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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As a child I loved to read and spent a great deal of time in the school library. I don't remember going to a public library until I was around ten years old, when my family moved to an area with a nearby library. I will never forget the wonder of that little neighborhood library. Many years later, as an adult, I returned there and though the layout was different, it smelled just the same – of mystery and adventure and limitless possibilities. That library was where my thirst for research and knowledge was born. Each treasured visit, I combed through a different section, awed at the vast amount of information available. I could learn about anything!

By today's standards that little library's resources might seem paltry. But for me, they opened the door to the world. I am so glad that I was taken there and had the opportunity to realize and appreciate its value.

As useful as that little library was, it pales in comparison to the wonderful resources we have available today at Clayton Library. I still remember how surprised I was when I was first introduced to Clayton Library about 13 years ago. I couldn't believe that I, a devoted library buff, had never heard of it.

And, I'm not the only one in that category. I have been told of genealogical and historical organizations in our region who are unfamiliar with Clayton Library. Is that even possible? Apparently so. I meet people all the time who have never heard of Clayton. I invite them to come, even offer to meet them there. Won't you do the same? Spread the word – we don't want anyone to miss out on such a great resource!

The beauty of a facility such as Clayton Library is that it is not strictly focused on books, but on providing access to information through a variety of resources. Sue Kaufman, the library staff, and the Acquisitions Committee are constantly searching for new materials, in all formats, to enhance our research capabilities. The library subscribes to many electronic resources which can be used, free of charge, at the library. Our partnership with the Family History Library provides the ability to have your rented microfilms sent to Clayton Library for viewing. And, the

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clayton Library Friends, Inc.

Statement of Activities January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013

Revenue

Unrestricted Contributions	\$ 8,573.67
Temporarily Restricted Contributions	25,443.70
Membership Dues	6,663.11
Other Income	203.29
Total Revenue	\$ 40,883.77

Expenditures

Current Programs	\$29,765.95
Administrative & General	7,448.16
Total Expenditures	\$ 37,214.11

Net Operating Revenue \$ 3,669.66

Statement of Financial Position As of June 30, 2013

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	\$ 442,813.37
Other Current Assets	75.15
Total Current Assets	\$ 442,888.52
Other Assets (Investments)	\$ 992,940.95
Total Assets	<u>\$1,435,829.47</u>

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	591.90
Total Liabilities	\$ 591.90

Equity \$1,435,237.57

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **\$1,435,829.47**

Resa Nichols Hennings, Treasurer

President's Message

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extended loan on those microfilms keeps them at Clayton indefinitely for others to be able to view as well.

Encourage your organizations to visit Clayton Library. Some groups make a point of regularly coming together, as a group. They bring their lunches and stay for the day. It's more fun to spend a day researching when you have buddies with whom to eat lunch and to share your successes!

Be sure to attend our next General Meeting on August 10. I'm looking forward to learning about the Draper and Shane Manuscript Collections from well-known genealogist and speaker Trevia Wooster Beverly. I hope you'll join us . both for the meeting and as a member of Clayton Library Friends. The Friends are always looking for new partners to help support Clayton Library, and we'd love to have *you* on our team! See you August 10!

Tammy Frey
President@ClaytonLibraryFriends.org

Welcome New Members! Dr Kathleen R Gibson, Mr/Mrs Michael Hantel, Houston Genealogical Forum, Ms Donah Claudette Rogers.

Clayton Library Friends would like to extend a warm welcome to these new members who have joined since our last newsletter. We're glad that you've discovered the Clayton Library Friends and hope that you'll also join our group of volunteers that provides support to the library in so many ways.

Mark Your Calendar -- And Join Us

Saturday, August 10, 2013, 10:15 am . 12:00 noon
Carriage House Meeting Room at the Clayton Library Center

Meet Mr. Draper and the Rev. Shane

Speaker: Trevia Wooster Beverly

The stage is set. At the end of the American Revolution, the West was defined as the land between the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi River. ***Meet Mr. Draper and the Rev. Shane***. Two collectors of early American history, each with a different focus, present special collections of materials that should be looked at by almost every family researcher. The geographical area includes the western Carolinas and Virginia, some portions of Georgia and Alabama, the entire Ohio River valley, and the Mississippi River valley. The two collections complement each other and bring to the researcher a vast amount of original material, including vital records, maps, petitions, and lists that never became part of the official record.+



