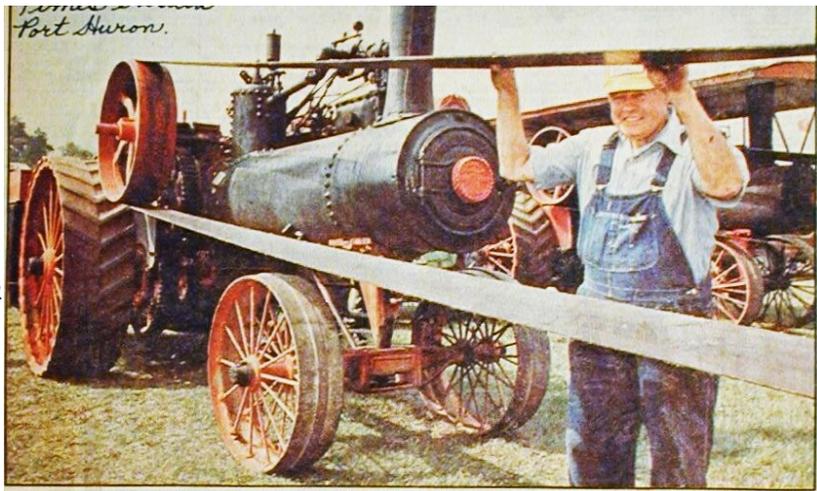
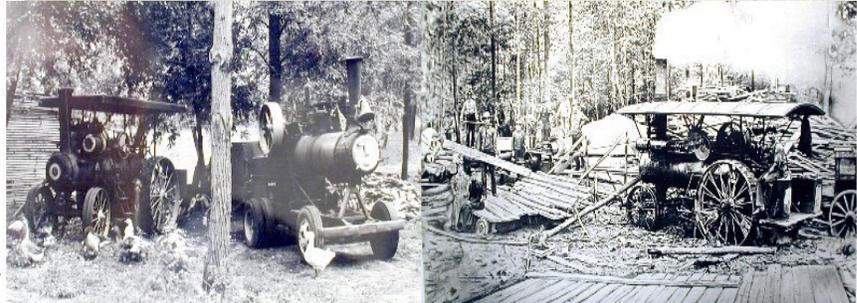


1880-1914 **Steam tractors** had **wide use**. Herman Weier had several in use on his farm. They ran a saw mill and machines.



Doctors before 1900 had little medical knowledge and few medicines to work with and they were often ineffective. There were no pain pills. The earliest report of a Dr was from the 1850 census which showed Carlos Glazier 30 **physician**. There was a Dr William Simonds born April 3 1830 in Canada. who practiced in the late 1870s and perhaps sooner. He often **got paid in chickens** according to his family which historian Wes Arnold interviewed. He died Nov 11, 1898 of an injury and drowning. Dr Garrison was a local doctor but became ill for sometime about 1878. Dr Garrison recovered and returned to his practice in 1879. Dr John C Flynn 1850-1910 came to Warren in 1882 but due to illness moved to Colorado in 1883. He came back to Warren upon regaining his health and continued his practice. And there was Doctor W H Smith MD who has a big monument in Warren Union Cemetery showing Oct 1856- Dec 1899. Then there was Doctor Edward W LaDoucour 1869-1927. After that there were many doctors.



Fires/Floods/Droughts

In the Fall of **1871 there was a drought** over much of the Great Lakes. Debris from logging and land clearing was tender-dry. Wells went dry, crops failed, streams shrank. On October 8 a **great wildfire** struck the town of Peshtigo, Wisconsin killing 1300 people and the fire spread to Michigan. **It burned over 1,100,000 acres.** Another fire destroyed



Chicago. Additional fires across the state resulted in at least **200 deaths**. Ten years later another fire struck the area between Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron which was completely devastated. The **Fire burned for over a month. Over 2 million acres were burned** and **hundreds of families lost everything**. Farmers reported that the skies were dark with smoke for several days. As far as floods Warren has a problem in that it is flat and had poor drainage especially when the ground is frozen or saturated. In March 1902, and April 1947 Warren had some serious flooding. There were many times that heavy rains caused basement flooding and small area flooding due to inadequate drains.