for 2021 and invite your participation.

Please join us on Saturday, August 14. The program will start at 10:30a.m. CDT. The Zoom room will open at 10a.m. for those who wish to "socialize".

Lynda Collins, President

**Join us via Zoom -- CLF General Meeting
Saturday, August 14
10:00 a.m. –Social, 10:30 a.m. Meeting**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clayton Library Friends, Inc.

Statement of Activities

April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021

Income

Unrestricted Contributions	\$ 833
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 1,125
Membership Dues	270
Other Income	2,573

Total Revenue \$ 4,801

Expenses

Current Programs	\$ 11,887
Administrative & General	8,591

Total Expenses \$ 20,478

Net Operating Income (Loss) \$ (15,677)

Other Income –

TD Ameritrade Investment Account

Interest & Dividends Income	\$ 8,554
Unrealized Gains	\$ 16,788

Other Expenses \$ - 3,416

Net Other Income \$ 21,926

Net Income \$ 6,249

Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2021

Assets

Current Assets

Bank Account	\$ 58,597
Total Other Assets	\$ 1,419,067

(Investments, of which \$828,004 is the permanently restricted Endowment)

Total Assets \$ 1,477,664

Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities	\$ 1,289
Equity	\$ 1,476,664

Total Liabilities and Equity \$ 1,477,664

Resa Nichols Hennings, Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Note: Statement of Activities will now include Other Income and Other Expenses from our TD Ameritrade (TDA) investment account (based on the Endowment) managed by Goodman Financial Corporation. Goodman's quarterly fee is shown as Other Expenses. The Other Income-TDA is not to be confused with Other Income, above, which falls under **Income**. That income is from the sale of duplicate books, flash-drives, etc. The TDA inclusion will result in a **Net Income** figure (below), beyond just (the above) **Net Operating Income (Loss)**:

New and/or Returning Members –

Clayton Library Friends extends a warm welcome to these new and returning members who have joined/rejoined CLF since our last newsletter. Thank you for your support!

Linda Burpee
Thomas & Jennifer Ingram Bene
Gayden Cooper
Sheri Feitshans
Susan Finley
Rabbi Jeff & Mindy Glickman
Naomi Joyner
Craig Kennedy
Sharon Lambert
Robin Swattes
Mary Ann Thompson
Deborah Turkleson
Beatrice Weaver

New Books Purchased for Clayton –

The list of new books purchased by Clayton Library Friends for the library can be found on our website – go to Resources, and then Acquisitions.

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.' We always welcome donations to further our purpose.

2021 Annual State of the Library Report



Speaker:

Susan Kaufman, Manager
Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

Saturday, August 14, 2021
10:00 a.m. CDT

Zoom meeting -- in your home

registration link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckfuiupzooGtBkt3T3ah3UJ_VrprlaLUqR

Each year Clayton Library Friends asks Sue Kaufman, the Senior Manager of Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, to meet with us and tell us about the Clayton Library events and activities of the past year – and their hopes and desires for the future.

The statistical report will be different again this year because of changes in services due to the closure of the library due to the Covid pandemic. Library staff spent most of this year dealing with patrons via email and phone, and creating and presenting virtual programs. In-person contact at the library was limited to the portion of the fiscal year after Clayton reopened to patrons on May 11.

Susan Kaufman has more than 30 years of experience as a genealogy librarian. An Illinois native, she started her career in Peoria, Illinois, then moved to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and then to Texas in 2004.

A presenter at local, state, and national genealogy conferences and meetings, she also has held numerous genealogical society board positions in Illinois, Indiana, and Texas and at the national level.

In 2019, Sue received the National Genealogical Society / ProQuest P. William Filby Award, and became a Fellow of the Texas State Genealogical Society. Both of these honors were for outstanding service as a genealogy librarian and for service to family history researchers. She also received the Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award. Sue is past President of the Texas State Genealogical Society, and currently serves as its Director of Education. She is a member of the Texas Library Association and the American Library Association.

Mark your calendar for:

CLF Annual Meeting – 10:15 a.m. – Saturday, November 13, 2021

Proving Long-Lost Family the Indirect Way: Finding the Ancestors of F. N. Raymond
by Patti Gillespie

CLF Executive Board Meeting – 11 a.m. – Saturday, October 23, 2021

CLF members are invited to attend CLF quarterly Executive Board meetings. Please let us know at least a week in advance if you wish to speak to the Board – so we can add you to the agenda.

Manager's Message -



WELCOME BACK!!!

It's a great pleasure to see many of you back in the library! I read my last message to the membership; it was right before we re-opened on May 11, 2021. What an exciting day that was, and it has been just as wonderful each day. Many of you, and our long-time users and new researchers have been our guests in the past couple of months. Everyone is very happy to be back among the books and their ancestors.

The most striking thing to everyone that walks in is the renovation of the first floor. The new carpet and arrangement of computers, along with group seating in the middle of the floor, a new reference desk and some new technologies have brightened up the library and refreshed the look. Have no fear, however, the books and microfilm upstairs are still in the same order that you as our pre-pandemic user remember. It's just a little cooler looking.

