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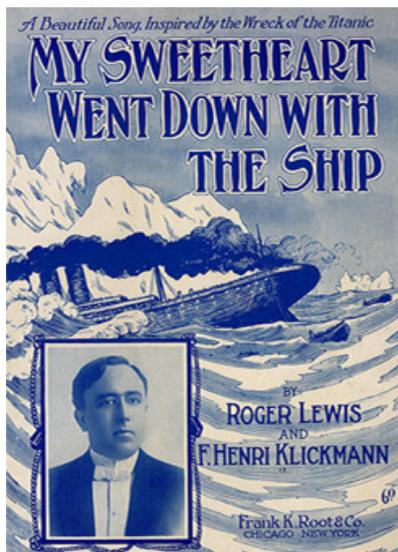
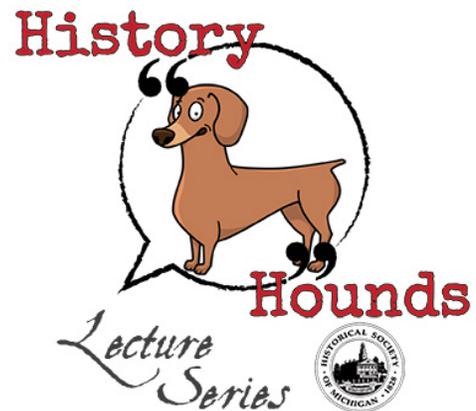
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ANNOUNCING NEW “HISTORY HOUNDS” LECTURE SERIES  
FROM HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN

Lansing, Mich.— **The Historical Society of Michigan (HSM) announces a new series of monthly lectures called “History Hounds.”** The approximately hour-long in-depth lectures take place on **Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.** and **explore Michigan’s most fascinating historical facets.** Participants will be able to **attend in-person** at HSM’s Meijer Education Center at 5815 Executive Drive in Lansing or **view the lecture remotely as a webinar.**

**Admission is free to HSM members and \$5 per person for non-members.** Seating is limited, and pre-registration is suggested but not required for in-person attendees. Walk-ins are welcome. For in-person attendees, light refreshments will be available. Remote attendees need to register in advance. Individuals can register on HSM’s website,

[hsmichigan.org](http://hsmichigan.org), or by calling (800) 692-1828.



**“That Sinking Feeling: Michigan and the RMS Titanic” will be the debut presentation for the new program series and will take place on March 15.** The lecture presenter, Robert Myers, is the Assistant Director for Education Programs and Events for HSM. His presentation explores the Titanic’s history, her fatal maiden voyage, and the Michiganders who figured into her story.

Michigan had more than a passing connection to history’s most famous maritime disaster. More than 60 passengers aboard the White Star liner were either Michigan residents or immigrants bound for the Wolverine State. United States Senator William Alden Smith,

who was from Grand Rapids, organized and chaired the United States inquiry into the sinking. Senator Smith's inquiry and findings became the basis for new maritime safety laws, including the requirement that ships carry enough lifeboats for all aboard.

Upcoming History Hounds lectures include "Drawing the Line: The Legacy of the Baseline and Michigan Meridian" with Morris O. Thomas from Michigan State University on April 12 and "Above and Below the Waves: The Eastland Disaster on the Great Lakes" with Caitlyn Perry Dial from the Michigan Women's History Center and Hall of Fame on May 10.

The Historical Society of Michigan is the state's oldest cultural organization, founded in 1828 by territorial governor Lewis Cass and explorer Henry Schoolcraft. A nongovernmental nonprofit, the Society focuses on publications, conferences, education, awards and recognition programming, and support for local history organizations to preserve and promote Michigan's rich history.

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Caption for attached photograph of Titanic Sheet Music: The Titanic disaster immediately entered popular culture. This sheet music commemorating her sinking was one of many such songs published in 1912.

High-resolution versions of images are available upon request.