



# THE Clayton Advocate

NEWSLETTER OF THE CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

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## President's Message

Greetings,



After three and a half years of online meetings, CLF returns in person to Clayton Library this month. Our quarterly membership meeting will be held Saturday, August 19 as a hybrid gathering of in-person attendees and online participants via Zoom. Read more about the meeting, its speaker—spoiler alert: it's our beloved Clayton manager, Sue Kaufman—and how to register on page three.

COVID-19 presented many challenges for our world, but the necessity of connecting with one another remotely taught organizations an important lesson: our reach often spans beyond our local area. For the CLF board, we learned Clayton has fans across our region, state, and country who want to engage beyond their visits to 5300 Caroline Street. Hybrid meetings are a way to keep these remote patrons involved. Our city is also a large metropolitan area, and—as the saying goes—“Houston is an hour away from Houston.” Hosting hybrid meetings will help locals fit CLF meetings into their busy schedules without a commute.

While having online options is convenient, we must also remember Clayton needs us in person. Just walking through the door shows the Houston Public Library that their patrons care about Clayton and its collection. Each book used (and placed back on the cart for counting), each question asked of a librarian, each program attended -- these metrics matter. Sue Kaufman will present this information on August 19 and share how she and HPL leaders view the state of the library.

Our quarterly meetings will also look a little different as we return in August. CLF meetings will now be held inside Clayton in the Garwood Room. This location's audio/visual equipment makes broadcasting over Zoom easier. Because this space has limited seating, in-person attendees must register online at [claytonlibraryfriends.org/events](http://claytonlibraryfriends.org/events) to attend. Online attendance is unlimited but still requires registration to obtain the Zoom link. Our meetings remain free and open to the public.

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**CLF General Meeting (must register)**

Hybrid – via Zoom or In-Person

**10:30 a.m. CDT, Saturday, August 19**

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Clayton Library Friends, Inc.

### Statement of Activities

January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023

#### Income

Unrestricted Contributions	\$ 576
Temporarily Restricted	\$-19,738
Membership Dues	\$ 185
Other Income (D-D Books and Miscellaneous)	\$ 2,079

**Total Income** **\$-16,898**

#### Expenses

Current Programs	\$ 2,914
Administrative & General	\$ 8,438

**Total Expenses** **\$11,352**

**Net Operating Income** **\$-28,250**

#### Other Income –

##### TD Ameritrade Investment Account

Interest & Dividends Income	\$ 14,096
Unrealized Gains	\$ 32,359

#### Other Expenses –TDA

Fees	\$ 3,468
Unrealized Losses	\$ 19,744

**Net Other Income -TDA** **\$ 23,243**

**Net Income** **\$ -5,007**

### Statement of Financial Position

As of YTD June 30, 2023

#### Assets

Current Assets	
Bank Account	\$ 88,007
Total Other Assets	\$1,401,182
(Investments, of which \$828,704 is the permanently restricted Endowment)	

**Total Assets** **\$1,489,189**

#### Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities	\$ 863
Equity	\$1,488,326

**Total Liabilities and Equity** **\$1,489,189**

**Resa Nichols Hennings, Treasurer**

## President's Message --

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I hope to greet many of you on August 19 where, after the meeting, you can see several efforts the CLF board has worked on this year. Scanning Saturday will happen concurrently with our meeting. Volunteers will be on hand to show patrons how to use Clayton's new Vivid-Pix Memory Station for photo and document digitization. The Clayton House is also reopened to the public with the CLF Book Sale consolidated on its first floor. The sale now accepts credit and debit cards as payment. Many donated/duplicate genealogy books await your "adoption."

When you come in person to our August meeting, plan to stay awhile for these activities and for some research time. Countless discoveries await you at Clayton!

Jessica Horne Collins

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## New and/or Returning Members –

Clayton Library Friends extends a warm welcome to these new or returning members who have joined or rejoined CLF since our last newsletter.

**Zoe Glasscock**  
**Sandra Hamilton**  
**Mary May**  
**Theresa Phillips**  
**Janice Sandwich**  
**Jen Sansbury**

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

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### Clayton Library Friends

P O Box 271078, Houston TX 77277-1078  
[www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org](http://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 of the Family History Research Center at the Clayton Library Campus, a Special Collections branch of the Houston Public Library. We always welcome donations to further our purpose.

