OCT. 8 HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM CONJURES UP HOSTS OF LOCAL GHOSTS

DOUGLAS (MI), SEPT. 26, 2014 -- A pre-Halloween visit from notable full-time residents of Saugatuck's Riverside Cemetery will haunt the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society program on Wednesday, October 8, at 7 p.m. in the Old School House History Center, 130 Center Street, Douglas. Admission is free and public attendance is invited.

Visiting ghosts will include Saugatuck founder William G. Butler and all three of his wives; local resident David Bennett, who sent President Harry Truman a home freezer as a "gift of esteem"; and R.G. Huntinghouse, dance master at the Big Pavilion.

In this fifth presentation by the Historical Society’s "Cemetery Players", with local historian and author Kit Lane as medium, the departed will be brought to life by Jon Helmrich, Sharon Kelley, Andrew Plummer, Paula Schultz, Patrick Tracey Steve Williford, and Jarrett Zeman. Historical photos will recall them in person, along with their old residences and final homes in the cemetery.

Previous October “Ghostwalks” visiting other area cemeteries have been among the Society’s most popular programs and seating is limited, so early arrival is recommended.

For general information about the Historical Society, its Pump House Museum, Old School House History Center and other activities, visit www.sdhistoricalsociety.org.

Early photo (ca. 1850) shows Saugatuck founder William Gay Butler, prominent among the guest ghosts to appear on October 8.