



Forksville covered bridge

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TOURING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S MUSEUM . . . while dusting

As we've said in past articles, there are times when things come in here by the darndest ways. Such was the case with this week's photo of the Forksville Bridge. In the mail from the Historical Society of the Phoenixville (Pa.) Area we received a very nice note from their archives chairman concerning this photo being one from a large collection they'd received and that they were "passing it on to you as it is more appropriate to your society". And we do much the same when receiving an item under a similar scenario.

All three of the present remaining covered bridges in Sullivan County were built by Sadler Rogers of Hillsgrove. They are Burr-Truss design and covered so as to protect the, usually hemlock, wood from rotting. An uncovered bridge would last about ten years, whereas the thought was that the covered bridge would last forever. Throughout their history thus far the covered bridges have withstood the test of time, including numerous floods. Today they are kept as historically accurate as possible and present a glimpse into our past that is highly recognizable.