In the past 15 months and as our doors opened, new opportunities presented and continue to present themselves. Our virtual programming was and continues to be a major opportunity. When appropriate given conditions, programming will take place on the property, but we will continue to offer a virtual option. The boundaries of attendance are no more -- one of the best things to come from the past year -- and the Library and the Friends will continue to be part of that arena.

All these things and more are tidbits of information I share in my annual "State of the Library" presentation. This year is no different. Still virtual, but I hope informative, please join the Friends on Saturday August 14 when they kindly give me the opportunity to report on the many things at the library over the past year. Register for the meeting here: <https://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org/events>

All of us at the library hope to see you there soon!

Kind Regards – Stay Safe!
Sue

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THE CLAYTON ADVOCATE deadline for the November 2021 issue is October 24, 2021.
We welcome any articles related to Clayton Library and/or its collections.

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BE AN ANGEL

2021 Angel Subscriptions (periodicals) STILL needed for Clayton Library

The list of periodicals below are ones that 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. Unspecified donations to the Angel Program are greatly appreciated.

Please go to <https://claytonlibraryfriends.org/angel> for a current/updated list of needed periodicals.

Annals of Wyoming (Wyoming State Historical Society) \$60
Family Tree Magazine (United Kingdom) \$100
Foothills (Colorado) Genealogical Society \$20 (counties of Clear Creek, Gilpin, Jefferson and Park)
Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly \$35
Leaves and Branches (Navarro County, TX Genealogical Society) \$25
Lifelines (Northern NY-American-Canadian) \$35
Shelby County (Alabama) Historical Society Quarterly \$20
South Dakota Genealogical Society Quarterly \$23
St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly (Missouri) \$40
Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly (Kansas) \$60

Those who have earned their "wings" since the last CLF Newsletter are:

Lynda Collins, donation for *Carolinas Genealogical Society Quarterly* and *Internet Genealogy*
Christine Herron, donation for renewal of *Rhode Island Roots*
Mara Wilson, donation for *Internet Genealogy* in honor of Anthony Startz

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

TxSGS Announces the 2021 Student Project Contest

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

Entries are for grade placement for the prior school year.

The application deadline is September 15, 2021.

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.

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

**Send applications to Pat Metcalfe at
5807 Arboles
Houston, TX 77035-2403**

**Direct questions to Pat at 713-721-7062
or by email at: 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/>**

Special Donations --

The following special monetary donations were recently made to Clayton Library thru Clayton Library Friends.

In Honor of:

Renee Ball,
Anne Harrigan,

Sue Kaufman, and
Mary Anthony Startz.

In Memory of:

Patricia 'Pat' Craig,
Patricia 'Poppy' Linbeck Doyle,
Linda Gregg Fields,
Nellie May McManus Gainy,
Margaret Jean 'Marje' Harris,
Beverly Ann Kennon Huggins,
Ann Louise Manning,

Jack Metcalfe,
Susan Trovillian Salm,
Esther Johnson Simon,
Margaret Charlotte Standard,
Marilyn Johnson Mathews Van Way
and
Jimmie Florence Wooten.

Donated-Duplicate Book Sale –

Shop for books --

Books that are donated to Clayton Library, that the library already owns or does not need, are listed for sale at \$5 - \$10 - \$15 per volume on our Clayton Library Friends website – ClaytonLibraryFriends.org. There are three lists: books dealing with a single state – listed by state, books dealing with Texas, and a group of multiple lists – foreign, general, U.S., and Civil War. List(s) are updated every 4 to 6 weeks.

A number of these sale books are available in the library. To obtain a listed book that is not on the Book-Sale shelves, or to have selected titles mailed to you, contact CLF volunteer -- Pat Metcalfe at claytonexchange@ix.netcom.com. We can mail your selections (via Media rates); you pay book and postage costs by check, upon receiving the book(s).

Are you interested in books dealing with Heraldry and/or clans and tartans?

We recently had a very large donation of books from the estate of a former CLF member. The majority of this collection contains books on Heraldry, Irish and Scottish clans, crests, military uniforms and medals. If this is an area that particularly interests you or you are looking for a particular title, please contact Pat Metcalfe at claytonexchange@ix.netcom.com to arrange a time for you to look at this newest donation before they are added to the posted lists. These books will be added to the posted lists in the future, but it is a large group of books that will take time for our volunteers to add to our list of available Donated-Duplicate books.

Clayton Library staffing –

Franklin Smith retired at the end of December 2020. His position has been filled by Mitch Clendening, who has been part-time Clayton Library staff for several years. Mitch brings 25 years in television production with Fox26. Adding him and his skills full-time to the team will allow Clayton to increase their virtual presence – things like a virtual-library-tour, an orientation-to-genealogy video, and educational videos.

