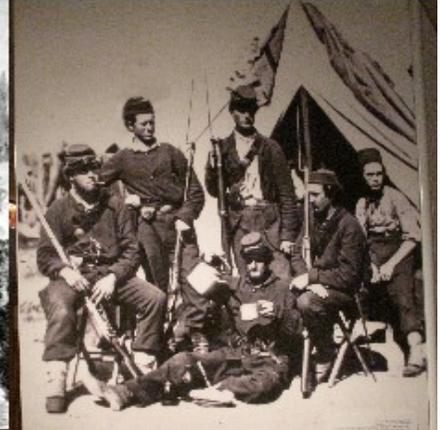


After 1840 temporary housing shelters were replaced with log cabins. Farmers cut down the forests, broke the tough topsoil with plows. First there were plantings of corn and vegetables planted between girdled trees and tree stumps as the ground was not ready for wheat. These **stump farms of the 1830s and 1840s gradually became improved farms with well tilled soil, fences, livestock pens, orchards.** Frame houses replaced log cabins. Improvements were made at the farms. Horses were not strong enough to break up thick grass prairies. Oxen could do that better. The use of horses and



drop spindle, basket, broom, pottery, iron, Top tin, wood, loom

other animals for transportation went from heavy use in the 1800s to only a handful by 1957.

US UnCivil War 1861-1865

was a horrendous painful bloody war in which an estimated 700,000 (+- 100 thousand) casualties died. This was 1 in 11 men affected many Michigan families. We contributed over ninety thousand men to the Union forces. This was about **23 percent of the male population.** Over one half of the military age population served in the Union army. This created a labor shortage at home. **15,000 Michigan soldiers gave their lives to preserve our country.**

There are people who have never been in a battle and who have no idea of the pain and suffering that goes on who care very little about our soldiers. Five nice memorials were stolen from Warren Union Cemetery by a hysterical grave robber gang in 2011. One listed Warren boys who are buried there and another was the Warren Unknown Soldier Memorial. What great disrespect to those who risked their lives for our freedoms. **Anyone who disrespects our soldiers is not fit to live in our free country.** The hysterical grave robber gang even has a plan to steal more without notice or public hearing (See their new dictated rules.) And more memorials are now missing. See Cemeteries pages for details.

Many of us veterans condemn this action.



We should create a better world for our children and grandchildren. That is what our pioneers did. We must learn from history. The politicians as usual failed. **The Civil War and most of the resulting deaths could have actually been avoided had intelligent reasoning prevailed.** Even the Detroit Free Press called for a negotiated settlement. In 1861 Virginia tried to organize a peace conference to avoid war by finding non violent solutions to the nation's problems. The two men at the left have just driven a bayonet into the other. They have nothing against each other. So why are they killing each other? What a waste. There are better solutions to problems than killing. Page 61