New State Historical Marker Dedicated, Another on the Way

Members and friends joined SDHS leadership and area officials at the dedication of a new State of Michigan Historical Marker on September 15. The new marker details the history of the former Saugatuck Pump House, today the Saugatuck-Douglas History Museum, and will soon be erected at the museum site. Dedication of another historical marker, about the Francis Metallic Surfboat, will take place at the Old School House on Saturday, October 15 at 11:00am. All are invited to attend.

The Michigan Historical Marker Program was established by the legislature and governor in 1955, years before other states followed suit. Since then, more than 1,700 markers have been placed, making Michigan's one of the premier marker programs in the nation. One of those markers came to the Douglas Union School -- today's Old School House.

SDHS Annual Meeting Oct. 12

Changes to Michigan law have required the SDHS to update its Articles of Incorporation (last revised in 1998). The Restated Articles must be approved by the voting membership in attendance at the annual meeting, set for Wednesday, Oct. 12 at the Old School House. This brief meeting will begin promptly at 7pm and be followed immediately by the October "monthly meeting" program. The Restated Articles will be available for inspection in the Society office during regular business hours.

Dine Around

A delicious twist on farm-to-table dining hosted by Dave and Liz Engel and Renee Zita

Sunday, September 25 from 3:30-6:30pm

Only a few spaces left! You must reserve your space by 5pm on Thursday, September 22!

Savor the flavor of Lake Michigan's finest fish,
History Center -- in 1998.

The green and gold markers are easy to locate and offer well-documented, easy-to-understand histories of people, places and events in Michigan's past. They show the importance a community places on its heritage and serve as signposts of historical significance. A marker dedication ceremony introduces a lasting resource for tourism, education and community.

Attaining a state historical marker is no small feat. Applicants must make their case through their application and the documentation they acquire through historical research that the historic resource or topic is worthy of a Michigan Historical Marker. Applicants must also raise funds to pay for their marker and are responsible for the installation.

The Society thanks the Allegan County Community Foundation (ACCF) and the City of Saugatuck for their assistance in funding this marker. SDHS was the recipient of a Legacy Grant in late 2015 from the ACCF for the creation of two new historical markers in the Saugatuck-Douglas area. The Pump House marker becomes the 14th in the Saugatuck-Douglas area and the 29th in Allegan County.

Application for the Pump House marker stemmed from the building's listing on the National Register of Historic Places in 2015, spearheaded by SDHS volunteer Richard Donovan. Its new marker will stand near the museum on Park Street, in the floral gardens maintained by SDHS members under the Society's volunteer Master Gardener Mike

Engel is famous throughout the Midwest for his competitive fishing expertise. Additionally, he conducts guided tours during the summer months out on Lake Michigan where participants get to try their hand at being fishermen. Guests will not only enjoy a fabulous fish dinner but also the Saugatuck Yacht Club, which is celebrating its 82nd year. The Yacht Club has just completed a 4,800 square-foot clubhouse/sailing center which has won an AIA Architectural Award.

The octagonal clubhouse features wonderful space for dining and socializing, including a welcoming bar and fireplace, walls of windows, a tall illuminated cupola and an expansive outdoor patio overlooking Lake Kalamazoo. Come join us to raise your glass and bid farewell to summer! Tickets are $50 per person.

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Mark Your Calendar: Autumn Programs

MONTHLY MEETINGS
Economos. There, the marker will tell the story of the building year 'round, even during the off-season months when the museum is closed.

The marker was dedicated by District 80 State Representative Mary Whiteford and Michigan Historical Commissioner Larry J. Wagenaar. Members of Saugatuck City Council, ACCF representative David Balas and State Senator Tonya Schuitmaker also attended, along with over 35 other supporters and friends.

This marker was originally to be placed near the museum building along Park Street. The presence of numerous buried utility lines and proximity to the seasonally-busy street with no sidewalk placed both the marker and marker-readers potentially in harm's way. Look for the new Pump House Marker to be installed in the museum garden soon!

SDHS has been chronicling other area historical markers on our Facebook page since the beginning of 2016. Markers can be found at both Saugatuck and Douglas city halls, several area churches, and other sites of important historic significance. Please join us on October 15 as we dedicate the newest marker in the county!

Welcome New Members!

We would like to welcome the following members who have joined the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society since the last newsletter!

