



# THE Clayton Advocate

NEWSLETTER OF THE CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

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## President's Message



Clayton Library Friends is 35 years old this year. This longevity is due, in part, to a continued focus on our mission of supporting Clayton Library and our members, and also a long history of steadfast leadership. Volunteer organizations can only survive with dedicated, committed leaders and members, aided by the ability to evolve to meet changing needs.

We will begin this year's process of selecting the leadership that will keep CLF thriving at our Quarterly General Meeting on May 21. That process starts with electing our Nominating Committee. Our Treasurer Resa Hennings will be representing the Board on that committee. We will elect four more members of the Nominating Committee at that meeting. If you are interested in helping identify strong leaders for CLF, please reach out to Resa at [treasurer@claytonlibraryfriends.org](mailto:treasurer@claytonlibraryfriends.org) and volunteer to serve on the Nominating Committee.

CLF is also evolving. Over the past two years we had to quickly learn to operate in a virtual world when we could no longer meet in person. We nimbly figured out how to do that, but our Bylaws were written in another era. The Bylaws that guide our elections particularly reflect that limitation. Bylaws Article VII Sections 7.4 and 7.5 have no provision for on-line voting or handling of 'nominations from the floor' when we meet virtually. Therefore, the CLF Board has decided to develop a procedure that applies to the current (and ongoing) situation of having virtual and/or hybrid meetings. The November CLF election will test this new procedure. From the resulting experience the Board will submit an amendment to our Bylaws to allow additional methods of conducting the CLF annual elections. This "evolved" procedure will be a way to be more inclusive of all our members – both near and far. We

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### Executive Board

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Lynda Collins

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### Clayton Library

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**Join us via Zoom -- CLF General Meeting  
10:30 a.m. CDT, Saturday, May 21**

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clayton Library Friends, Inc.

## Statement of Activities

January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022

### Income

Unrestricted Contributions	\$ 4,516
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 1,353
Membership Dues	\$ 1,455
Other Income	\$ 795

**Total Income** **\$ 8,119**

### Expenses

Current Programs	\$ 10,677
Administrative & General	\$ 6,529

**Total Expenses** **\$ 17,206**

**Net Operating Income** **\$ (9,087)**

### Other Income –

#### TD Ameritrade Investment Account

Interest & Dividends Income	\$ 6,292
Unrealized Gains	\$ (35,399)

**Other Expenses** (management fees) **\$ (3,593)**

**Net Other Income** **\$ (32,700)**

**Net Income** **\$ (41,787)**

## Statement of Financial Position

As of YTD March 31, 2022

### Assets

Current Assets	
Bank Account	\$ 54,706
Total Other Assets	\$ 1,399,787
(Investments, of which \$828,004 is the permanently restricted Endowment)	

**Total Assets** **\$ 1,454,493**

### Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities	\$ 20
Equity	\$ 1,454,473

**Total Liabilities and Equity** **\$ 1,454,493**

**Resa Nichols Hennings, Treasurer**

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will also ensure that our members without internet access will still be able to vote via U.S. mail. The new procedure addressing online voting will be sent to members both via email and in our August and November newsletters.

Be sure and go to the Events section of our website - claytonlibraryfriends.org and **register** for our quarterly meeting on Saturday May 21, 2022, at 10:30 AM to be held via Zoom. We will conduct the election of the Nominations Committee and then hear our speaker Jean Wilcox Hibben on "Who is That?" We look forward to seeing you on May 21.

Lynda Collins, President

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## 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. We hope to see you soon at the library, virtually on Face2Face, and at our CLF meetings. Thank you for your support!

**Lara Alves, Vonna Aviles, Lisa Baitz, June Dowdy, Collin County Genealogical Society, Jolyn Gisclard, Kenneth & Mary Louise Gullett, Marilyn Howard Jones, Angela Jarchow, Jennifer Jefferson, Barbara Johnston, Pam Carter Mendenhall, Cynthia Millis-Horton, Lisa Mims, Donna Roberts, JoAnn Sanders, Karen Sue Schubert, and Lynne Sherman.**

### Clayton Library Friends

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www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org

**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.

# Who is That?



**Speaker:**

**Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD, MA**

**Saturday, May 21, 2022**

**10:30 a.m. CDT**

**Zoom meeting -- in your home**

**Use the registration link below.**

This Clayton Library Friends general meeting will be held online via Zoom. A brief business meeting will be followed by our guest speaker.

