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#### AREA FARMS C. 1900

The Warner farm on Buno Road is the topic of research this issue.

Timothy W. Warner, at 19 years of age, was among the very early settlers in Brighton Township, arriving in 1837 with his parents and brother H. H. His father, Dute, a native of Rhode Island, and the rest of the family returned to Livingston County, New York, not long after. Timothy stayed to confront the unbroken wilderness of Brighton Township.

The January, 1898, obituary of William T. Tunis states "...the oldest man in the township died on the 12th at the home of Eugene Hicks, aged 94. He came to this community when it was all wilderness in company with Timothy Warner, Abram Dean, Cyrenus Morgan and E. G. Durfee."

By farming land on shares Warner was able to purchase 80 acres in Section 27 E½ NE, in an 'entirely unimproved' state, building a log cabin on the site in 1841.

Participating in the organization and naming of the township he also served as township treasurer 1863-65.

In 1847 he married Lucretia Jones, also from New York. (They may have been acquainted in that state.) In 1855 a two story frame house in the popular Greek Revival style was built next to the cabin. This house soon sheltered six children, four having been born in the cabin. These children, and those that followed, attended the nearby one room Lyons Schoolhouse. The home still lodges descendants of the Timothy Warner family.

By the time the frame house was built barns had also been erected as was a blacksmith shop with attached corn crib. As more barns and out buildings were needed son George, and grandson Herbert, constructed them.

Through the years Timothy and Lucretia acquired 600 acres at one point. Cattle, horses, pigs, chickens, etc., must be fed and housed. Hay, grains, pastures and orchards require many acres. A January, 1890, clipping listing township taxpayers who paid over \$50.00, included Timothy paying \$60.61. A part ownership, with Thomas Woulds, 1867, of the Woodruff Mill on Pleasant Valley Road (built 1833), was one of his many real estate ventures. (Compiled by Marieanna Bair from genealogy records by Florence Warner Chase; 1891 Biographic Portraits; 1880 History of Livingston County and Milton Charboneau's Land Owners and Settlers in Livingston County. Additions, corrections welcomed.)