- John Geisler - Kalamazoo, MI
- Susan and Dennis Martell - Douglas, MI

By Jack Sheridan

Did you know that researching your family history is one of the ways people experience their most personal connection to the past? Who are my ancestors? Where did they come from? What did

All upcoming Monthly Meeting presentations begin at 7:00PM at the Old School House at 130 Center Street in downtown Douglas.

**October 12: Program Change: Michigan's Hottest Town - Local Music Festivals of the '60s Revisited**
Sponsored by Howard and Paula Schultz

The November Monthly Meeting and annual Holiday Party details will be announced soon!

Volunteer Thank You Dinner Invitation

The SDHS Board of Directors cordially invites all active Society volunteers to the annual Volunteer Thank You Dinner. Various warm-you-up chilis, side dishes, and beverages will be provided by the Board. If you hosted at the Museum or Old School House, served on a committee or helped with a project, this is an invitation to you! Please join us at the Old School House on Sunday, October 30, starting at 6pm.

What does the old Douglas Water Tower have to do with motorcycles in S-D in the 1960s?

The Douglas Water Tower (Click each to enlarge)

We have a story for the 2017 museum exhibition Cold War: Hot Towns of a motorcycle gang in the early 1960s taking over the land around the Douglas water tower for their campground, causing such a
they do?

The SDHS Family History Group can help you in your quest, whether you are new to family history research or just want to learn more about sources and records. Got questions on how to get going? That is what we are for! Call or email us or take note of these upcoming regular meetings of the SDHS Family History Group:

**Thursday September 29**
**Thursday October 6**
**Thursday October 20**

These upcoming meetings are in the Old School House in the downstairs tech room, and begin at 3:30pm. Note that your family history does not have to have any connection to the Saugatuck-Douglas area! If you can't attend a meeting, we can still provide assistance! The only requirement to participate is a membership in the SDHS.

Questions/comments/advice/needs - contact
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**A Tree Grows In Riverside Cemetery**

By Chris Yoder

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**The Bill Simmons Scrapbook**

By Jack Sheridan

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Incidentally, the only Douglas water tower photo found was the one above taken as it was being pulled down. Jack Sheridan and Jim Schmiechen placed it back up. It only took the two of them!
The headstones at Riverside Cemetery come in many shapes and sizes. One of the more interesting is the cement tree trunk stone of Frank B. Hayden who died of consumption (tuberculosis) on Oct. 10, 1882, age 24 years, 4 months and 24 days. The Commercial Record said he was from Chicago and had been "a guest of Mr. Kingsley". The Michigan death certificate added that he was a "Laborer", had been born in Ohio to parents Josiah and Eunice Hayden. He is buried in the family plot of Mr. Leonard Kingsley (1824-1893).

A young man comes from Chicago and dies in Saugatuck while visiting a local family. What else is there to learn about him? From internet records at various sources we find that Josiah Hayden Jr. married Eunice Kingsley of Windham VT. Leonard of Saugatuck was born in 1824, also in Windham Co., VT, the son of Nathan Kingsley (1790-1849) and his wife Harriet (1799-1871). Eunice was born in 1827 and Leonard in 1824 (A reasonable hypothesis would be that Leonard may have been Frank's uncle).

Census records provide some more clues. We find Frank, age 2 in the 1860 Columbus Ohio Census. He is listed in the household of Peter Hayden and his wife Alice. Peter has a listed real estate value of $500,000 and a personal estate of $1,000,000! Also in the household are: mother Eunice, age 32; an older sister Alice, age 8; and brother Mario, age 6. Frank was listed as having been born in Ohio and his siblings in Massachusetts. It seems that perhaps husband Josiah had died by this time and his family was living with wealthy relation Peter Hayden.

Peter Hayden (born 1806) was quite a prominent man in Columbus with a variety of business endeavors. He came to Columbus in 1845. The Hayden enterprises included anything made of iron, including saddle hardware, and expanded into other industries that were not necessarily related by raw material-such as the manufacture of cement blocks and cement mixers.

In 1860, he was listed as a manufacturer of saddlery and coach equipment. He was the son of Rev. Josiah Hayden and Esther Hallock. He did have a brother Josiah, born 1802, who in turn had a son Josiah b.

This is the twelfth month of the History by Camera feature - the BILL SIMMONS SCRAPBOOK. Bill was a semi-professional photographer, originally from Chicago, who moved to Saugatuck about 1940. He had a couple of stints as the editor of the Commercial Record. Over the next twenty two years he took numerous black and white photos.

