

# The Warner Family



Enos Warner and his family came to Michigan in 1833 from New York state. They built a farm, seen here, near the corner of Hix and Ford Road.



Son Otis moved to Wayne and married Ellen Lewis in 1862. Otis was a carpenter all his life and built many of the homes in Wayne. Ellen had a passion for gardening and was a housewife.



Their daughter Floy always wanted to run a business. She was a schoolteacher for a time, worked in a print shop, ran a greenhouse, and finally began a very successful laundry business in Wayne. Floy was very independent and educated, and she never married.



Maude Warner married and moved away, but was widowed young and came back to live with Floy on the family farm for the rest of her life. She ran the laundry business with her sister.



The Warner's marched to the beat of their own drum and shunned social norms of the time. They encouraged their children to read, be educated and follow their passions. This included teaching their daughters how to use tools and build things, and the boys to become engineers and machinists.



The Warner Laundry began in 1914 and soon became very successful. Maude is seen here working some of the steam machines.

