Destination Lodi

A Historical Journey

Circa 1902

The Mark Twain Seeley House

I am down to the last five plaques of the 61 plaques donated by Alloy Fabricators to help celebrate our history. I cannot thank Alloy enough for their generosity. The cost of each plague is approximately $125.00. My last five are the Collins house, Seeley house, Lodi Train Depot, the Starr/Young Gros. Store now Lodi Music and the Ainsworth house which I believe is the Haley house. Those who have received an honorary plague and have not place it, I encourage doing so. If you need help to place, please call me.

The Mark Twain Seeley home built by his father Wesley at 228 Church Street in 1902 is a beauty. The home now belonging to the Deek Family. The house has original woodwork that is possible cherry, wood floors, pockets doors with inside folding shutters on the windows. I personal love the front porch. I believe one year they hung the original screens that enclosed the porch it was so neat.

I found the Wesley Seeley’s story in the History of the Western Reserve, Vol 11.

Wesley (1836-1929) was the son of Jesse (1808-1888) and Prudence nee Brown Seeley (1809-1886). Jesse was a farmer in York Twp. Wesley was one of eleven children. Jesse served two terms as York Twp. Trustee and Sheriff of Medina County in 1863.

Wesley born in York Twp. was educated in district and private schools. At age 21, he enlisted in Company K. 8th Ohio Infantry with Col. Depuy commanding. After 3 months, Wesley transferred to Company B, 42nd Ohio Infantry with Col. James Garfield in command.

Wesley would marry Lucy Crosby (1930-1913) from Chatham.

Mark married Lucinda (Lucy) nee Leiby (1839-1913) on July 19, 1883. The couple had two children Elliott and Charlotte. Elliott was a Pharmacist and Charlotte married Alfred Smith and became a nurse.

After the death of his first wife Lucinda, he married Lucy nee Thoromahlen (1882-1937). With his second wife, Mark would have son William (1919-2005). William would serve as a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy during WW11. Williams is buried at the Arlington National Cemetery. All of Marks children were graduates of Lodi.

Mark was a merchant on the square for various stores for several years. In 1907 Mark became the station agent for the new Cleveland Southwestern Interurban Electric Company on Wean Street next to Lodi Lumber Company office. They took over the old B&O right-of-way at that time.

To the best of my knowledge, there has only been three owners; Mark Seeley family, Howard Gray Family and the current owner the Deeks Family.

I am still looking for WW11 stories and Lodi High stories.

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