

*DESTINATION LODI
A HISTORICAL JOURNEY
A.W. FULLERTON HOUSE*

1880

When I start a search for historical homes, I first start with the list in the 1911 Home Coming and Centennial booklet. It gives a list of citizens who and I quote "has worked hard and given liberally to the benefit of Lodi". At that time, the community wanted to honor these men by placing a memorial in the Central Park. This memorial was never completed and now on my list of projects.

A.W. Fullerton was on this list of extraordinary men who contributed to this community. The house at 311 Medina Street once belonged to A.W.Fullerton.

Born March 23, 1834 to John and Julie (Shriver), the youngest of 10 children. His father John was a superintendent of an iron manufactory in Pennsylvania. In 1844, the family emigrated west locating in Milton Twp. Wayne Co. where they farmed until 1857. The family moved to Westfield Twp. then on April 3, 1866, they moved to Lodi.

It was in 1860, A.W. Fullerton started in business for himself, insurance. A.W. "Perk" was the first known owner and operator of Padgett-Young and Associates. A signed original document dated October 1901 is part of the agency history. He joined Ohio Farmers, an insurance company formed by a group of farmers in 1848 to insure their properties. Working for Ohio Farmers for over 20 year. In the History of Medina County and Ohio it states A.W. was one of their most efficient representative.

For 20 years, his father John was blind, A.W. being the youngest felt it was his duty to care for his father until his death on December 9, 1867. This shows the character of this A.W.

A.W. married twice. He married Mary Ann Luce who died at age 24. On December 12, 1872, he married Katie Tasig. I could not find any information on children.

A.W. was a member of the Harrisville Lodge.

The house will receive a plaque.

His home has belonged to the George/Faircloth family for years.

If you have a house that is historical, please send me the information. Another project might be a map and maybe a book on our homes. I am also taking pictures of the barns of Lodi. If you have a barn, I will be knocking on your door and asking permission to take a picture.

Remember donation towards our museum can be made at the Farmer Bank under building fund.

We have a concert this coming Sunday June 11 at 12 noon in the Lodi Central Park. The Twang Cats will be our band. The Bill Parker family sponsors the band. Presented by Lodi Music, Destination Lodi and the Village of Lodi Parks. Bring a chair.