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# Genealogical Society Meets In Houston

Members of the Walker County Genealogical Society held their April meeting Saturday at the Clayton Library in Houston, in the Center for Genealogical Research.

At a meeting of the group of 15 from Huntsville in the lecture room, Mrs. Raymond Ulmer, Librarian, explained the arrangement of the library and the rules. She said 25,000 people use the collection of rare books in the Clayton Library, which is

one of the best collections in the United States.

The books are indexed according to authors, subjects and titles she said. The genealogical material contains compiled family histories, county histories, state and county records, lineage of various patriotic societies and books on methods of research. Most of the books are rare and out of print. Many times the only copy of a book available in the state is in this collection. For this reason the materials do not circulate.

A number of the Huntsville visitors used some of the microfilms from the large collection. The microfilm holdings of the library include all available federal population schedules, newspapers, military records, county records, and rare books. The microfilm readers are in the audio-visual area on the second floor.

Assisting those using the readers were Mrs. Lorine Brinley, branch librarian for the Latter-day Saint Branch Library located in the Clayton Library, and assistant librarian for Clayton; and Mrs. Dorothy Gifford, assistant microfilm librarian for the Clayton Library.

Mrs. Brinley is also a dealer for all kinds of genealogical material.

Mrs. R. A. Newman of Houston was a visitor with the Walker County genealogists, who included Mrs. Bobby Bacon, Mrs. H. L. Costilow, Mrs. Carl D. C. ...