**Destination Lodi**

**A Historical Journey**

**The Leaders of Lodi**

**I will continue articles on the men who shaped the community of Lodi in between other articles. The list consists of 29 names, many named in the “History of Medina County and Ohio “, which I use for my research.**

**William Wallace Prentice born in New York State, April 20, 1813 to John (1789-1866) and Ann Achorn Prentice (1795-1860). The family would emigrate to Harrisville Twp. in 1829 locating in the North part of Harrisville Twp. where John purchased 100 acres of land.**

**On January 18, 1843, William marries Phebe Morgan (1825-1893) who was born in Litchfield Co. Conn. With her parents, Elijah and Polly Strong Morgan emigrated to Harrisville Twp. in 1830. The couple had four children.**

**William was a carpenter and farmer, subsequently elected Justice of Peace, serving several elected terms. He served several years as President of Lodi Bank. William was a member of Masons and Methodist Church.**

**The “History of Medina County and Ohio “states William was a worthy citizen, kind husband and affectionate father. Guided by principals of morality and virtue, mature judgement, strict integrity in business affairs.**

**William Prentice passed away on May 26, 1868, is buried in the Old Lodi Cemetery.**

**Timothy G. Loomis was born in Lafayette Twp. January 28, 1830 to Milo (1802-1852) and Lucy (1806-1852) Greenly Loomis. The family had emigrated from Litchfield Co. Conn in 1802.**

**At age 21, he started his own merchant business in Homer with a special partner Henry Ainsworth. After two years, he joined Ainsworth in Lodi. In 1856, T.G. would go out on his own. He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Lodi and Masons.**

**On March 27, 1855, he would marry Susan Richards (1836-1923). The couple would have two children, May who would marry Dr. J.W. Harris and son Milo who would die at age 13.**

**In 1861, T.G. would enlist and serve under Garfield’s regiment.**

**He owned on the finest farms, one mile west of Lodi. He introduced short horn cattle in the Twp.**

**It is stated in the “History of Medina Co. and Ohio “T.G. Loomis was at all times prominently identified with all education, religious and social movements and always takes an energetic hand to promote the welfare of community and the county.**

**T.G.Loomis died in 1899 and is buried in the large family plot at Lodi Woodlawn Cemetery.**

**The Lodi Harrisville Historical Society is now taking memberships for 2020.**

**We are now selling tickets for our March 14, 2020 Frank Sinatra fundraiser. Please call and leave message at 330-635-7294. Thank you for your support.**