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BAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 1979

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!

MEETING: Wednesday, February 14, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room, Bay County Bldg., Center and Madison.

The meeting will be devoted to assisting those who would like to get started on their family tree, those who have reached an impasse in their search and anyone interested in learning "How, Where and Why". We will have a Problem Panel and Moderator to help answer your questions, provide addresses and other information. Join us for an enjoyable evening. Public Welcome.

MICHIGAN COUNCIL SEMINAR: The Saginaw Genealogical Society is co-host for the State Seminar which will be held on Saturday, May 5, 1979 at Delta College. Details will be noted in future bulletins.

WORKSHOP: The Saginaw Society is also offering a Basic Workshop on Saturday, Feb. 25 and an Advanced Workshop on March 25. Each Workshop will be \$6.00.

CHIPS & SHIPS: back issues may be purchased for \$1.00 each, if available.

MEMBERSHIP: Dues are payable in January of each year, \$4.00 per member. A second membership in the same family may be obtained for an additional \$2.00. We will appreciate your continued support.

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GENEALOGY - YESTERDAY & TODAY:  
Genealogy is fast becoming one of the foremost hobbies or past-times in the world today. It takes very little effort to get started on your journey into the past but once you begin there is no where to stop. It opens the door to many experiences that you wouldn't have missed for the world. Genealogy is for all ages, not just the elderly but the teenager and young adults are just as dedicated as the retired person. People from all walks of life, doctors, lawyers, executives and secretaries become devoted researchers in their spare time. Families plan their vacations to include stops at the Archives in Washington, D.C., a visit to the L.D.S. Library in Salt Lake City or just a trip back to the area where it all began. The ideal wedding gift in the early years was a Family Bible, with pages to record the vital statistics of the new family. Finding one of these family records of your own ancestors is a bonanza. This is the only way they had of keeping records of births, deaths and marriages and sometimes the only written proof of these events. The church too was an integral part of the family and church memberships and baptisms recorded in early church records are a good primary source. Who in your family has the Family Bible? Would they let you copy the information? It would be a good place to start and well worth the effort to find out.  
TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT!!!

Frances Cook, President  
Bay Co. Genealogical Society