This presentation will look at how people who show up on the census, in a will, in a deed, or in other genealogical documents might appear to be family, but may not in fact be related. It brings to the table the concept introduced by Elizabeth Shown Mills called FAN club research. A few funny stories will help to illuminate this presentation.

A native of the Chicago suburbs, Jean now resides in Southern California where she was a college professor for 13 years, teaching Speech Communication. She retired to pursue her passions: family history and folklore (with a doctorate in the latter). She is a national speaker, the former Director of the Corona (CA) Family History Center, President and Webmaster of the Corona Genealogical Society, and Past-President of the Southern California Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG). She has been on the boards of the Genealogy Speakers Guild, International Society of Family History Writers and Editors, and APG. She was the lead researcher for the first season of Genealogy Roadshow. She writes the "Auntie Jeff" column for the *Informer*, the newsletter of the Jefferson County, NY, Genealogical Society.

***Registration is required. You do not need to be a member to attend the meeting.***

Please go to the CLF website at: <https://claytonlibraryfriends.org/event-4259204> to register and link to the handout that the speaker has provided to CLF.

## **Mark your calendar for:**

**CLF General Meetings – August 20, 2022**

**CLF Annual Meeting – November 19, 2022**

### **CLF Executive Board Meeting**

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.



**BE AN ANGEL**

## **Angel Subscriptions (periodicals) 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](mailto: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.

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

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

*Clarke County Hist. & Gen. Soc Quarterly* (AL) \$30

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

*Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly* \$35

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

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

*Leaves and Branches* (Navarro County, TX Genealogical Society) \$13

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

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

*MASOG* (MA) \$32.95

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

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

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

## **Those who have earned their “wings” since the last CLF Newsletter are:**

Lara Alves -- donation for renewal of *Indiana Genealogist* and *Rodziny* in honor of Mary Ann Osiecki Austin.

Bay Area Genealogical Society -- donation to the Angel Program.

Wally Davenport -- donation to the Angel Program.

Mary Anthony Starz -- donation to the Angel Program.

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## **Volunteers needed –**

At the May CLF meeting we will be asking for four members to serve on the Nominating Committee – to help select CLF Executive Board members for the 2023-2024 term. Robert’s Rules of Order specifically states that “Members of the nominating committee are not barred from becoming nominees for office themselves.” This will be an opportunity for you to help guide the direction of the organization by becoming a Nominating Committee member.

# **A New Exciting Project --**

## **Provided by Clayton Library Friends Volunteers!**

Do you need help with your family research? Clayton Library Friends (CLF) has launched a new and exciting fee-based project that provides a service to clients who seek help with their own family research. Not only will this CLF project be providing a service to those who need research help, but it also will be highlighting Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research and its vast collections located in Houston, Texas.

Members of CLF, who are NOT professional genealogists but have a variety of experience, will assist you by investigating resources that are available at Clayton Library or on the Houston Public Library website.

The cost for three hours of research time: \$50 for non-members and \$35 for members of Clayton Library Friends. Research fees are nonrefundable and must be paid in advance of processing your order. A refund will not be given if the desired results are not found after three hours of research.

Like all CLF projects, the revenue generated will support CLF which provides support to Clayton Library. Go to Clayton Library Friends website at [www.claytonlibraryfriends.org](http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org) and click on the Research Request at the top right of screen. Then click to download your Research Request form. You MUST email your Research Request form to [volunteers@claytonlibraryfriends.org](mailto:volunteers@claytonlibraryfriends.org) in order for someone to perform the necessary research.