A native Texan, Trevia's interest in genealogy began with a ninth-grade English project. A member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, she also maintains active membership in numerous archival, cemetery, historical, genealogical, library, lineage, and preservation organizations. Mrs. Beverly has conducted seminars and workshops throughout Texas and teaches genealogy classes in Houston. A past president of the Texas State Genealogical Society (1984-1987), she served as host chairman for Clayton Library Friends for the 1994 National Genealogical Society Conference held in Houston. Mrs. Beverly has been published in the *Stirpes* (Texas State Genealogical Society), *CLF Newsletter*, the Houston Genealogical Forum, *The Record*, and *The French Genealogist*, as well as in other periodicals, and has compiled a series of Texas cemetery directories. Her latest publication is *Suffer the Children: A History of the Confederate Orphanage at Bayland, Texas*. She holds membership in the County School Association of America, working with the restoration and preservation of Harris County's oldest still existing one-room schoolhouse (1894) through the Baytown Historical Preservation Association. Mrs. Beverly has been on the genealogy staff of the annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference since 1998, serving as Coordinator and Program Chairman since 2005. Appointed to the Harris County Historical Commission in 1995, she has served in various capacities under three county judges.

Also Mark Your Calendar for –

Saturday, November 9, 2013 10:15 am . 12:00 noon

Researching Adoptions for Genealogy

Dr Patricia Taylor, Houston adoption expert

Manager's Message



Hello Friends!

It is with great pride I announce that we are fully staffed at the Clayton Library! In the recent round of hiring the Library Department has done, the Clayton Library gained three new staff members. That brings a total of four new colleagues to one of the ten best genealogy libraries in the country since October. We are very fortunate. In a previous issue of the CLF newsletter, you met Melissa Meadows. In this current issue of the newsletter, you will meet our new Assistant Manager, Melissa (Mel) Hayes, Frank Smith, and Clint Drake. All bring strong skill sets, specific subject knowledge, and very strong general genealogical methods and research skills to help our customers. Combined with the fantastic current staff, we can boast nearly 200 years of genealogical research knowledge. There are now ten full time members! How cool is that?

In addition to our new colleagues, two of our long-time employees have received promotions, so you will be seeing a lot of new faces at the reference desk. It has been important in my tenure as Manager to make sure we have a broad range of knowledge and expertise, along with a strong foundation of personal genealogical research by the team. This translates into a very highly effective customer service oriented staff -- ready, willing, and able to help you with your personal family history pursuit. I believe our full team is exactly what I have set out to build.

With such a strong set of individuals, watch for additional educational program topics being offered, highlighted events during the year, and great information in our Clayton Library newsletter . *The Clayton Town Crier*. If you aren't receiving the Crier, and its sister publication, *The Clayton Extra*, you are missing a lot. These electronic newsletters highlight specific collections, offer research help, and list our programs. To get these publications in your email just visit <http://www.houstonlibrary.org/readerslink> and click on the link to NextReads@HPL, follow the sign up link, checking off the Genealogy electronic newsletters.

You will then be kept up to date on the latest and greatest stuff+going on here at the Clayton Library! As always we appreciate all the support the Friends offer us through the year. I invite you to stop by the library and meet our new staff . we are here to serve you!

Good researching!

Sue Kaufman,
Manager, Clayton Library

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Library Hours:

Tuesday and Thursday . 10 a.m. . 6 p.m.

Wednesday . 10 a.m. . 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday . 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

(Closed on Sunday and Monday)

Acquisitions Committee Report –

During the second quarter of 2013 the Acquisitions Committee of the Clayton Library Friends has continued to purchase materials to enhance the Clayton Library collection.

We continue to work on the Book-for-Every-County project, and have recently ordered several Montana titles for Mineral, Judith Basin, Meagher, Hill, Lake, Fergus, Garfield, Golden Valley, Deer Lodge, Powell, and Liberty counties. Many thanks to Vanessa Smith for tracking down these hard to find publications. Other committee members have also been hard at work: Charlene Wilson has identified some potential purchases for Nevada, California, and Arizona; Karen Acker has been searching for missing counties in Washington and Oregon, and all of these books should be ordered in the near future. John Dorroh has been able to locate some missing funeral home and cemetery records for Anderson and Laurens counties in South Carolina, and these orders have already been placed. In addition, we have added several books to our Huguenot collection, thanks to some generous donations from the St. Bartholomew Chapter of the Huguenot Society of Texas.