He died in 1962 and these photos went unnoticed until 1998 when some 3,000 negatives were given to the SDHS. What a wonderful record of the middle of the twentieth century!

The photos this month are of iconic buildings built in the first three decades of the 20th century - give or take a few decades. See if you can identify the name and location of them before reading the captions. Two are still with us intact, and one has been incorporated into a larger structure. The rest are lost except the memory.

Click on the image above to see the high-definition images and then scroll down to reveal the answers!

I appreciate your feedback on my captions, and the selection of these images. Please point out my good choices and my goofs by sending an email to jack.sheridan@gmail.com. I'd love to hear some feedback on my choices - how about some discussion? Subject suggestions encouraged!

Any reader comments will not be published without reader permission.
1825. As the marriage record for Eunice and her Josiah shows him as a "Jr", perhaps Frank was a grand-nephew of Peter.

The 1870 census shows Eunice P. Hayden being back in Massachusetts and head of a household in Williamsburg, Hampshire Co, along with children Alice J, age 17; Josiah Mario, age 16, and Frank age 12. Williamsburg was the birthplace of Peter's father Rev. Josiah.

The 1880 census shows Frank, age 22, living in Chicago with his sister Alice J. (by then Mrs. Charles Edward Baker) in a boarding house. Frank is occupied as an "Assistant Bookkeeper in a Dry Goods Store", and his brother-in-law as a salesman in a harness house (an agent perhaps for kinsman Peter Hayden?).

The Bakers had no children who survived them. Brother Josiah Mario Hayden married Jessie A. Simmons and died in Lodi, WI in 1899, leaving a daughter Angie, b.1888. His widow remarried and moved to Colorado, but returned to Wisconsin to be buried beside her first husband.

What you missed: 
Douglas Root Beer Barrel

Fortuitous timing smiled down on the programming schedule in September, as the monthly meeting field trip planned to the Douglas Root Beer Barrel happened just a month after the barrel was mostly reconstructed! Presenters Duane Brown, who has helped coordinate the Barrel's reconstruction project, and Andy Krino, who has overseen erecting the restored barrel woodwork on new structural support, reviewed the six-year history of the Barrel's resurrection, including the significant behind-the-scenes restoration work and various partnerships which have moved the project forward. Over 75 members and guests attended the program in the shadow of the barrel itself.

Support SDHS wherever you are!

The museum will close for the season after October 30th. If you were considering Society publications, Sterns map reproductions, Mt. Baldhead baseball caps, t-shirts or "A day away from Saugatuck is a day wasted" items for holiday gift giving, now is the time to act! All proceeds benefit the Society.

The museum is open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4pm.

Did you know if you shop on Amazon - anytime of the year - a small percentage of your purchase can be donated to SDHS? When it's time to go shopping, go to smile.amazon.com, use your regular Amazon login credentials, and then select that you wish to support the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society. That's it! Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase to the Society. Click here to get started.
The great challenge for the garden designer is not to make the garden look natural, but to make the garden so the people in it feel natural.~Lawrence Halprin

Although the weather has been feeling like the middle of summer, our gardens know that fall is right around the corner. Colors are different...smells are different...and the feeling when you visit is different. What a beautiful time of year! It is also the time of year to start thinking of spring bulbs.

The garden committee will, once again, be doing our Daffodil Trail fundraiser this fall. Our plan is to plant the bulbs immediately before the volunteer chili party on October 30. We will dig the holes, and all you have to do is purchase our "bag of bulbs" for $30.00 and place them in the holes. We will do the rest! Each bag will contain around 15 bulbs that Lee will put together to create a natural and colorful display in the springtime. We will be using different varieties, large and small, to make our Daffodil Trail full of color in the spring...when we most need it! If you would like to purchase a bag of bulbs, either stop in and visit Nathan or send a check to the Society and we will reserve your bag. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Ruth Johnson @ ruthannj@frontier.com.

Don't forget that the Society maintains a booth at the Saugatuck Antique Pavilion on the Blue Star Highway! The booth features some of our selection of publications along with a host of actual antiques and other treasures donated for this purpose. Proceeds from the sales of booth items benefit the operating expenses of the Society.

