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### **TOURING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S MUSEUM . . . while dusting**

To keep you posted, we're working on an updated obituary index because of both recent deaths and the discovery of past obits not available at our original time of research. This endeavor helps with genealogy and other reasons to research records and is made available to the general public. Very often visitors to the museum are here for just these reasons. People who cannot make it to the museum, can look up on our website [www.scpahistory.com](http://www.scpahistory.com) to find if we have an obit by looking in the alphabetical listing. Then contacting us and for a \$5.00 charge we will mail you out a copy of the needed obit from our files. This step is very often the one missing piece of a family history needed by a researcher and we are very blessed with volunteers willing to assist others in their quest to complete their research.

On another note, one of the things acquired this winter was print plates. We have now quite a collection which is comprised of ads placed in Sullivan County newspapers. Most are mounted on wood blocks that would have then been affixed to the print plate with letters of text but repeatedly used for multiple editions of a newspaper in circulation.

Ink for newsprint was in the 1700's and 1800's a combination consistency of a cross between paste and semi-gel in order that the ink would adhere to the raised letters and lithographs but not bleed through to the empty background. The ink would then be patted onto letter surfaces with a rag, or later a roller, as each blank sheet was individually submitted to the press. Ink itself has evolved from a joining of soot and animal glue, to pine tree resin, to squid extraction to today's more modern materials, usually being in more of a powder form as we go from Xerox to laser forms of printing.

And in today's fast paced world of advertisement, these older methods of usually a weekly "blast", if you will, of news and views; would enlighten folks about what was the newest and best that retailers had to offer. A collection of these awaits your looking thru for curiosity or entertainment.

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