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**"TALES FROM THE CRYPT" TO BE EXHUMED
AT OCT. 9 HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM**

SEPT. 27, 2013 -- A pre-Halloween visit from 29 full-time residents of Plummerville Cemetery in Ganges Township will haunt the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society program on Wednesday, October 9, at 7 p.m. in the Old School House History Center, 130 Center Street, Douglas. Admission is free, public attendance is invited, and refreshments "to die for" will be served.

Visiting ghosts will feature Plummerville's founding couple, a local Air Force colonel who became an Episcopal priest, the area's only Confederate soldier in the Civil War, the man who developed the Uncle Jim strawberry, and the founder of the Western Michigan University Honors College.

Co-presenters include Society members Kit Lane, Marsha Kontio, Jon Helmrich, and Jim and Patricia Birkes. Also helping to enliven the program are local actor Steve Williford, and Andrew Plummer, a descendent of Benjamin and Elvira Plummer, who founded the tiny community of Plummerville that existed on the Lake Michigan Shore from around 1840 to the 1880s.

Plummerville is gone now, as cottages and homes have replaced the town's sawmill and tannery, leaving only the old cemetery to mark the community's location.

According to Kit Lane, local historian who researched the stories for this presentation, the Plummerville Cemetery also has become known for its use of natural rocks as tombstones, with heart-shaped beach stones found in the area decorating many of the graves.

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



Ghostly Visitor: Among the ghosts summoned for Oct. 9 is Andrew Plummer, first white child born in Saugatuck Township. The son of Plummerville's founders, he was the Township's only Confederate soldier in the Civil War.