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"One Giant Leap..."

The year 2019 marks 50 years since man first set foot on the Moon with astronaut Neil Armstrong famously saying "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

Apollo 11 was the spaceflight that landed the first two people on the Moon. Mission commander Neil Armstrong and pilot Buzz Aldrin, both American, landed the lunar module *Eagle* on July 20, 1969, at 20:17 UTC. Armstrong became the first person to step onto the lunar surface six hours after landing on July 21 at 02:56:15 UTC; Aldrin joined him about 20 minutes later. They spent about two and a quarter hours together outside the spacecraft, and collected 47.5 pounds of lunar material to bring back to Earth. Michael Collins piloted the command module *Columbia* alone in lunar orbit while they were on the Moon's surface. Armstrong and Aldrin spent 21.5 hours on the lunar surface before rejoining *Columbia* in lunar orbit.

This landmark event made CHP wonder about all the small steps and giant leaps that had to happen to help structure our starter village of five homes into the Borough of Clayton in 1887 with a population of over 1900. Inside this edition, you will read about some of Clayton's firsts; our intra-structure such as our schools, churches, bank, and the fire department. Also, CHP will introduce you to the firsts in the way of people who lead our borough through the turn of the twentieth century into the twenty-first.

We can be proud of our Clayton forefathers. We have had many firsts; first to have sidewalks, first to have a public water/sewer system, and the first to have night time lights in our World War II Memorial football field, now named Haupt Field. Local residents travelled to Clayton to watch the games, band competitions and other entertainments.

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Feedback

"I love the history in the newsletters. Good job."

R. Mc Nulty, Clayton, New Jersey

"I just wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed the newsletter. It always brings back fond memories of people I knew when I grew up.....I have deep roots in Clayton so I thoroughly enjoy the newsletters. Thank you."

Dr. Thelma Layton Pate, Dallas, Texas

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Volunteers Needed

Clayton Historic Preservation is seeking volunteers to help in our Historic Museum. Come join the crew; there are many jobs available for every ability. Please contact us by email; or call and leave a message at 856-881-3039.



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