

## A History of the Warner Settlement

Ref: "Randolph Township" by E. F. Warner in the *History of Montgomery County, Ohio*, W. H. Beers, 1882.

Heinrich (Henry) Warner was born in Wittenberg, Germany in the mid-seventeen hundreds and came to America to seek his fortune. He originally settled in Frederick County, Maryland and served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. After the war he moved to Bedford County, Pennsylvania where he married Susannah (Nichodemus) and started a family.

In 1811, Henry decided to emigrate with his large family to the rich farmlands of Montgomery County, Ohio. He led his wife and his nine adult children and their families down the Ohio River in flat-bottom boats from Pittsburg to Cincinnati. His children were Jacob, John, Henry, Andrew, David, Daniel, Elizabeth (Snyder), Susan(nah) (Folkerth) and Catherine (Mast). The elder Henry purchased (from Robert Ewing and William Carrick) a  $\frac{3}{4}$  section of farmland in Randolph Township, Section 9, Town 5, Range 5, East, located near Union, Ohio. Each of the Warner families selected a farm site on the 480 acres in said township and began agricultural pursuits.

This large settlement was known far and near as "the Warner Settlement." Through the years, the family members bought additional lands in adjoining townships, counties, and states. By 1890, only two Warner family members continued to live in this area of Ohio, namely Enos Warner and E. F. Warner (Salem). It was E. F. Warner who wrote the Randolph Township chapter in Beers' history book. He was the son of John H. Warner and the grandson of Jacob Warner.

The old Warner Cemetery still exists and is located on the north side of Sweet Potato Ridge Road between St. Rt. 48/Main Street and Old Mill Road alongside the Union Ridge housing development. In later years this cemetery was referred to as the Herr Cemetery since Samuel M. Herr, his wife Mary (Bowman) and son are also buried there along with many of the early Warner family members. The "new" Warner Cemetery is located about 1.5 miles west of the old farm cemetery on Sweet Potato Ridge Road and is still active.