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MEETING Our initial meeting of 1990 is scheduled for Tues. Jan. 2 at the South End Library on Lafayette in Bay City. The meeting will start at 6:30 with general discussion of genealogical and other issues. The business meeting will begin at seven p.m. which will be followed by a program, "How to Start Your Search," and will feature a number of presentations by society members with the intention of reviewing the basics. Due to the nature of this program we hope some of our newer members will plan to attend, and we encourage each of you to invite a guest who might gain assistance by their attendance. There will be ample time for questions in regard to individual concerns.

SOCIETY BUSINESS Dues for 1990 should be sent to our treasurer, Hilda Taylor, P.O. Box 27, Essexville, MI 48732. The amount again this year is \$5 per person or \$7 per family. We hope to have our 1990 membership list complete for our March issue of the Clarion, and encourage each of you to remit your dues soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS The Council has completed "Michigan Surname Index, Vol. II" which contains over 2000 pages. It provides surname, given name, year and state or country of birth, death and marriage; name of spouse, father or other relative; also a code number for identifying submitter. You may order your copy from: MGC Liaison Office, Lansing, MI 48909. The price is \$50.00 until Jan. 31, 1990 or \$60.00 after that date.

1 Apr. 1990- "Genealogy and History Book Fair" at the Lansing Civic Arena. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Up to 300 genealogy and historical societies along with 20 invited vendors are expected to be present to demonstrate and exhibit. The biannual Michigan Antiquarian Book Show will also be held there the same day. They expect about 90 dealers to be present. The admission charge is \$1. Anyone who needs further info may call 517-485-5576 between 9:30 and 11 p.m.

17-22 Apr. 1990 The Oakland Co. Genealogical Society Annual Salt Lake City Research Trip. Flight by United Airlines and lodging at Howard Johnson's next to the LDS Family History Library will run between \$700 and \$1000 depending upon flight costs when ticket is purchased and number of room occupants. Registration information is available from our society or Pam Epple at 313-689-0134.

6-9 June 1990 "NBS 1990 A Capital Conference" provides an outstanding program plus the opportunity to visit and work in our nation's major genealogical research centers including the National Archives, Library of Congress and the National Society DAR Library. For complete info send your name and address to 1990NBS Conf., 4527 17th Street, North Arlington, VA 22207.

We have recently received a manuscript copy of research done by Alice E. Davis of 41 Palmetto Dr., DeBary, Fla. 32713. Ms. Davis reports on the descendents of Theodore M. Davis who was born in Oswego Co., New York in 1833. He married on 11 Aug. 1855, Miss Adeline Austin, who was also born in 1833 in New York State. Their marriage in Oswego Co., N.Y. was performed by L. D. Ferguson, Justice of the Peace of Corning, Stueben Co., N.Y.

Theodore Davis served the Union in the Civil War, enlisting in Co.H, 9th Reg't. of the N.Y. Heavy Artillery on 2 Jan. 1864 in Volney, Oswego Co., N.Y. He died of pneumonia on 19 Aug. 1864 in the Lincoln Hospital, Washington, D.C. and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. His wife, Adeline, received an \$8 per month pension until her demise on 27 Oct. 1901. Census records show Theodore and Adeline living in Fulton, Oswego Co., N.Y. in 1860 and she and her two sons residing in Granby of that same county in 1870.

Other surnames of Bay area families in Ms. Davis' work are Maxson (Maxon), Quast, Richter, DeYoung, Stringer, Gust, Noel, Ulman, Stevens, Gustefson, Folgersonger, Hayes, VanEmery, Robinson, Essex, Courneya, Lunsford, Krick, Bartlett, and Arnold along with a number of Michigan and out of state families.

Mrs. Davis and her husband, Wes, both born and raised in Bay City, moved to Oxford, Michigan in 1963, Columbiaville in 1974 and thence to DeBary, Fla. in 1988. Her work has been placed in the society library where it will be available.

We sincerely thank Mrs. Davis for her good work and willingness to share with us. We feel that is extremely important in genealogy.

The pedigree sheets on the McClung and Harrington lines for this issue of the Clarion were provided us by Lottie Harrington. Thanks to Lottie for her contribution.

QUERIES Info re: HALSTEAD, Joseph, b. ca 1823 in N.Y., resided in Bay City, MI ca 1860-70. His wife was Louise S. Merritt b. ca 1833 in Penn., dau. of Abel and Lucinda Merritt of Tioga, N.Y. Their children were Nellie B. 1859, Ida B. 1863, Belle b. 1855, Norman M. b. 4 Jun. 1871 in Bay City, and Mary Elize who married William Harvey Spring b. 2 Dec. 1867, son of William and Catherine (Hart) Spring. Anyone w/ knowledge of this family please contact Mr. Claude Halstead at 172 Westmere Dr., Danville, VA. 24541.

Info re: WHITTAKER Fam.- Thomas B. 15 Dec. 1824 in Buffalo, N.Y. son of John and Hannah. Their son Thomas F. and daughter Hannah. Hannah m. Sylvester F. Barrett 16 Oct. 1871 in Bay City and another daughter, Udora M., m. Henry W. Weaver on 30 July 1887, and later m. a Roby man. Please provide any info on this family to R. E. Whittaker at 3620 London Lane, Richland Hills, Texas, 76118