CLF Program Topics for the remainder of 2021

- **Genealogy Face2Face: 1 PM on 1st and 3rd Thursdays**
- **Quarterly Meetings on 2nd Saturdays of August and November**

Third Quarter

- Aug 5- **F2F** Wide World of Periodicals by Joy Oria
 - Underused and somewhat daunting, periodicals can actually yield rich rewards. Discover the genealogical gold hiding in magazines and journals and learn how to obtain articles for your research.
 - Joy Oria is a Senior Library Services Specialist and the Outreach and Programming Coordinator for the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research
- Aug 14 **CLF Quarterly Meeting** – Susan Kaufman
 - Our featured speaker will be Susan Kaufman, Manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. Sue will be presenting the Annual State of the Clayton Library Presentation 2021.
- Aug 19- **F2F** Fold3 Search Basics by Jessica Collins
 - Fold3 features premier collections of original military records. These records include the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served in the military. Many of the records come from the U.S. National archives, The National Archives of the U.K. and other international records.
 - Jessica Collins is CLF Director of Membership and co-host of Genealogy Face2Face
- Sep 2- **F2F**- Lineage Society Books: “You don’t have to be a member to use lineage society books.” By Melissa Hayes
 - Obscure, outdated and defunct lineage societies books can help you find your missing ancestor. Don’t pass up that lineage society book because you think only members will be listed. Come on open the cover and sneak a peek. Melissa did!
 - Melissa Hayes, MLIS is the Assistant Branch Manager, for the Houston Public Library, Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research
- Sep 16- **F2F** The Texas and Local History Collection (TLHC) of the Houston Metropolitan Research Center (HMRC) by Joanna “Jo” Collier
 - The TLHC consists of books, periodicals, maps, and vertical files that can be used in the reading room area of the archives. Like Clayton the books do not check out. Many of these materials are not duplicated in the Clayton Library collection and can help you contextualize the events that took place in the lives of your Texian ancestors.
 - Jo Collier is the Collection Development Librarian at HMRC

Fourth Quarter

- Oct 7- **F2F** Researching Before Restoring Historic Buildings by Randy Pace
 - Researching historic buildings reveal many stories about the people who have lived and worked in them as well as their physical architectural characteristics that define their style. Historic buildings can qualify for various historic designations as well as the owners who can reap economic benefits for appropriate and approved restoration.
 - Randy Pace, who has personally restored many historic homes and commercial buildings, retired as the Historical Preservation Officer for the City of Houston. He currently serves as the CLF Director of Publicity and Public Relations.
- Oct 21- **F2F** Tentative- Melvin Edwards, Author of Eyes of Texans – Topic TBA

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- Nov 4- **F2F - It's In Clayton But Not on the Internet!** John Dorroh
 - Don't neglect the resources at the library. The vast majority of books and sometimes microfilm at Clayton Library is not available online.
 - John Dorroh is the Director of Acquisitions for the Clayton Library Friends
- Nov 13 - **CLF Annual Meeting Proving Long-Lost Family the Indirect Way:** Finding the Ancestors of F. N. Raymond by Patti Gillespie
 - Sometimes we must go all the way around before we can prove what is right in front of us. This is a presentation chock full of records and research with a resolution to a mystery that has been misunderstood for decades.
 - Patti Gillespie, B.A., M.S. is a Professional Genealogist & Personal Historian with over 30 years of experience. She is the owner of Family Lines & Stories and specializes in Wise County, Texas and U.S. Research
- Late November and all of December- Holiday Hiatus

“I Found It On The Internet – Where Did It Go?”

A word to the wise – If you find helpful genealogical information online, immediately save it for your records. Do not depend on it always being available online for you to come back to at a later date. In addition to the possible problem of you not remembering how or exactly where you found it, that information may actually be removed from that website in the future. The reasoning that it is on a large, well-known website is not a guarantee of its availability.

Generally, genealogical information is obtained from government agencies, religious groups, and other groups under contractual agreements. These contracts spell out what information is to be provided, the cost for allowing the use of the information, and the length of the contract – usually 2, 3, or 5 years. When the contract is about to expire, it is time to renegotiate the contract. The information provider may decide to ask for more money or may even refuse to continue providing the information. The provider may decide to put it on another website, or maybe offer the very same information on-line for a fee on a website that they create. If the contract ends, the website provider is legally obligated to remove the information.

So, when you find something that's really helpful, immediately save it where you will always have access to it. We have no way of knowing when that particular contract will be up for renewal. The agreement for the information may be ending this afternoon, or it may be renewed for another few years. Avoid the disappointment of losing access to some of the clues to your family history.

In Memoriam -- Once again we have lost some very dedicated genealogists.

Norma Davenport passed away August 7, 2021 at age 85. A native Houstonian, she was married to Wally Davenport for 42 years. She and Wally are regular donors to CLF and the CLF Angel program. Members would probably remember Norma as a dependable food donor to the snack table at our CLF meetings. She has also helped proofread the CLF newsletter for a number of years.

Roselyn June Prow passed away June 12, 2021 at age 86 in Venice, Florida. CLF is grateful for the number of donations we have received in her memory.