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TOURING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S MUSEUM . . .
while dusting

We recently received a box of "goodies" from a Weisbrod descendant which included family photos. Does anyone out there have a Weisbrod genealogy, please? Also, in the box was a 1897, Feb. issue of the Sullivan Review which we'll be transcribing herein. And lastly the photo of the 1933 graduating class of the Dushore High School. Again, a question: does anyone reading this have a similar photo or

know who was in this graduating class and also would there be a 1933 yearbook we could have or copy, please? Any information on these questions can be channeled to the Sullivan County Historical Society by mail at P.O. Box 252, Laporte, PA 18626 or emailing museum@scpahistory.com for stop in to the museum at 458 Meylert Street behind the courthouse usually on a Tuesday or Thursday.

From the Sullivan Review, Vol. 20, No. 1: With this issue we begin the publication of a new volume of the biggest and best paper in Sullivan county. The Review has never had trials of most papers in the effort for existence. It had a good patronage and was a success from the first number, and has been uniformly and continuously successful ever since. And its success is due solely to its admirers, Other papers, poorer and weaker, enjoy the political "pull" and feed on the public pap while we derive our income from the people who take the paper because they like it and because they know it tells the truth regardless of political parties and county and sub county bosses. The county statement, by the grace of the commissioners published in the political papers, shows that in 1896, Sullivan county spent \$1,050.47 for printing, \$23.25 or less than one forty-fifth part of this came to the Review. That shows how severe a penalty is inflicted on us for our independence. The history of the last year has been but a repetition of the history of all the years the present management has controlled the Review, yet we have more than held our own and the only reason we don't grow faster is because it is impossible for a local paper to outgrow the community in which it is published. We thank our patrons for their pap favors and shall try hard to deserve a continuance of the same, for another year."

A complete listing of the Sullivan County newspapers appears within the museum's archives. What is quite evident when you look at the listing is the political leaning of many of the newspapers: Republican News Item, Sullivan County Democrat, Free Press, etc. And often times there would be one of each tendency within a town. In fact, we've a listing which shows 27 newspapers at over time operating in Sullivan County, starting in 1850. To use Doc Shoemaker's words of an intro to such a listing: "It's really nothing new that in today's computer necessary world people are into electronic social networks such as Facebook and YouTube, and sending blogs and tweets to whomever will read them. Go back 150 years, more or less, to the 1850's when a lot of people had printer's ink in their veins and their outlet was to print a weekly newspaper. So, they did."

The next time you pick up or receive by mail a Sullivan Review (originating in 1878), hold it in your hands for a moment just to feel the history behind it. Today a single copy is \$1, circulation last week was 5,652 and its local integrity is still very much intact. Many of us are proud to say we're from Sullivan County (PA that is) and just as proud of our own local weekly newspaper.