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**SOCIETY BUSINESS:** The Executive Board of the Society met on January 9, 1989, and developed a number of recommendations for the membership meeting of February 7. Action taken on those issues follow:

**Budget:** Expenses for this year were estimated to be approximately \$275.00. These are divided among The Clarion, postage, Library, index cards for our Obituary Project, and a possible donation to the Midland Mormon Church Stake Library to assist them to build up their microfilm collection. Almost \$35.00 in Memorial cash is earmarked for the library purchases.

**Membership:** There was a discussion related to increasing our membership, improving attendance, and providing our members an improved service. It was determined that we should start by better advertising our meetings and activities, and by sharing better information with the members. The March meeting will be one in which we will work to develop plans to meet our goals in a workshop format.

**Library:** Our library is located at the residence of our Librarian, Lottie Harrington, 2807 Sandra Ct., Bay City. She is usually at home during the day, but if you wish to call ahead her phone number is 892-3662 in the 517 area. We also ask any members who are willing to share personal books with other members to provide Lottie with a list of those books. She will share that list with members only.

Our program for the February meeting was provided for us by Jim Griffiths who has entered Genealogy via computers. He informed us that after getting a copy of an extensive search that his uncle had done on the Snider family, his mother's line, he put the information into his computer, and now he is anxious to continue with other family lines. He gave us an explanation of the program he has, "The Genealogical Management System," from the Genealogy Department of the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City. The cost of the program is about \$40.00. He gave us a demonstration of its applications and answered

our questions, both specific and general. The presentation was most helpful to us, and the members in attendance were appreciative of his sharing with us. At the end of the meeting Jim became a member.

As was previously reported our 1989 dues are now payable. Send your \$5.00 per person or \$7.00 per family to Ms. Hilda Taylor, Bay County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 27, Essexville, Mi., 48732.

**APRIL MEETING:** We will meet on Tuesday, April 4th at the South End Library. We will continue to work on our project for this year which is to update our brochure on starting a Genealogical Search in Bay County. We expect this will be helpful to our membership, as well as others who need to look for their "roots" in Bay County. We will also have an audio tape, "Ontario to Michigan via the Erie Canal," which was the presentation Dr. Eric A. Bourdo, Jr., made at the MGC Seminar in Muskegon last Fall.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 8 April, 1989 - Michigan Palatines of America Seminar "When You Hit That Brick Wall". The President Inn, Grand Rapids. Contact; Pat Frey, 2647 Rockhill Dr., Grand Rapids, M. 49505.

7-8 April, 1989 - 31st Annual Local History Conf., "Michigan in Perspective" at Wayne State University in Detroit. Contact Tom Dietz, Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Mi., 48202, Phone (313) 833-9706.

8 April, 1989 - Monroe County Genealogical Society Seminar: Presentation on: Michigan Light Artillery from Civil War on, Orphan Trains, Original Documents in the State Archives, and Tombstone Epitaphs. Contact G. S. M. C. 721 Strawberry Street, Dundee Mi. 48131.

16 April, 1989 - Down River & Ontario Genealogical Societies Workshop. Displays, Microfilm and Microfiche readers available and genealogists to answer questions. Wayne County Commercial College, 2100 Northline Rd., Taylor, Mi. (Just off I-75) No pre-registration necessary.

23 April, 1989 - French-Canadian Historical Society of Michigan at the

Detroit Public Library, Explorer's Room  
presenting "French Canadian Military  
Records." 1:00 p. m.

30 April, 1989 - Saginaw Genealogical  
Society Seminar presenting "Researching  
Colonial America," Bavarian Inn,  
Frankenmuth, Michigan. Contact: Charles  
Molenaar, 50 Ardmore Place, Saginaw, Mi.,  
48602.

4 May, 1989 - The Chicago Branch of  
the National Archives at 7358 S. Pulaski  
Rd., Chicago, Ill., 60629 "Beginning Your  
Genealogical Research in the National  
Archives." (9:00 a. m. until 4:15 p. m.)  
Call (312) 581-7816. Also the same pro-  
gram is set for 26 July and 26 September.

10 May, 1989 - "Chicago and Cook  
County Research" also at the Chicago  
Branch of the National Archives.

12 May, 1989 - Michigan Genealogical  
Council's first "Genealogy Show and Sell"  
book show (10:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m.)  
Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 125 S.  
Pennsylvania, Lansing, Mi.

14 May, 1989 - French-Canadian  
Heritage Society Workshop. Mt. Clemens  
Public Library in Mt. Clemens. (10:30 a.  
m. to 4:00 p. m.)

6 June, 1989 - "Tracking Families  
Through the Census" also at the National  
Archives, Chicago Branch on S. Pulaski  
Road.

28, 29, 30 Sept. 1989 - The Annual  
Michigan Genealogical Council Seminar will  
be held at the Novi Hilton Hotel. Regis-  
tration information available from  
Kathleen McCorth, 1100 Castlewood, Union  
Lake, Mi., 48085

MGC REPORT: - Hilda Taylor and Ruth  
Staudacher attended the March meeting of  
the Council and brought us the following  
information. The council has genealogical  
tapes to loan for programs we might pre-  
sent. The Latter Day Saints (Mormon)  
Library in Lansing has been closed due to  
a fire, but is expected to reopen by the  
first of April. Stage III of the Death  
Record Project will be ready for our at-  
tention by at least July or maybe earlier.  
We will be given until the Spring of '90  
to do our part. There are 65,000 entries  
through 1873, and the next batch will  
carry through 1878.

QUERIES: Information re: Michael  
NacNamara who lived in Bay City or vici-  
nity ca. 1850-1880. Info. to Kenneth W.  
Parent, 700 7th St. s. w. #225 Washington,  
D. C. 20024-2429.

Information Re: Zirwes, surname  
Wm. Carl, Marr. Caroline Woods, dtr. of  
Delia Woods. William was the father of  
Carl Woods who is still living. Contact  
Jan Zirwes at 1-800-367-5344 from 8:00 to  
5:00 or Jan Klida, 892-2661 or Judy  
Ayotte, 686-1113, or Ms. Zirwes, 3220  
Lakeside Dr., Sanford, Mi. 48657.

Information Re: Emma Lacy who  
married Geo. Garrison ca. 1883, her  
father, Martin Lacy, d. 1904. Also James  
Garrison b. Can. 1831, d. Sanilac Co.,  
1895, and Hannah LaChance Gonyaw, B. 1874,  
M. Peter LaChance. Also Edward Patrick  
Gordon, b. Can. 1878. Send Info to Lana  
Gordon-Rust, 7636 W. Acoma Dr., Peoria,  
Az. 85345

Information Re: Patrick Regan,  
b. Ire. 1813, Marr. Maria O'Neil in St.  
Thomas, Ont. 1868, d. in Bay City 1890.  
Maria d. 26 Aug., 1905. Ann Barron b.  
Ire. ca. 1820, Marr. John Crump 1849.  
Lived Munger Bay d. 2 May, 1908. John  
Michael Barron b. ca. 1812 Ire. 2nd Marr.  
to Jane Stover 1855. Lived in Bay City.  
A son, Edward. Also Martha McFall, b.  
1805, Ire., d/o Wm McFall, M. Robert  
Duff. Settled In Bay City where Martha d.  
17 Nov. 1871. Any info to Joan A.  
Griffin, 45541 Denise Dr., Plymouth, Mi.  
48170.

When sending queries it is  
appreciated when a stamped and self  
addressed envelope is enclosed. Also a  
family sheet could be helpful.