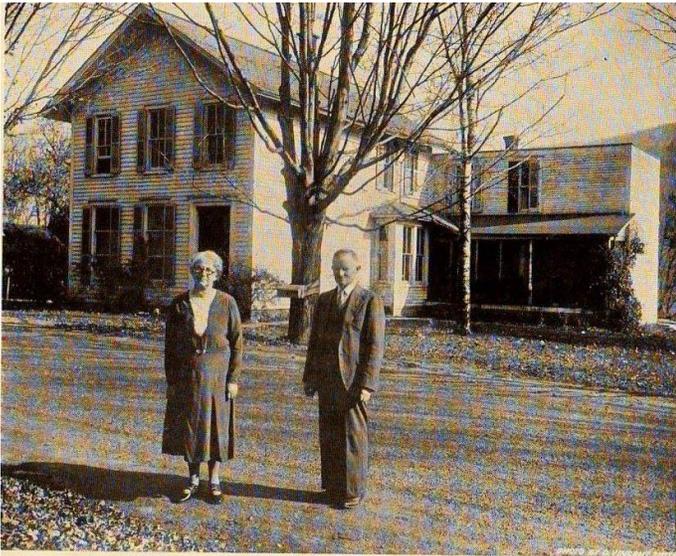


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MR. AND MRS. HERBERT L. MOLYNEUX AT THEIR MILLVIEW HOME

TOURING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S MUSEUM

... while dusting

When you travel up and down our roads, you may not realize that you're passing history. Such is the case with a home in Millview on Route 87. The home was built around the time of the Civil War and is presently owned by Brian and Wendy McCarty. From the 1958 publication of "Endless Mountains" booklet the following paragraph is beneath this week's featured photograph:

"County Commissioner [Herbert Molyneux] and Mrs.

Molyneux occupy a home within a few rods of the site of the first permanent cabin which was erected in the county by William Molyneux, great-grandfather of the present occupant, in 1794. The Molyneux farm now comprises one hundred and eighty acres of the original tract. Mr. Molyneux has followed agriculture all his life. He was appointed a jury commissioner, later elected to the office, and resigned when he was chosen county commissioner a year ago. [Remember, this is published in 1958.] He is president of the Sullivan County Telephone Company, and a director in the Agricultural Society."

Herbert Molyneux was one of four surviving sons of David and his first wife Hannah Norton Molyneux. To that union brothers William, Oscar and Frank also belonged. In Herbert's father David's obituary it states "He was a son of Edward and Rebecca Bird Molyneux and was born on a farm near Millview, where he has resided the greater part of his life." Herbert Molyneux's [spelled as it appears in his obituary] home in Millview is the one pictured. Born Aug. 15, 1872 in Forks Township, his obituary of Nov. 10, 1955 states "During his lifetime Mr. Molyneux was active in community affairs, having served two elective terms as a Sullivan County commissioner." Since the 1958 publication says "chosen commissioner a year ago" and his obituary says he served two terms and in checking courthouse records, that means we've discovered the following facts: he served from 1932 to 1936 and then a second term from 1936 to 1940. So, the write-up in the 1958 publication was actually written in 1933 (or 1932 if the writer was referring to election dates in the fall.). He married Anna Streby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Streby of Forks Township, who predeceased him in 1950. His obit also states that he was survived by son, Carl of Millview (his home still stands across the road from the subject farm) who from 1960 to 1964 and then 1964 to 1968 also served as a county commissioner. Son Carl continued on in his father Herbert's footsteps, not only serving as a commissioner but also serving on the Sullivan County Fair Assoc., Cooperative Extension Service and was for 40 years the Forest Fire Warden.

Webster's dictionary defines a hamlet as a very small village. A settlement is described as a new colony. Whatever choice of words you use, throughout Sullivan County there is history to accompany what may appear as only a cluster of homes – sometimes, not even that much – to depict where once thriving rural communities once held the ground.

Side note: in researching this article we contacted LaVerne McCarty, father of Brian, the present owner of the home, and he stated that about 1935-36 he, as a young boy, watched the original paving of what we now call Route 87. If you look closely at the photo, Herbert and Anna are standing on the opposite side of the road from the home but the road is unpaved. This then dates the photo (and the article) even more to validate that it was in fact taken in 1932-33.