It is especially important that you provide us with as much accurate information about your ancestor so that the amount of time our volunteers spend will be most helpful to you. After payment is made and the Research Request Form is completed, a member of Clayton Library Friends will be assigned to your request. A research report will be provided. A refund will not be given if the results are not found, but further research suggestions may be offered. Inquiries are answered in the order received. Please allow six to eight weeks for research to be conducted.

If you have questions, please email us at: [volunteers@claytonlibraryfriends.org](mailto:volunteers@claytonlibraryfriends.org).

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## **Special Donations**

Since the last newsletter Clayton Library Friends has received these special monetary donations.

**In Honor of:**  
**Atascocita Kingwood Genealogical Society,**  
**Steven Bychowski, and**  
**Sue Kaufman.**

**In Memory of:**  
**Mary Ann Oslecki Austin,**  
**William David Compton,**  
**Carolyn Lorraine Traweek Hellen,**  
**Nancy Jean Ellis Keith, and**  
**Ann Louise Lighthouse Manning.**

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# **CLF Donated-Duplicate Book Sale –**

Books that are donated to Clayton Library, that the library already owns or does not need, are listed for sale on our Clayton Library Friends website – [claytonlibraryfriends.org/books](http://claytonlibraryfriends.org/books) These books are usually priced at \$5 - \$10 - \$15 per volume, although an occasional volume or series may be priced higher.

There are four lists: 1) books dealing with a single state – listed by state, 2) books dealing with Texas, and 3) a group of multiple lists – foreign, general, U.S., and Civil War. List #4 contains the new items ready to be added to lists 1 thru 3. So, if you looked at the lists last time it was updated, you can see what new titles are available without going through everything again. The lists are updated every 4-6 weeks or after adding 100 or more new titles.

Many of these sale books may be purchased from the Book Sale shelves in the main library building. 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](mailto:claytonexchange@ix.netcom.com). We can mail your selections via Media Mail rates; you pay book and postage costs by check upon receiving the book(s).

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## **A Reminder to All Members --**

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!!

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

### **TxSGS Announces the 2022 Student Projects 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, 2022.**

**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**

**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 prize money details and project requirements, visit the Student Projects contest page at:  
<http://www.txsgs.org/programs/awards-grants/writing-awards/>**

***THE CLAYTON ADVOCATE* deadline for the August 2022 issue is August 2, 2022.**

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

**CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS NEWSLETTER STAFF**

**Editor – Pat Palmer Metcalfe**

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**Editorial Assistance – Jessica Horne Collins, Lesley Douthwaite, Glenda Hayes, Fidel Ramirez**

# A Tribute to Trevia Wooster Beverly –

We learned of Trevia's death as we were completing the February newsletter. An obituary had not yet been published, so I requested suggestions of what to include in this Tribute. (A full obituary with picture appeared in *The Baytown Sun* on February 27, 2022.) Everyone was touched by Trevia in a different way.

"Trevia was well known in both the fields of genealogy and the historical communities. She was instrumental in the placement of many Texas historical markers. Trevia, having grown up in the small town of Wooster, helped establish the Baytown Historical Preservation association which preserves some of the historical buildings, namely the one-room Wooster school House. As a charter member of the Baytown Genealogy Society, Inc, Trevia helped in the growth and support of the Baytown Genealogy Research Library."

James Winston

"Trevia had a vast knowledge of Texas history and outstanding service and contributions to genealogical and historical societies. I enjoyed reading her monthly *The Tejas Gazette* newsletter which she sent out by email until a few years ago. It was chock-full of information about genealogy events, research advice, history, and book reviews. Each issue took much time and effort to compile. I remember her wonderful presentation to the Clayton Library Friends in 2013 on the frontier collection of the Draper manuscripts and the Shane papers, which are very important resources. I will always remember and admire Trevia's leadership in the genealogy community."

