DESTINATION LODI

A HISTORICAL JOURNY

OUR HEROES

James Winter ( 1837-1888) born in Lincolnshire, England to William and Ann Winter arrived at the port of New York on June 20, 1849 on the ship Colonist. The family settled in Akron then moved to Lodi settling on a farm in Chatham. James would have six siblings.

James served in Company 1 of the 29th Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served from 1861-1864. He was discharged because of wounds received during the battles of Dug Gap and Cedar Mountain.

He worked as an engineer in a sawmill.

He married Susan Billman in 1867. In the 1880 census, I counted three children.

His obituary in the Medina co. Gazette February 10, 1888, James was an honored and useful citizen. He was a member of the H.G. Blake Post G.A.R. He was a kind father and husband. The obit talked of his character as a soldier, trying to save the life of a fellow Conrad during the Peninsula Campaign.

James Winter died at home in Lafayette of typhoid pneumonia.

His widow applied for the Civil War pension on July 17, 1890.

William Winter (1835-1901) born in England was the older brother of James. According to the 1880 census, he lived two doors down from James in Lafayette. I am not sure where, ancestry will not bring up Lafayette alone but will bring up Medina County, Lodi and Harrisville.

William married a woman named Mary (1835-1907); they had four children. William also worked in lumber manufacturing alongside his brother.

William served in the Civil War as a private in Company B, the 124th Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry; He served from August 1862-June 1865.

I do not know if William had injuries serving our county.

Dates to place on your calendar. On November 18, the historical program at the Lodi Library will talk of our arches and the stone used to build the arches.

On December 2, Lodi Library with the village of Lodi and Lodi Harrisville Historical Society once again will have Winter Wonderland. Santa, treats, reindeer, bonfire, our Christmas characters and Hower window display, the historical museum will be opened and a wagon (people mover) provided by Todd Riedel to take people to the Lodi Train Depot for a tour and back to the square. **Come join the fun!**