

Of course many of these people resold their land to others who became the ones to actually begin farming in the area. **It was not safe to sleep outside because of wolves, cougars, bears, mosquitoes and other animals.** So the first thing a settler had to do was make a temporary shelter usually in the form of a lean-to. Tents offered protection from insects but not big animals. Sometimes a fire was kept going. Trees were girdled or cut. Between the stumps and barren trees the soil was broken up and corn and other crops planted



but not wheat at first. This was called **stump farming**. Because of **wolves** one could not keep small livestock safely unless they were kept in a shed or barn. Later the regular farm crops were corn, wheat, oats, potatoes, rye, barley, buckwheat, tobacco, hops plus clover and garden vegetables. Prior to 1830 maple sugar was the only sugar in common use. Early American settlers **daily drink was wintergreen tea sweetened with maple sugar.** (Farmer p389) Of course there was the full range of fresh vegetables from the gardens. Everything was organic. There were no pollutants in the water. The air was absolutely clean. There were no chemicals being dumped into the air.



Abel and Sarah Warren settled nearby 6 years before Charles Groesbeck bought the first official land patent.



Beebe's Corners of Warren sprouted a Tavern, trading post, distillery, a mill and later other businesses. It has been reported that the **main industries** in the early days of the village other than **farming** was **making of bricks** (Hartzig, Trombly, Grobbel) **saw mills, flour and feed mills, and wagon and buggy making**

(Gurlock family and Masons.) Warren Township was first called Hickory Township. "On April 3, 1837 an undetermined number of citizens met at the home of Louis Groesbeck to organize the government of Hickory Township...This first meeting chose as its Chairman Avery Denison; as its Clerk, Samuel Gibbs; as Election Inspectors, Louis Beaufait, Alonzo Haight, and Jenison Glazier." The first township officers were: Supervisor was Samuel Gibbs, Clerk Alonzo Haight; Justices of the Peace, Alonzo Haight, Lyman Rhodes, Samuel Gibbs, and John Barton. The town board was made up of Samuel Gibbs, Alonzo Haight, John Barton and Lyman Rhodes. There was no treasurer for the first two years. Also elected were three Assessors, three Highway Commissioners, two Overseers of the poor, three Constables, three Commissioners of Common Schools, and a Tax Collector. Louis Groesbeck was one of the overseers of the poor. (from Warren Township Records)