The Acquisitions Committee looks forward to working with Clayton Manager Sue Kaufman and the recently arrived new staff members Melissa Hayes, Franklin Smith, Melissa Meadows, and Clinton Drake who will be part of the Clayton Library collection development team. The Committee and staff hope to identify gaps in the library collection, acquire foreign materials from overseas which are more difficult for the Houston Public Library to purchase, and to take advantage of sales from some of the major genealogical publishers, where time is of the essence. The CLF Acquisitions Committee has the advantage of being able to immediately place orders for library materials using funds budgeted by the CLF Board.

As always, if you happen to hear about an interesting title that you think would be a good addition to our collection, please let any member of the Acquisitions Committee know. Members are Lesley Douthwaite, Karen Acker, Gay Carter, John Dorroh, Ruby Dusek, Vanessa Smith, and Charlene Wilson.

Lesley Douthwaite

Family History Additions to the Library –

We have recently added the following book as a result of a request to the author for a donation -- *Nigh Pope Creek: Josiah B. Gray of Anson, Maine and Keithsburg, Illinois: His Ancestors and Descendants* by Karen Cox Gray

Copies of donated family histories may be available for purchase. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of any of the books listed in this or previous newsletters, please contact Karen Acker, ackertk@gmail.com, for additional contact information.

Karen Acker

Facilities and Landscape Committee Report –

The Clayton House is like new outside! It was thoroughly painted and spruced up in May for the Party in the Stacks held on the Clayton House grounds. Other landscaping issues were handled at that time by City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department and Moss Landscaping. The hot weather is upon all of us and the grounds are being maintained on a 14-day schedule by the City.

The facilities are still in good shape currently, but we will begin to resume our projects to complete the renovation. These projects include the signage, some basement work, and other minor items to make the property safer and still retain its historical significance.

Hank Wenzler



Angels Report

BE AN ANGEL

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 contact: Liz Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030, phone: (713) 944-1118, or e-mail: erootrot@usa.net for questions. Checks should be made payable to Clayton Library Friends, and mailed to: P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078. If donation is in memory of or in honor of someone(s), please enclose a note with your check.

Periodicals that already have donors for 2014 are marked with **.

Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine \$15
American-Canadian Genealogist (French Canadian & Acadian Genealogy) \$50
Annals of Wyoming (Wyoming State Historical Society) \$45
Argyll Colony Plus (NC Scottish Heritage Society) \$30
Arkansas Family Historian (Arkansas Genealogical Society) \$25
***Blue Grass Roots* (Kentucky) \$15
Carolina Herald and Newsletter (South Carolina) \$8
Carolinas Genealogical Society Quarterly \$18
Central Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly \$30
Ceske Stopy Texas Czech Genealogical Society \$20
Chicago Genealogist \$25
** *Clarke County Historical & Genealogical Soc. Quarterly* (Clarke Co., AL) \$30
** *Connecticut Ancestry* \$35
** *Connecticut Mapleleaf* \$30
Der Blumenbaum (German genealogy) \$30
Families (Ontario Genealogical Society-Canada) \$60
Family History Capers (Genealogy Society of Washtenaw County, Michigan) \$10
Family Tree Magazine (United Kingdom) \$110
Flint Genealogical Society Quarterly (Michigan) \$20
Foothills Inquirer (Colorado) \$20
Genealogist (Assn. for the Promotion of Scholarship in Genealogy) \$45
Genie (ARK-LA-TEX Genealogical Assn.) \$20
Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly \$35
Georgia Settlers (East Georgia Gen. Society) \$30
Goingsnake Messenger (Goingsnake District Heritage Assn.-Oklahoma) \$15
Greenville County Genealogical Society Journal (SC) \$21
Houston History (Houston, TX) \$15
Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly \$35
Illinois State Genealogical Soc. Quarterly \$30
Indiana Genealogist \$30
** *Internet Genealogy* \$32.95
Irish Roots \$35
Journal of the Afro-American Hist. & Genealogical Society \$45
Journal (German-Texan Heritage Society quarterly) \$40
Kin Hunter (Sandusky, Ohio) \$17

