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Current photo of the former home of Frederick Foust, Nordmont on Whiskey Run Road

TOURING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S MUSEUM . . .
while dusting



Nancy Spencer, who does the majority of the research for this museum, came across something pertaining to her own family interest. Printed in the Sullivan Review on Aug. 6th of 1953 is the following:

“Nordmont man proud of aged copy of newspaper, Special to the Review:

Mr. Frederick J. Foust [b. 6/24/1877 – d. 1/9/1959] who resides on his farm in Davidson Township, East of Nordmont, proudly owns an aged and much worn copy of a newspaper, “The Press and Standard”, published at Laporte, Pa. and dated Saturday, September 20th, 1873. [Records indicate this was published from Nov. 1872 until 1876, and had previously been the Grant Standard.]

“Some time ago, while in the process of removing an old house on his property which had once been a school house and later remodeled into a home*, several large crevices were noticed to be filled with papers, one of which contained the paper above mentioned.

“News was reported in a rather quaint style in those days. Under a caption of “Local and General News”, the following appeared:

“The Center County Jail contains fifteen Democrats and one Republican.”

“A young lady caught a span of run away horses in Williamsport the other day”.

“Wade, the Williamsport brute, was convicted of first degree murder”.

“In 1873, according to the paper, Jeremiah Mooney was the Sullivan County Sheriff. John W. Martin was County Sup’t. of Schools. Grand jurors for the September Court included Daniel Keeler and Amos Little from Laporte Township. Dushore Jurors included Michael Burke, William H. Deegan and Christian Huffman. Joseph H. Robbins from Davidson Township and Joseph Faucett from Elkland were also included.

“A timely notice appeared thusly: Next Tuesday is Court and there will be a lively time in Laporte. It will be a very convenient time to send or pay for the Press & Standard.

“In attractive letters, an advertisement of interest stated: W. A. Mason, Civil Engineer, Laporte, Pa. Survey of land made with promptness and accuracy.

“Mr. Foust prizes the paper highly and stated that although it is older than he, the historic period it represents was well carried over into the interesting and historic age he remembered as a youth.”

*Nancy’s grandfather was Frederick Foust and as a child she can remember the land across from Frederick’s home cleared and with an old foundation remaining which she believes to have been the home Frederick mentions tearing down. The assumption is that the school house/home was that of Amos Foust, b. Nov. 15, 1837, d. Oct., 1921, Frederick’s father.

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