



Dr. Fleschutt family

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TOURING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S MUSEUM . . .  
while dusting

It isn't often that we can say that we've repeated history: but, that's exactly what happened on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> of this year. Plans were made for descendants of Dr. Frederick Fleschutt of Laporte to come for a visit. The doctor's great grandson Donald Brill brought the grandchildren of the doctor (Donald's father)

Donald (98) and Mary (92). This visit began with their searching thru the Fleschutt genealogy, holding one of the doctor's bitter bottles and then a short ride to the cemetery to stand and have a photo op at his gravestone at Mt. Ash Cemetery in Laporte. Later we tried to get a look at the foundation remnants of the Fleschutt home in Laporte but because of still heavily laden foliage and physical difficulty, they were unable to view those old foundations.

Dr. Frederick Fleschutt was born in France in 1816, graduated from a university there and came to America about 1850. He then located in 1855 to Laporte. He practiced medicine for over 42 years and created from his own gardens the makings of his medicinal bitters which he then sold. His home was built into the side of an embankment on Thorne St. (the lower road into Laporte off Rt. 220) and even today you can see the foundations on your left, across from the transformers when the foliage is off the weeds. Dr. Fleschutt was married twice and the father of eight children by his first marriage and ten by the second. He passed away at the age of 70 in 1888 while in Wilkes Barre.

The reason we're calling this a repeat of history is that in 2010 Julius Fleschutt and Shirley Oliver, both also grand children of Dr. Fleschutt's (spelling changed within the family,) had also come to visit with the same intentions of discovering family history. Within the compiling is a photo of them holding the perspective paintings of the Fleschutt home as it existed in its day in the 1800's. The painting was by Elizabeth Mathe and much loved. These two descendants have since passed away.

Many people come to this or any museum for different reasons. But, the two described visits here are the most heartfelt for those of us dusting at this museum.

During this time of Corona virus, coupled with the fact we'd be on winter hours anyway, visitation to the museum is extremely limited and even then only by appointment. If you need to contact us for information or research, please contact us by email to [museum@scpahistory.com](mailto:museum@scpahistory.com), or phone 570-946-5020 and also visit us on the web site at [www.scpahistory.com](http://www.scpahistory.com) and see us on Facebook. We can only hope that 2021 will bring us all back to normal routine but until then, please stay safe and healthy.