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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.) \$30.00
Maine Genealogist \$25
Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History \$25
Minnesota Genealogist (Minnesota Genealogical Society) \$35
Montgomery Genealogical Society (Alabama) \$25
**** Ohio Records & Pioneer Families** \$20
Old Newberry (Newberry County, South Carolina) \$20
**** Prairie Gleaner** (West Central Missouri) \$15
Rhode Island Roots \$25
**** Rodziny** (Polish Genealogical Society of America) \$25
Ross County Genealogical Soc. Newsletter (Ohio) \$15
St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly (Missouri) \$35
Shelby County Historical Society Quarterly (Alabama) \$20
Tap Roots (East Alabama Genealogical Society) \$25
The Times (Central North Carolina-several counties) \$20
Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly (Kansas) \$35
**** Vermont Genealogy** \$25
Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter \$30

Donations since the May Newsletter

We wish to thank long-time Angel supporters, Wally and Norma Davenport, for their donation for the 2013 subscription to *Old Newberry* (South Carolina). This is a new Angel subscription requested by Clayton Library.

Membership –

Hello to all friends of the Clayton Library!

IF you have exhausted your list of things to do during the hot Houston summertime, make plans to visit the Clayton Library facility and take advantage of all of its resources. Be certain not to miss the upcoming August 10, 2013 General Meeting of the Clayton Library Friends membership. Our special guest and speaker, Trevia Wooster Beverly, will certainly increase your knowledge and help your genealogical quest.

IF you are searching for the perfect gift for the friend or family member in your life that already has everything, don't forget how valuable a small investment in a Clayton Library Friends membership can be. Give your friend or family member the gift of a CLF membership! Your gift recipient will have access to the quarterly CLF newsletter and to a wide network of truly knowledgeable people that share a common goal.

Thank you for your continued support of Clayton Library Friends. Your support is invaluable! It helps to ensure that Clayton Library remains a top 10 destination for everyone interested in genealogical research.

Don't be a stranger!

Kathleen Dickerson

Meet Our New Clayton Library Staff Members –

Melissa A Hayes, Assistant Branch Manager



I spent my growing up years in La Plata, Maryland. When it came time to go to college I started following in my parents footsteps and went with my oldest brother to Union College in Barbourville Kentucky. I got my first taste of genealogy with a mini-winter class in genealogy taught by a professor who was working on his family tree. I was already hooked prior to this class, but the training made me dig in and fight. I hit my first brick wall during this class. My mother's mother's family owned the funeral home and cemetery. So the cemetery records were not turned over to the State of Kentucky library or archives. If you're traveling through Robertson County, Kentucky and visit Mt. Olivet Cemetery please take a few pictures of Tilton's, Jett's, Bratton's and Insko tombstones for me. My brick wall still stands.

After transferring to Frostburg State College (now Frostburg State University) I earned a B.S. in History Education. Later, thanks to Houston Public Library I was awarded an IMLS scholarship to attend UNT's Library School and earned a Masters of Library Science and Graduate Certification in Youth Services.

Through the years my interest in genealogy has grown and I have worked on my mother's family tree and my father's family. As a member of DAR and past CAR parent, I have learned how to jump over brick walls and search out elusive family members. My father was adopted and with help from kind strangers I was able to connect the dots to the Stegar family of Virginia. My dad was ecstatic when I found our Patriot and got supplemental approval from DAR.

My hobbies include guiding my 20 year old daughter through the pitfalls of adulthood and raising my three dogs, one cat, one rabbit and a fish. Oh and let's not forget sewing, genealogy and reading.

Clint Drake, Senior Library Service Specialist



I began my personal genealogical research as a teenager after my grandmother entrusted to me a box of family photos and documents. At the time, online genealogy was in its embryonic phase, so I conducted much of my research by interviews, courthouse research, and archive visits. I began to transcribe records from the area my family is from in Michigan and created a website to share the information. I have conducted much of my personal research in colonial North America and Scandinavia, and have significant experience in the southeastern United States, especially Texas.

As an undergraduate, I attended the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Houston, graduating cum laude with a bachelor's in history. As an undergraduate, I completed an independent study on slavery in southeast Texas, focusing on the slaves of the Mirabeau B. Lamar plantation. During my time at the University of Houston I worked as a library assistant at the Genealogy and Local History Department of George Memorial Library in Richmond, Texas. Participating in various historic preservation projects, I was appointed to the Fort Bend County Historical Commission, and later as a Trustee of the corresponding Friends of the Fort Bend County Historical Commission.

