

## **JULY NEWSLETTER 2002**

### **JACK ROWE FUNERAL HOME PROJECT**

**Jeanine Lawrence**

A special thanks to all the volunteers working on the Jack Rowe Funeral Home project. Jeanine Lawrence, chairman of the project, would like to divide the volunteers into teams and is looking for team leaders. The duties of the team leader will be to choose a day of the week they can work, then call the people in their group and direct the work for that day. Which consist of recording the information gleaned from the death records. The group will decide how often they want to work: weekly, every other week or monthly.

If you are willing to be a team leader call Jeanine at 281-334-6100.

Doug Wilson has volunteered to design a program to computerize the information once it has been extracted. He has a great form worked out and is looking for volunteers to put the information he gives them on the computer. The work will be done at your home at your convenience. If you have a few hours to spare at home call Doug at 281-326-3823 and let him know you are willing to participate.

### **CLAYTON LIBRARY TRIP**

One of our best projects undertaken this year has been the monthly bus trip organized to take members to Clayton Library. These members may other wise not be able to do research there because of the traffic. This has been a much-appreciated program and we have the generosity of University Baptist Church to thank for the use of their van. Twelve people used these services in June.

Jeanine Lawrence has done an excellent job as chairman of this project, planning the trips, providing sign up sheets at the meetings and calling those who signed the sheet.

Now that our year is drawing to a close, it is time for someone else to take over this project. If you are willing to volunteer to organize these trips to Clayton on a regular basis, please call her at 281-334-6100. You will be responsible for deciding on the trip date and mode of transportation.

Her last trip for the society will be August 8th. Everyone going to the Library meets at University Baptist Church parking lot at 9:00 am. and the bus is usually back at the parking lot by 4:00 p. M.

There are very few eating places near the library so everyone always brings a "BAG" lunch when we go for a day of researching. If you have not joined us, now is a good time to begin. A sign up sheet will be at the back table at the July meeting.

## **JULY 2002- Kathryn Black Morrow**

### **LEARN ABOUT MIGRATION PATTERNS AT THE JULY MEETING**

**Kathryn Black Morrow will speak on migration pattern at the July meeting of the Bay Area Genealogical Society. "Where did they come from and Where do I find them" will be the topic.**

**You are cordially invited to join the Society at it's next regular meeting on July 21st at 5:30 PM in the Great Room at University Baptist Church 16106 Middlebrook Drive in Clear Lake City to hear this speaker.**

**Kathryn is a professional historical and genealogical researcher with 30 years experience in research and historical documentation. In the capacity of a professional genealogist she does research for others and gives historical programs. Her interest is not only in genealogy but all aspects of history.**

**She began her career at the Department of Archives and History in Raleigh, North Carolina.**

**Upon moving to Oklahoma she was co-founder and archivist for the Railroad Depot Museum in the town of Harrah. She served as President for the Harrah Heritage and Historical Society in Harrah, Oklahoma, during her presidency she established procedures for the collection and storage of artifacts and photos for display in the museum and began a permanent photograph collection at the University of Oklahoma, before leaving Harrah she helped assemble material for a book on the area.**

**From 1990 until 1997 she served on the Landmark Designation Commission for the City of Longmont, Colorado, assisting in the preservation and designation of historic buildings, and was elected chairperson in 1995 serving two terms while volunteering as a grant reader for the Colorado State Historical Society at the same time.**

**Kathryn and her husband Michael have four children and have served as foster parents for an additional fifteen children in Oklahoma and Colorado.**

**Among her many achievements she was chosen as a Delegate from the State of Oklahoma to the World Conference on Records, held in Salt Lake City, Utah. And delegate from Oklahoma County to the White House Conference on Families .**

**Currently she is enrolled in the Master's program at University of Houston Clear Lake. She still finds time to volunteer as a genealogical consultant to various groups and on-line genealogical sites, and work with various attorney's offices on inheritance cases.**

## **COOK BOOK PROJECT**

**Carol Moody**

**Recipes for the cookbook are still coming in, however we still need more. We will need a minimum of 200 recipes if we go with the company we are currently considering. A sample of the cookbook was distributed at the June meeting and the format was met with enthusiasm.**

**Even though we are calling our book a "Heritage Cook Book" the recipes do not have to be old, they can be your own recipes that you use everyday. If you have a picture of anyone eating in your family please indicate on the recipe and the photo will be added later to the book. Your recipes can be placed in the cookbook "BAG" at the meetings, mailed or e-mailed to Carol Moody cmoody1273@aol.com.**

## **YEARBOOKS**

**The 2002-2003 yearbooks for the Bay Area Genealogical Society are now complete. You can pick up your copy at the next meeting. The book contains all the names of the society members as well as their telephone number and e-mail address. Hopefully it will be much easier to communicate with officers and committee chairmen now that you have this information.**

**Corrections are already pouring in, no matter how hard you try to get all the information correct, mistakes will be made so e-mail your corrections to Joanne Truman - jtruman342@aol.com or Carolyn Hellen - CRHellen@att.net. Many of you have changed your e-mail address since the project began so send in those changes also. These corrections will be put in the newsletter each month along with the new members. In the back of your yearbook are several blank pages; these are to be used for adding new members. When they appear in the newsletter, cut the information out and place on one of these blank pages.**

