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**NEW FAMILY RESEARCH TECHNIQUES AIRED
AT APRIL 10 SDHC FREE PUBLIC PROGRAM**

MARCH 29, 2019 -- Advances in pursuing family history research will be explained at Saugatuck-Douglas History Center's next fee monthly program on Wednesday, April 10, starting at 7pm in the Old School House, 130 Center Street, Douglas. Public attendance is invited and audience participation is welcomed to enrich the discussion.

Presenting "Heroes and Rogues - The Rest of the Story", longtime SDHC volunteer historian/archivist Jack Sheridan shares an update on what recent research has yielded about a local cast of characters -- James Wheeler, Miller Robinson, Francis Stockbridge, George Arnold, May Francis Heath and James Sheridan -- and how the community's history is connected to them.

Sheridan, creator of the historical feature "Tripping Through Time" appearing regularly in Saugatuck weekly newspaper *The Commercial Record*, teams up with SDHC's family-history "aces" Judith Thomas and Donna St. Andre to lead this deep dive into research methods and new discoveries. Together, they will show how they used historical images and records from SDHC archives to: confirm relationships and build family trees; seek insight into each person's character; sketch their lives as children, adults and parents, and; assess what impact they had on the community.

Saugatuck-Douglas History Center's free monthly program series presents entertaining and informative insights into local history and community life. For more information about the History Center, its Museum in Saugatuck and Old School House in Douglas, and its activities planned for the months ahead, visit www.MySDHistory.org.

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Caption:

SDHC family history researchers favor candid images like this view of May Heath's husband "Doc" Heath and granddaughter, with Doc sporting his trademark potbelly and grin, ca 1940.