# **Annual State of the Clayton Library Campus Report**



**Speaker:**

**Susan Kaufman, Manager  
Family History Research Center at the  
Clayton Library Campus**

**Saturday, August 19, 2023  
10:30 a.m. CDT**

This meeting requires registration.

This is a Hybrid meeting (held both online via Zoom and in-person in Clayton's Susan Garwood Meeting Room. Registration is required for in-person attendance due to limited seating capacity. Registration for online attendance is also required to obtain Zoom login instructions. To register, go to [claytonlibraryfriends.org/event-4259207](https://claytonlibraryfriends.org/event-4259207).

There will be a brief business meeting followed by our guest speaker.

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

An Illinois native, Sue has more than 30 years of experience as a genealogy librarian. She started her career in Peoria, Illinois (1987), and then moved to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana (1999-2004). She then moved to Texas where she became the manager of Clayton Library in 2006.

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 with the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

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 from the Dallas Genealogical Society. 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 – 10:30 a.m. – Saturday, November 18, 2023**

**CLF Executive Board Meeting – 10 a.m. – Saturday, October 28, 2023**

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 -**



## **Need a scanner?**

Recently, my husband and I have been going through our family history photos and documents. It's a great walk down memory lane. Although, I am jealous, his mother identified almost EVERY photo, including the one of what was not her husband yet in his new Navy uniform surrounded by women. The back of that photo reads "Cecil and unknown women" LOL!

Although I do have photos, many of my memories, or new to me images are on slides. But, oh what they have revealed. I now have images of myself when I was a little little, like newborn that I had never seen before. And wow, yep, I was born with a head of hair that was like a new copper penny. Just like my mother would tell me.

These are memories and images that need to be saved. Yet, as we go through the albatrosses of boxes that fill up spaces in our homes, we wonder what should be passed on, what is important to the family, how much stuff can we realistically keep in physical format, and will our family even want the physical format (photos, slides, documents), so.....how can we pass down what we, as family historians feel is important?

Scan them!!!!!! Scan the photos, scan the slides, scan the documents all at the library for FREE!! The Clayton Library Friends recently purchased a SnapScan system with an image enhancement software called Vivid-Pix. This is a small goose neck overhead scanner that can scan up to 11x17 images.

In addition to the SnapScan, we have a sheet document feeder, a flatbed scanner, and yes, even a slide scanner, and we have slide carousels too, you don't have to worry about not having one of those!

All this equipment is available during the open hours of the library. You can make an appointment to get trained on the machines, either on the third Saturday of each month, or during the week. Just call 832-393-2600 and mention you would like to talk to one of the staff about setting up an appointment.

Throughout the years, Clayton Library Friends has been very generous to the users of the library through funding for purchases of books and materials that help you find your ancestors, technology to record your ancestors, and now ways to preserve your ancestors.

Remember, no one wants the boxes of your stuff. You can put them on a flash drive that you bring when you scan at the library. Not only are you giving your family their family history, but you are also giving it to them in a way that can be easily saved for generations to come.

Call us at 832-393-2600 to make your appointment today!

See you soon –

Sue

### **Family History Research Center at the Clayton Library Complex**

5300 Caroline, Houston, TX 77004-6896

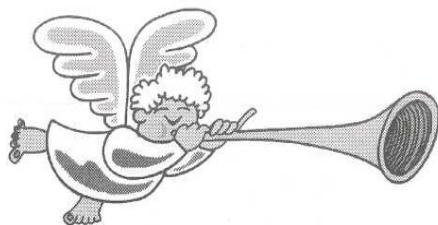
832-393-2600

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

Current library hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday – 10am to 5pm (daylight time)

Thursday – noon to 7 pm (daylight time)



# Angel Program

**BE AN ANGEL**

## Angel Subscriptions (periodicals)

Clayton Library Friends supports the periodicals collection of Clayton Library through our Angel Program. The Angel Program ensures payment of the annual subscriptions for over fifty periodicals from genealogy and historical societies across the United States. These publications are in addition to those covered through Clayton's annual City of Houston budget. Together we are able to maintain our exceptional collection which contributes to Clayton's perennial standing as one of the top genealogy libraries in the country. Sue Kaufman says "periodicals are one of the keys to your genealogy research. If you aren't using periodicals, you are most likely missing about 25% of available family history knowledge."