Following graduation, I applied and was accepted to the Historic Deerfield Summer Fellowship Program in Deerfield, Massachusetts. The program provided intensive instruction and application of early American history, material culture, historical research, and museum interpretation. In Deerfield I researched the migration patterns of the Barnard family through a collection of family papers ranging from the 17th to 19th centuries.

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New Clayton Library Staff Members -- continued

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Following my return to Texas, I worked as an assistant archivist for Baylor College of Medicine, helping to process the DeBakey papers. Most recently, I served as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer at a local refugee resettlement agency where I assisted with grant writing, resource development, and helped to establish a refugee beekeeping cooperative.

I have provided research assistance for several books of local interest, including one about the group of colonists who came to Mexican Texas under the empresarioship of Stephen F. Austin (Austin, TX: Old 300 Press, 2011), another on Houston-based artist Charles A. A. Dellschau (Seattle, WA: Marquand Books/D.A.P., 2013), and am currently working on a pictorial history of Richmond, Texas (Arcadia Publishing). I have also researched, written, and edited applications for Texas Historical Markers, Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks, and National Register Nominations.

Franklin Carter Smith, Senior Library Service Specialist

My name is Franklin Carter Smith, a new Senior Library Service Specialist at the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. I've been with the Houston Public Library for 15 years working at several neighborhood libraries on the northeast side of Houston. I've been involved in family history research for more than 25 years. As a licensed attorney, I practiced law for 13 years before joining the Library.

My specialty area is African-American research, with a specific interest in slavery area research. I co-authored with Emily Anne Croom, *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your African-American Ancestors*. In addition, I have published several articles in *Family Tree Magazine* and presented at various conferences and seminars on African-American Family History research.

I look forward to meeting each of you, assisting you in your research endeavors, and learning more from and about you.

That "Old Book Smell" –

A *Smithsonian Magazine* blog recently commented on the chemistry of that wonderful old book smell that we all connect with libraries. Both those collections in our homes and large collections like Clayton. It is the chemistry of old books that gives them the scent. The chemicals -- glue, paper, and ink. All break down and release volatile compounds as the book ages, giving the common smell of a hint of vanilla. The International League for Antiquarian Booksellers states lignin, which is present in all wood-based paper, is closely related to vanillin. As it breaks down, the lignin grants old books that faint vanilla scent. A lead scientist behind the study described the smell of an old book: a combination of grassy notes with a tang of acids and a hint of vanilla over an underlying mustiness, this unmistakable smell is as much a part of the book as its contents.

THE CLAYTON ADVOCATE deadline for the next issue is October 13, 2013.

What have you found at Clayton?

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

CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS NEWSLETTER STAFF

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Recruiting Shelving Volunteers --

Are you interested in helping out at the library?

Are you interested in learning the call number system of the books in the library so that you can more easily locate the materials you need for your own research?

Why not do both by becoming a library shelving volunteer?

Our first summer training class was held on Monday, July 1, with five new recruits in attendance. We are planning to hold a second training class in the late summer/early fall, so if you think you might be interested in attending, please send me a quick email at steven.bychowski@houstontx.gov. We typically hold training classes on Mondays (when we are closed to the public) but we can easily arrange class dates/times based on the preferences of the class attendees. Shelving volunteers typically donate two hours per week (or whatever amount of time your schedule allows) to help staff with returning books to the shelves and keeping the shelves neat and organized. Interested? Please contact me at steven.bychowski@houstontx.gov and I will make sure you are notified of the dates of the next training classes.

Hope you're enjoying your summer. Stay cool!

Steven Bychowski
Clayton Library Volunteer Liaison

Community Builder Award presented to Cathy Fitch --

On June 15th Cathy Fitch received the *Community Builder Award* presented by Worshipful Master Charles Duke, Reagan Lodge 1037 A. F. & A. M. This award recognizes her volunteer service to many different Houston organizations over forty years, many of them simultaneously. The ten groups represented at the award presentation, either in person or by proxy, starting with those she has served the longest, are: Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart, John McKnitt Alexander Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Clayton Library Friends, Clayton Library, Washington Cemetery Historic Trust, Albert Sidney Johnston Camp 67 Sons of Confederate Veterans, Glenwood Cemetery, Friends of the Texas Room, Houston Police Department, and Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens.



Congratulations Cathy!! We really appreciate what you do for us!!

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The purpose of the organization is to enrich the resources and facilities of the
Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research,
a Special Collections branch of the Houston Public Library.