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GRIM TALE OF CHICAGO'S EASTLAND DISASTER
TOLD IN SDHC'S AUGUST 14 PUBLIC PROGRAM

AUG. 2, 2019 -- The Great Lakes' deadliest marine disaster will be remembered at Saugatuck-Douglas History Center's next free monthly program on Wednesday, August 14, 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 *Only the River Remains: the Eastland Disaster in American Memory*, Caitlyn Perry Dial, Ph.D., looks back to the summer of 1915, when the passenger boat *Eastland* capsized while still tied to the dock in Chicago, killing 844 people. The boat, which transported passengers daily between Chicago and St. Joseph, MI, had been chartered by Western Electric Company to take 2,500 of its employees to a company picnic in Michigan City. Dial's graphically illustrated talk will discuss the boat's history and describe how that fateful day unfolded.

Currently Assistant Director Of Development and Alumni Relations at Michigan State University, Dial also teaches in MSU's Arts and Cultural Management program in East Lansing. Previously, she was Executive Director of HERStory: Michigan Women Forward (earlier Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame). She holds a Ph.D. in History from Western Michigan University and an MA from Wayne State University.

Saugatuck-Douglas History Center's free monthly program series presents entertaining and informative insights into local history and community life. This month's program is sponsored by Holland's Osman Flowers & Firs.

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:

Historic photo capturing the chaotic scene of Chicago's July 14 Eastland disaster in 1915 helps visualize that fateful day at SDHC's August 14 public program.