We invite you to earn your Angel wings by donating to the Angel Program. You can donate online at [www.claytonlibraryfriends.org](http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org) or by sending a check payable to Clayton Library Friends to P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078. Please write "Angel" on your check. Also, we acknowledge all donations made in-memory-of or in-honor-of others. If you have any questions, please contact Lynda Collins at [lcollins@claytonlibraryfriends.org](mailto:lcollins@claytonlibraryfriends.org) or Barbara Richards at [brichards@claytonlibraryfriends.org](mailto:brichards@claytonlibraryfriends.org)

Your donation will be used to purchase the periodicals listed below:

*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  
*Arkansas Family Historian* (Arkansas Genealogical Society) \$25  
*Carolina Herald and Newsletter* (SC) \$25  
*Carolinas Genealogical Society Quarterly* \$18  
*Central Georgia Genealogical Soc Quarterly* \$30  
*Ceske Stopy* (Texas Czech Genealogical Soc) \$25  
*Chicago Genealogist* \$30  
*Chronicles of Oklahoma* (Oklahoma Hist Soc) \$55  
*Clarke County Hist. & Gen. Soc Quarterly* (AL) \$30  
*Collin County Chronicles* (Collin County, TX) \$27  
*Connecticut Maple Leaf* (French Canadian Genealogical Society) \$30  
*Connecticut Ancestry* \$35  
*Der Blumenbaum* (Sacramento German Genealogical Society) \$35  
*Families* (Ontario Genealogical Soc-Canada) \$100  
*Family Tree Magazine* (United Kingdom) \$100  
*Franklin County Genealogical Soc Quarterly* (TX) \$20  
*Family History Capers* (Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County, Michigan) \$10  
*Genie* (Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Society) \$20  
*Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly* \$35  
*Goingsnake Messenger* (Goingsnake District Heritage Assn.-Oklahoma) \$20  
*Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly* \$35

*Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly* \$40  
*Indiana Genealogist* \$30  
*Internet Genealogy* \$32.95  
*Irish Roots* \$49  
*Kith 'n Kin* (Sandusky, Ohio) \$15  
*Journal* (German-Texan Heritage Soc quarterly) \$40  
*Le Raconteur* (Le Comite des Archives de la Louisiane) \$15  
*Leaves and Branches* (Navarro County, TX Genealogical Society) \$25  
*Les Voyageurs* (German-Acadian Coast Hist. & Gen. Society) \$15  
*Licking Lantern* (Licking County, Ohio) \$19  
*Lifelines* (Northern NY-American-Canadian) \$35  
*Maine Genealogist* \$30  
*MASSOG & Past Times* (Mass.) \$25  
*Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History* \$25  
*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 Society of Am) \$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) \$75  
*Vermont Genealogy* \$30  
*Wisconsin State Genealogical Society* \$



## **Liz Hicks: Chief Angel Behind CLF's Angel Program**

If you have used a periodical in your family history research at Clayton, one individual likely had a role in getting it on the shelf: Elizabeth “Liz” Nitschke Hicks, coordinator of CLF’s Angel Program. Since 1995, this program has significantly expanded Clayton’s periodical holdings beyond the library’s annual city budget. Liz, the Angel Program’s creator, has been its caretaker and champion for over 28 years.

Modeling the program on Austin Genealogical Society’s sponsorship of periodicals for the Texas State Library, Liz set a goal of acquiring 10 key publications from seven US states in Fall 1994. She challenged CLF members to “adopt” a publication and pledge the needed amount for an annual subscription. By the end of the first year, 32 publications from nine states were funded by Angel Program donors. These earliest acquisitions included both printed materials and microfilm. Angels also donated funds for back issues of selected periodicals, placing materials from as early as 1960 into Clayton’s collection.



Today, CLF donors fund 50 annual subscriptions through the Angel Program. Liz manages the program by ensuring each periodical has funding, that subscriptions are renewed when due, and that the library receives the periodicals in a timely manner. This important job often coincided with other CLF roles Liz held through the years. She served on the CLF Board as President in 2004, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President in 1995-96 and 2000-01, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in 1998, and Director in 2002-03.

Please join us at the August 19 membership meeting where we will recognize Liz and her Angel Program accomplishments. As of June 2023, Liz has decided to hang up her “chief angel” wings and transition management of the Angel Program to CLF members Lynda Collins and Barbara Richards. These members have some big wings to fill.

Thank you, Liz, for your dedicated, faithful service. Your vision for the Angel Program will benefit Clayton patrons for many years to come.

