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A more modern day photo of Bernice/Mildred with a single word sign for each side of Birch Creek but taken before the Bernice sign disappeared.

TOURING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S MUSEUM
. . . while dusting

At the end of last year, the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office, sponsored by Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission,

notified the Sullivan County Historical Society that is "pursuing an initiative to fund a limited number of historical markers in underrepresented counties" for historical markers. They stated that Sullivan County presently has six markers. The nomination papers exhibit a lot of detail on the subject to be reviewed as all nominations are in competition with one another. We, as the historical society for the county, will need to complete much of the initial verification on ourselves and the nomination.

Here's where you come in: we would like to have a historic marker placed at the Birch Creek side of Bernice. The verification of facts pertaining to what they are saying qualifies a nomination, we can readily fulfill – but, public support letters (or emails) would also benefit this cause. This writer can remember the passion of the late Dick Leroy Holcombe for this exact thing. And am sure that in his wildest dreams he'd have not have envisioned a sign with full write-up for the history of a much unnoticed spot within our county. Many people don't realize today that when you pass over the Birch Creek from Mildred, that you've entered Bernice. There's nothing there to tell you! This would make the history of what could be a forgotten area be everlasting.

This program will continue but we can only submit for one per year so since this is our first invitation, let's all see what we can come up with. Our email is museum@scpahistory.com and our mailing address is Sullivan County Historical Society, P.O. Box 252, Laporte, PA 18626 Or, if you'd like to drop off a support letter, we're usually here on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

So many thanks in advance for a show of support towards the saving of just one small piece of history for so many traveling about and through Sullivan County, PA.

