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HISTORY OF SAUGATUCK'S WATER STREET RECALLED  
AT S-D HISTORY CENTER'S AUG. 22 "TUESDAY TALK"

AUG. 11, 2017 -- "A walk down Water Street into History" will highlight the next Saugatuck-Douglas History Center "Tuesday Talk" on August 22, in the Old School House, 130 Center Street, Douglas. The one-hour program begins when the school bell rings at 11 a.m. Public attendance is invited and audience participation is welcomed to enrich the discussion.

Presenter Jack Sheridan, SDHC historian and longtime archivist, will show street photos and panoramas taken from the top of Mt. Baldhead as early as 1874 to visualize in detail what was going on below -- tanning, shipbuilding, milling of grain and shingles, saloons, hotels, the Big Pavilion, steamer dockage, commercial fishing, photo shops, a skating rink, outdoor theater, amusement park and more.

"There was more history made on Water Street than the rest of Saugatuck put together", Sheridan says, "and it's our good fortune that so much was generously recorded by camera".

A summer tradition since 1996, weekly Tuesday Talks present entertaining and informative insights into local community life throughout July and August. This week's Talk is sponsored jointly by SDHC members Fran and Bill Myers, and Steve Hutchins. SDHC also thanks Saugatuck-Douglas Antiques Market as the full-season sponsor for this summer's series.

Tuesday Talks' increasing popularity puts limited seating on "first-come, first-served" basis. While admission is free for current SDHC members, non-member guests are encouraged to attend with a donation of five dollars, or to become new members at the Talk.

For more information about the Saugatuck-Douglas History Center, its Museum in Saugatuck and Old School House in Douglas, or its activities planned for 2017, visit [www.MySDHistory.org](http://www.MySDHistory.org).

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Among the SDHC archive photos selected for the August 22 "Tuesday Talk" about old Water Street is this 1912 launching-ceremony view of the newly built steamer *Anna C. Wilson*.