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TOURING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S MUSEUM . . . while dusting

In July of 2004, following the completion of the Barn on the museum's Baldwin House property, a report was given by Phil Snyder that a pole barn was going to be erected. The size was to be 42 feet by 30 feet with a height of 12 feet. At that time a contract was made with Amish builders (the same as had built the adjacent Barn) and signed. The estimate for construction was listed at

\$13,650. By the Oct. meeting, plans to move large items into the Wagon Shed were being made. Meanwhile, the floor of the Wagon Shed was simply stoned, items were moved in and only this year the building had electric run to it for lighting. Presently plans are underway for the balance of parts for a large cider press to be installed there, while many other items for display await more pleasing configuration for visitors to view them. Among these are a 1920's blacksmith shop, the freight pulley from the A&P store (now M&T Bank), a farm thrasher, a buckboard, a wagon, a wagon wheel crimper made in Dushore, a fire hose caddie, an original finial and weather vane from the courthouse, the Nordmont caboose coupling and many other various items of history.

The reason we're describing this to you is that the Society has decided that to make this building feasible for display and also safe for the artifacts and visitors; that it is time to cement the floor of the Wagon Shed. Thus far estimates are around \$6,000 to \$6,500, the unknown being the exact costs to install a square hole/pit in the flooring configuration to accommodate the hydraulics of the cider press. Along with this expenditure, we have also been advised that gutters and snow guards are needed on both the Wagon Shed and the Barn which are estimated at \$1,800. This action would save the exterior wall of the buildings.

So, what we are hoping to do is raise funds for these two projects that will at least total in the neighborhood of \$8,000 or a little more. To do this we are first coming to you, the public. Meanwhile we will make every effort to acquire funding from other avenues but in today's grant fields many require a match which would mean that we need to raise at least half of the funding needed to complete the projects. We presently have been given \$100 to start this venture off and will continue to collect monies under a restricted fund category to be used only for these two projects.

If you feel moved to help this Society to raise these funds, please send a check to the Sullivan County Historical Society, P. O. Box 252, Laporte, Pa. 18626 or you can donate on line at our web site at scpahistory.com using PayPal. Any further inquiry or if you would like to visit the museum, please contact the museum by phone at 570-946-5020 or email us at museum@scpahistory.com