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**TOURING SULLIVAN  
COUNTY'S MUSEUM**

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Because our facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/sullivancountypahistoricalociety>) is featuring the timely subject of baseball, we've

pulled from the Sports compiling the following lease agreement from Dushore, dated April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1888. It came from the papers of Cornelius Cronin.

"For and in consideration of the sum of thirty-dollars to me in hand paid. I hereby grant the privilege of entry upon ground back of Exchange Hotel, in Dushore Borough, being same ground used as a ball ground in year 1887, from this date forward Oct. 15, 1888. to the Base ball clubs of Dushore now or about to be organized, for the purposes of ball playing by themselves. & such clubs as they see fit to invite & such spectators & friends as they wish to invite as spectators & c, or, for the purpose of playing. Above permission granted upon conditions that said above parties commit or permit no nuisance upon said premises either by way of unnecessary tearing down & leaving open fences of otherwise. And provided further that in case of any such nuisance being committed on said premises, the above Licence to be revoked at any time after given days notice served upon any adult member of said Ball Club of Dushore or after given dats notice being posted of said premises of said revocation, with right of forcible expulsion of any person entering under above License. [signed] J.H. Cronin, Geo. F. Hileman and W.T. Davisvco"

On the back it is noted that the money in question was received April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1888 by Mr. Cronin and that the lease is entitled "Lease Ball ground 1888".

Amos Reeser, owner of the Exchange Hotel as listed on the 1872 county wide map is described in the 1959 souvenir program for the centennial of the borough of Dushore as "Hotelkeeper [who] managed all the hotels in town at one time or another, except the Carroll House (located where the State Store is now." The hotel in question for the ball field lease was in the vicinity of Hurley's Super Duper now.