

# Remembering When ...

## OUR HISTORY



### THIRD OF A SERIES - PIERS & BEACH

Photographs tell the story of the Pier Cove beach. The piers, the original and commercial reason for the existence of the settlement stayed in use until 1916. Note the rails that allowed horse-drawn carts to bring cargo to vessels at pierside. The piers made it easy for Pier Cove visitors to come by ship - a short overnight trip from Chicago. Husbands came on weekends to be with their summering families.

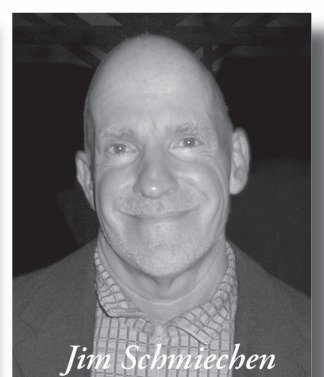
In 1921 O. C. Simonds donated 66 feet of beach to Ganges township for the Pier Cove public beach. Today, you can sun and swim on the same beach, look for pier remnants and recall the scene a hundred years ago. *By Jack Sheridan*

The Remembering When feature is the creation of Jack Sheridan and Jim Schmiechen of the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society. Please visit the Society's museum - this years exhibit "Lincoln's Ready-Made Soldiers: Saugatuck Area Men in the Civil War" is open through the fall. The museum is located on the west side of the Kalamazoo River at the foot of Mt. Baldhead, and is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. There is no admission charge.

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