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## **TOURING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S MUSEUM**

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We're beginning a summer series of lectures to be held on the third Saturdays of each month (June, July and Aug.) at 1:00 p.m. in the Barn. The first in this series will be given by

our own J. Wilson Ferguson, recorder for the Sullivan County Historical Society. Wilson's title for his talk is "God's Village In Sullivan County". That village was Celestia, located just outside of Laporte on Route 42. After his talk on the history of Celestia, Wilson will be offering a guided tour out at the site – weather permitting. Celestia was started in 1850 with the purchase of the original 181 acres of land by Peter Edward Armstrong (May 18, 1818 – June 20, 1889). The journey this religiously founded settlement went through during the course of its existence is both interesting and amazing, particularly for its being legally gifted to God. Wilson will cover the details from the point of Celestia's inception to its demise.

On a different subject, we'll now turn to current time with a reminder that we have memorial bricks available for the Memorial Brick Sidewalk. This walk way was completed in 2009 with the help of CFTT funds and is an ongoing fundraiser for the museum. The costs of each 4" x 8" brick is \$50 with a maximum of 3 lines and up to 22 characters per line (including spaces). Orders and payment can be taken at the museum or on line at our website [www.scpahistory.com](http://www.scpahistory.com).

If wanting to visit the museum, we're open throughout the summer on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. (except for 4<sup>th</sup> of July). Or call for an appointment at (570)946-5020 or email us at [museum@scpahistory.com](mailto:museum@scpahistory.com).