Elsa Schmieder

"I attended a genealogy conference at Angelina College at Trevia's suggestion and as we chatted during a meal, I told her about my search for the grave of my grandmother's brother who had been a baseball player in North Carolina. He became ill with TB and was sent by train to El Paso, Texas, where he died at Sunny Crest Sanatorium in March 1918. He was the only member of my grandmother's family not buried in North Carolina. My grandmother died having never visited his grave and had told me she was always sad that no family member ever visited his grave. I wanted to visit the grave to fulfil my grandmother's wish, but I had exhausted what I thought was every resource to find the grave - to no avail. Trevia took it on as a challenge, searched some Texas Death Records to which she had access, and found the grave in Concordia Cemetery in El Paso. I contacted that cemetery society and was blessed to have them not only confirm the location of the grave but pick me up at the airport and take me to the grave. At last, THANKS TO TREVIA, I could think of my dear grandmother, Emma Lena Fentress Murrow, and know she was satisfied."

Selena Bosman Post

"Trevia was a charter member of CLF, and although she chose not to be a member of the Executive Board, she was as dedicated to the support of the library as any Board member could be. One of the standing jokes among the early CLF Presidents was that Trevia greeted each of us early in our term of office with a 'letter' outlining the current needs of Clayton and stressing that the Clayton buildings needed maintenance. It took a while, but the Board finally undertook the supervision of the remodeling of the three historic Clayton buildings in the early 2000s.

Pat Metcalfe

Trevia will be missed, and it will be up to those of us who follow to see that her efforts were not in vain.

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## **In Memoriam --**

**Ruth Jo Czigan** passed away April 2, 2022 at the age of 83. She was a Charter Member of CLF (1987) and a loyal member of the group for many, many years. She also belonged to other genealogy societies throughout the country. She self-published a book on the Czigan family.

At age 76, **Dewey Meeks** passed away February 26, 2022. He and his wife, Bonnie, were regular Clayton researchers and CLF members when they lived in Houston. They continued their membership and financial support even after they moved to Greensboro NC in 1992. They always visited Clayton whenever they came back to Houston. Bonnie often joins us via Zoom for the Face2Face meetings.



# CLF Members Welcome the 1950 US Census with a “New Census Eve” Party

Over 50 Clayton Library Friends members attended our "New Census Eve" party held March 31/April 1 via Zoom. This event counted down the final minutes until the National Archives' release of the 1950 US Federal Census, made publicly available at 11:00 PM CDT (midnight EDT) at [1950census.archives.gov](https://1950census.archives.gov).

From their sofas or in their home offices -- and some even wearing their pajamas! -- members spent the first hour learning how to find research subjects' enumeration districts (EDs). This information was key to success with this new, un-indexed record set. Sue Kaufman, Clayton Library Manager, demonstrated the complexities of urban enumeration districts and introduced helpful mapping tools. Attendees who had not yet found their family members' EDs received personal assistance via screen sharing, which also resulted in learning opportunities for all. As final preparation, attendees reviewed screenshots of the 1950 census search interface circulated in a National Archives webinar earlier that week.

As 11:00 PM approached, members refreshed the National Archives website in their web browsers again and again until the 1950 census page appeared -- then reported back to the Zoom party with excitement and glee at their first discoveries. The party lasted into the wee morning hours, ending at approximately 1:15 AM with many yawns, but even more breakthroughs.

Many thanks to CLF Programming Committee members (and self-professed night owl genealogists) Mazella Boulden and Jessica Collins who grew the party from a brainstorm to an event in less than two weeks. This once-in-a-decade release was a memorable and fun CLF event!

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Our virtual ZOOM meeting series Genealogy Face2Face continues on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1:00pm (central time.) We are looking forward to a fun and informative series.

Thursday, May 19, 2022 -- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm (CDT)

Topic: "Show & Tell: Military Records on Fold3"

In honor of Memorial Day, we invite our F2F participants to share interesting military records they've discovered on Fold3. These records could tell the story of an ancestor or family member who died in action or for any individual who served in the military -- during wartime or at peace. Send your story and any images to [1vp@claytonlibraryfriends.org](mailto:1vp@claytonlibraryfriends.org) by May 12 to be included as one of our presenters (3 - 5 minutes each).

To see the complete details of each upcoming session and how to register, please go to the Clayton Library Friends website at: [www.claytonlibraryfriends.org](http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org)

Please keep checking the CLF website for updated future speakers.