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

**The August meeting will be the end of the first year for the society and we are faced with a dilemma concerning the membership dues.**

**The bylaws state that the dues are to be prorated from the month you join to the end of the fiscal year. This is proving to be a headache because this being our first year, almost everyone joined at different times. Because the dues go to help paying for the printing and mailing of our newsletter and quarterlies, we said that anyone not wanting their dues prorated could pick up a copy of all the back issues of the Newsletter and Quarterlies. However, no one was given a copy of these things when they joined. Now we don't know if we should try and figure out just how much each one of you needs to pay for next year, ask if anyone would like to donate the remainder to the society or still offer all the newsletters and quarterlies.**

**We need you impute on this please e-mail the president and give you thoughts on the subject so it can be discussed again at the next board meeting and a decision can be reached. CRHellen@att.net**

## **DECORATION COMMITTEE**

**Wanda Yelverton**

**I hope you have all enjoyed to decorating touches at the meetings, we thought it spruced the place up a bit. I am in need of volunteers for the July, August and September meetings. If you have an idea and a few items to use to carry it out, please call or e-mail me to volunteer. I have had no trouble getting volunteer up until this point now everyone I know personally has volunteered and I need your help. 281-326-2079 or yelv@ghg.net**

## **NEW OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

**Now that the first year of our genealogy society is drawing to an end, it is time to think about new officers and committee chairmen. We have been very fortunate in the selection of our officers for the past year and hope the coming year will bring more dedicated members to serve for 2003. One of the problems being encountered is the nominating committee doesn't know all of you and your capabilities.**

**The floor will be open for nominations so if you know someone that is willing to serve in any capacity, please nominate them. Give this some serious thought, and contact the person you would like to nominate before hand so you will know if they will accept. If you would like to serve as one of the officers, please make this information available to the nominating committee. Dick Warren is chairman of the nominating committee so call or e-mail him at 281-461-1472 dick@merlins-web.com. New faces mean new ideas.**

## **TRIPS AND SEMINARS**

### **SALT LAKE CITY**

**The Humble Area Genealogical Society will be going to visit the Salt Lake Family History Center in Salt Lake City, Utah for the 4th time to do research. The dates are August 21-28 and you are invited to join them.**

**They will be staying at the Best Western Plaza Hotel, which is right next door to the Mormon Church Library. Guides will be available to help you learn your way around the facilities. Rooms are single for 7 nights \$563. plus tax. Double \$286.50 for 7 nights per person. The room cut off price deadline in July 31. If you are interested in going and want a roommate, a list is being prepared and you can contact them at 1-800-366-3684.**

**Airfare is on your own in case you have frequent flyer miles or you can join their group rate of \$198.25 including tax. Please contact them right away if you are interested in joining this group. For more information log on to:  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/txthags/SLCtrip.htm>.**

## **SIXTH ANNUAL ANGELINA COLLEGE GENEALOGY CONFERENCE**

**Angelina College in Lufkin, Texas is sponsoring it's 6th annual genealogy conference on Friday and Saturday, July 26 & 27, 2002. Cost for the eight classes and five meals is \$100.00.**

**The registration fee covers a choice of eight different class sessions of your choice, payment for the speakers plus five meals, two breakfasts, two lunches and a Friday night dinner. If you plan to bring a spouse extra meals can be purchased.**

**On Thursday the day before the conference they are having an all day hands on class on the Master Genealogist Computer Program. There are only 20 workstations available so you need to sign up now if you want to take this class. The cost of this class is \$50.00 From 4:00 -9:00 PM on Thursday a get acquainted swap meet will be held so bring your lineage charts, print outs of your family, books you are though with and would like to sell or any other genealogical information for sharing. A light supper will be served consisting of finger foods such as sandwiches, vegetables with dip, fruit platter and beverages. The cost of this get acquainted swap meet is \$10.00. If any of this is of interest to you, download the agenda and registration form at: [HTTP://WWW.ANGELINA.CC.TX.US/GENEALOGY.HTM](http://www.angelina.cc.tx.us/genealogy.htm)**



## **UPDATE ON CLAYTON LIBRARY HOURS**

**Many of you are aware of the controversy over the City of Houston cutting back on the hours at Clayton Library. With much telephoning, letter writing, lobbying the city council members and meeting with library officials the situation has been concluded with no cut backs as the result.**

**Now Clayton has a new problem. Due to financial difficulties, which started the whole debate, the City of Houston has a hiring freeze in place. Clayton Library has lost six staff members that cannot be replaced. This loss has put the Library in a very real staffing problem. When the matter of closing one day or cutting back the hours was settled it still left the library with a real shortage.**

**It has been our privilege to use these valuable research facilities for years and this is our chance to give back to the Library. Irene Walters is conducting training classes in ways we can volunteer to help them in this time in need. When we spend two hours registering microfilm users, this frees the hired staff to answer questions and help other patron. When we reshelv books, not only does it help the Library, it also helps us learn more about the library and how to find things. When we work with their database, cataloging and inputting information into the computer, it gives us the opportunity to learn more about what is available. Can't you give up two hours of your time on a regular schedule to help the Library? Some companies will contribute money to the Library for the hours you volunteer. Check with your personal department to see if your company has this program. To join the many Bay Area Genealogical Society members signing up for training, call Carolyn Hellen 281-486-0406 or e-mail CRHellen@att.net to find out when the next training will be held.**