



*Left- taken much prior to 1913, this photo appeared in a 1972 Sully with the Lowery building next to it so this is before that structure was built. On the left was an ice cream parlor and on the right was a combination pool room and Frank Manchisi's barber shop.
Right- Located on Rt. 487 between Mildred and Dushore, probably taken in the 1930's*

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TOURING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S MUSEUM . . . while dusting

Before beginning our article for this week, we'd like to take time to thank all those who have generously donated thus far to our efforts to fund raise for the improvements to our Barn and Shed. This endeavor is creating positive responses for the preservation and display of artifacts in both buildings within the museum complex that is part of YOUR museum. To date the gutters and snow guards have been completed, while the concrete flooring will be an undertaking for better weather in the spring. So many thanks to those who have or will contribute to this project. Our mailing address is The Sullivan County Historical Society, P. O. Box 252, Laporte, PA 18626 or you can use PayPal on our web site www.scpahistory.com.

For the towns of Mildred and Bernice, the dividing line is Birch Creek. But over time this slight physical difference has been obscured by the culmination of the two being referred to simply as Mildred. At one time there was one of those state signs at the bridge that denoted Bernice but the sign has long since disappeared.

A quick look at Streby's book of 1921, he states in his section for early roads: "In 1812 and 1815 supplements to the act of 1806 were passed and Andrew Shiner took the job of building the road. The contract price was \$1150 per mile with extra pay for bridges. Half of his pay was to be in land at \$2 per acre. The sub contractors took jobs on the road at \$800 per mile and were to take half their pay in land at \$4 per acre. By this means many of the early settlers secured their lands. The new Turnpike was build as far as Birch Creek where Mildred is now located in 1818, and through what is now Dushore, Laddsborg, New Albany and Monroeton in 1819 and 1820." The importance of roads for settlement was monumental and this endeavor continued with both roads and eventually railroads as industry developed in Sullivan County.

From the compilings within YOUR museum, you can see as you would look through the pictures that both Mildred and Bernice were each their own distinct but neighboring places with all the amenities you would expect to find for residents to function and survive.