***The Clayton Advocate* deadline for the November 2023 issue is November 1, 2023.**

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

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**Please Remember!**

If you have a change to any of your contact information (address, phone number, email, etc.), please remember to send it to [1vp@ClaytonLibraryFriends.org](mailto:1vp@ClaytonLibraryFriends.org). Thank you!



Genealogy Face2Face is an informative and fun Zoom hangout that features genealogical speakers, discussion, and sharing. This program, which meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 1:00pm CDT, is open to both CLF members and guests free of charge. Our goal is to promote Clayton Library, its collections, and genealogical research. If you have not yet registered for our programs this year, please go to [www.claytonlibraryfriends.org](http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org)

### **September 7: Three Ways to Break Brick Walls With DNA**

FamilyTreeDNA offers three types of DNA testing for genetic genealogy (autosomal, mitochondrial DNA, and Y-DNA). Discover how to confirm your paper trail and family stories and break brick walls through each type of DNA test by using the research tools available with each set of results and important tips and tricks to get the most out of your matches.

Katy Rowe has always been interested in genealogy, inspired by her maternal grandparents, who told her stories about their family and family history when she was little. After studying anthropology and history at Southern Methodist University, she joined FamilyTreeDNA in 2015 and became the Trainer for Customer Support. Katy created and improved training processes and was fundamental in creating the Big Y Specialist team. In September 2021, she became Product Owner and focused closely on improving FamilyTreeDNA's genetic genealogy products and tools.

### **October 6: More Than Just Conferences, More Than Just A Calendar! Discover The Many Genealogy Education Resources Available on ConferenceKeeper.org**

Genealogical societies, libraries and even businesses offer many opportunities for genealogy education, both online and in-person, including webinars, seminars, conferences, workshops, and more. However, it can be difficult to keep track of all the events and programs that are available. ConferenceKeeper.org is a free, online calendar of thousands of genealogy events that makes it easy to search for upcoming webinars, seminars, conferences, meetings, registration deadlines and more. The website has pages listing genealogy contests, jobs, scholarships, degree programs and more!

Learn from Tami Osmer Mize how to stay on top of all the genealogy education events that are available and ensure that you don't miss out on any opportunities to learn new skills to help solve your research problems!

### **November 2: Show & Tell Veteran's Day – Honoring our Veterans**

In honor of Veterans Day, we invite our F2F attendees to share, honor, and give thanks to any man or woman who has served or is serving in the US Armed Forces, along with supporting genealogy material, if available.

If you would like to be included as one of our presenters (3-5 minutes each), please email your Veteran's story and images to [programs@claytonlibraryfriends.org](mailto:programs@claytonlibraryfriends.org) by October 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **Special Donations –**

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

### **In Honor Of:**

Kristen Dennis, and Melissa Hayes

### **In Memory Of:**

Sue Evelyn Ledbetter Bell, Ethel Jean Cathriner, Marilyn Grogan Jones Chapman, Verlinde Hill Doubleday, Lucy Virginia Wilson Ewing, Carol Smith Johnston, Catherine Jane Merchant, Elise Elizabeth Peavy, Camille Simpson, Cathy Lynne Conerly Tahlor, JoAlice (Jody) Wynne Tomforde, and Anita Hoffman Walls.

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

Books that are donated to Clayton Library Friends 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 several lists on the website: 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. A 'recent additions' list is sometimes added.

These books are available either on our Book Sale days that are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays from 11 to 3pm at the Clayton House, or you may have selected titles mailed to you. We can mail your selections via Media Mail rates; you pay book and postage costs by check upon receiving the book(s). Contact CLF volunteer Pat Metcalfe at [claytonexchange@ix.netcom.com](mailto:claytonexchange@ix.netcom.com).

## **Our Booth At NGS in Richmond, Virginia –**

Clayton Library Friends, represented by Pat Metcalfe and Carol Pena, promoted Clayton Library with an exhibit booth at the National Genealogical Society's national conference in Richmond Virginia. It was really enjoyable being back in-person at a conference -- making new friends and renewing old acquaintances. And, the conference attendees took 90+ of our Donated-Duplicate books home with them.

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

### **TxSGS Announces the 2023 Student Projects Contest**

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

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

**Each category: 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$75, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$50**

**The application deadline is September 15, 2023.**

**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 713-208-1083**

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

**For project requirements, visit the Student Projects contest page at:**

**<http://www.txsgs.org/programs/awards-grants/writing-awards/>**