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**Sept. and Oct. hours at the History Museum and Old School House**

Fall means crisp leaves, pumpkin spice and new hours at the History Museum and Old School House:

The History Museum is open 12noon-4pm Saturdays and Sundays through October 30. Don't miss your last opportunity to see our signature exhibit *WATER: A River, A Lake, A Place called Saugatuck-Douglas* before it closes! Admission is free. The Museum Shop features interesting and memorable history and local-interest gifts for yourselves or others and is open the same hours.

The Old School House is open from 11am-3pm Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through October 29. The smaller OSH Store mostly features SDHS publications and other educational materials. Exhibits include the new Old School House history exhibit *The Happy Story of a Douglas Landmark*, a new map room exhibit, and a newly-curated art exhibit in the gallery upstairs showing depictions of the Chain Ferry and Ferry Store. Admission is free.

The Back-in-Time Garden and Francis Surf Boat/Shipwreck exhibit are open daily 10am-4pm through the end of October.
the Old School House. Thanks again Mike.

Our Root Camp committee will start to plan for Root Camp 2017 after the holidays, but we already know that we would like to feature the history of our Native Americans this year. We would love to integrate Native American drummers in our program, so if anyone has any information or contacts that might be able to help us, please contact Ruth Johnson. We would really appreciate it.

Until next month,

-The Garden and Root Camp Committees

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**From the Archives: The old Colonial Inn**

Many of you know that the former May Heath Home on the corner of Butler Street and Francis Street is currently being restored back into a Bed and Breakfast Inn by Jennifer Davenport and Steve Boyd. The building was originally built by Elnathan Judson around 1835 in Richland, MI (northeast of Kalamazoo) as a residence and boarding house for mill hands, then called The Colonial Rest. In 1854 Judson moved his family and the building to Saugatuck, where he also ran it as an Inn and tavern called the Colonial Inn. Judson retired in 1870 and sold his inn to millwright George Heath, father-in-law of artist and historian May Heath. In the 1930s it was operated by Art and Grace (Eddy) Eaton. Later it became a private residence for Warren and Joan Valleau.

Rick and Joan Brigham, relatives of Art and Grace Eaton, recently donated a number of items to the Society that came from the Colonial Inn. In the photograph above we see a tool used to pull hot pies out of the oven (Joan said Grace's cooking was delicious!), three biscuit cutters, a small ceramic...
platter dating from the early 1900s, and a Gideon Bible. Also included were two photographs, one of the Colonial Inn taken in the early 1930s, and one of Art and Grace Eddy on the occasion of their anniversary.

Thank you Joan and Rick for your donations to the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society! Our mission is to preserve and tell the story of Saugatuck and its surroundings. Gifts such as these help us tell our story better! Click each image for full size.

The Colonial Inn in the early 1930s.

As approved by the Board of Directors, "The Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society strives to collect, preserve, interpret and make available for research items and archival material that fulfill and further the mission of the Society.

"These collections will document the past and the unfolding multicultural history of Saugatuck, Douglas and Saugatuck Township and vicinity; to maintain and build upon the present collection of items and archival/photographic material; and maintain and increase existing documentation on these collections."

The Collections Committee is always on the lookout for items to be donated which will enhance the stories of our community. Contact the archives directly if you think you may have something you wish to donate. By policy, the museum cannot accept unsolicited "drop off" items.

Archives direct phone: 269-857-7901
Email: archives@sdhistoricalsociety.org

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SAUGATUCK-DOUGLAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY FACILITIES

The Saugatuck-Douglas History Museum is located at 735 Park Street in Saugatuck, in the historic Saugatuck Pump House building. The History Museum and WATER, our feature exhibit, is open Saturdays and Sundays through the end of October. Always free to the public but donations gratefully accepted.

Click HERE to learn more about the Museum and recent past exhibits.

The Old School House History Center and Francis Surfboat Exhibit is located at 130 Center Street in Douglas. For group tours of the School House, please contact Nathan Nietering at 269-857-5751 or by email at director@sdhistoricalsociety.org. The Surfboat Exhibit and Back-in-Time Garden are open to the public daily throughout the autumn. The Old School House exhibits are open Thursday-Saturday, 11am-3pm. Admission is free to the public but donations gratefully accepted.

The Society's Technology Center is located in the lower level of the Old School House History Center at 130 Center Street in downtown Douglas. Open by appointment.

The Society's Archives office is located in the lower level of the Old School House and is open for research on Monday afternoons 1-4pm. Use the back stairway for easy access.
E-mail the archives directly: archives@sdhistoricalsociety.org

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