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TITANIC: WEST MICHIGAN CONNECTIONS, TUESDAY OCTOBER 20!

Well known historian and recognized expert on the history of the Titanic, Jay Follis, reveals countless details of the ship's construction, voyage, its tragic end, and connections with Michigan lives on Tuesday October 20 at 7 p.m. at the Vicksburg Community Center, 101 S. Main St., Vicksburg MI. Jay Follis has studied and written about the "RMS Titanic" for decades, captivated by its mystique when he was a teenager and passionately pursuing it all of his life. His program entitled, "Titanic: West Michigan Connections", will present amazing and little-known stories of its passengers, in which more than 60 were from Michigan or heading to our State.

Dressed in period attire, Jay Follis and his wife Barbara will display several White Star Line (the actual owner of the ship) artifacts and authentic objects from Titanic's sister ships that are identical to items used onboard. In this gripping presentation Follis engages his audience with countless little known details, as well as the dreams and aspirations of the ultra-wealthy and those in steerage who booked passage on the fateful voyage.

At the time of its construction, the "Titanic" and its sister ship, the "Olympic", were the epitome of marine engineering and construction. During the time of its construction and launch, the Titanic commanded world-wide attention, climaxed by its tragic ending on its maiden voyage. Its grave undiscovered for over seven decades, the Titanic once again became iconic with its discovery and the opportunity it has provided for research in recent decades. This presentation is part of the Vicksburg Historical Society's Speakers Series that ends on Tuesday, November 20 with a look back in time to Vicksburg's Frontier Days celebrations.

For more information call the Village Historical Society at 269-649-1733 or visit www.VicksburgHistory.org. The Vicksburg Historical Society publishes a newsletter and organizes programs throughout the year as part of their mission to interpret and present history in an engaging format for all to enjoy. The Society preserves, advances and disseminates knowledge of the history of the greater Vicksburg area through research, the preservation of artifacts, and the presentation of exhibits, programs and events.

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