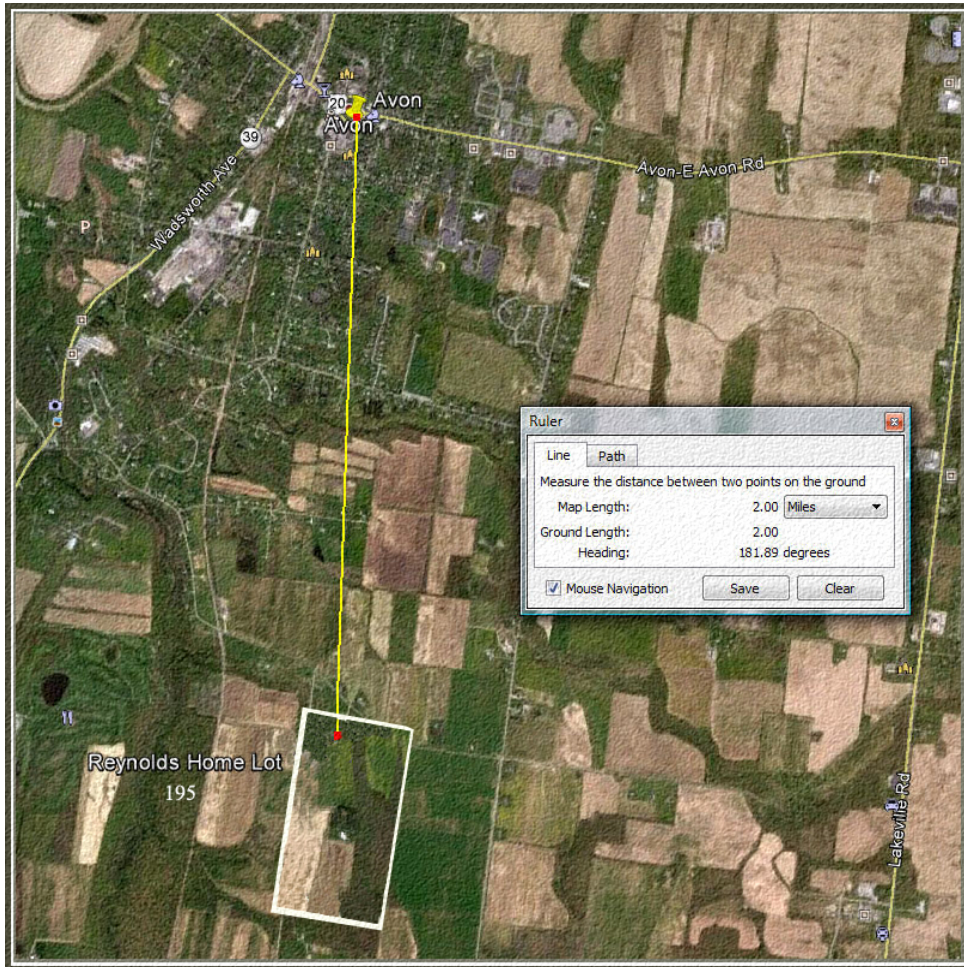


## Birthplace of Warren Ford Reynolds



Aerial view of Reynolds Home Lot 195, two miles south of Avon, Livingston County, New York, location of Warren F. Reynolds' birth.

June 7, 1823

The day was Saturday, all day long. Thirty-four year old Betsy presented her husband, Asa D. with his eighth child that day. Finally, another son -- their third, but it had been a dozen years since the last boy they named Asa had made his entry into the family. A little different from their oldest son, Levi H. who just turned fifteen and was almost a man, second son Asa was a studious boy, who would rather read books and

juggle figures than plow fields and gather in the harvest. In his bones, Asa knew he would grow up to be a teacher, a judge or maybe a Legislator. Levi H. was the farm boy, strong as a miller. Now, perhaps this third son would grow quickly and learn the farm chores his five older sisters inherited on their Genesee Valley farm.

Gathered close by that day were Betsy's five daughters. There was sixteen year old Eliza who quickly was gaining a reputation for her firm opinions at the Baptist church the family attended in East Avon. Then there was ten year old Amanda, who already had a childhood crush on that close neighbor boy, Samuel Blakesley Chapel; and seven year old Sarah Ann, four year old Caroline, and finally, the toddler, two year old Esther.

What to name this new son, that was the question. Shubel, Shubal, or Shubael? Perhaps not -- too many in the family already and the spelling was so confusing "taboot." Betsy thought 'Christian' for her father, but it just didn't fit. How about after that good family friend from Schoharie, Warren Ford, who had been so helpful with the move to the Genesee five or six years back. And wasn't he a close relative of Isaiah Zada Butler, the roving Baptist preacher whose son Isaiah was he whom Eliza had her eyes on! And so it was.

#### Warren's First Seven Years

Warren was lucky to have so many older sisters to help take care of him as he grew to the age of accountability, when he would instinctively know the difference between right and wrong, because Betsy was not through having children. As a three year old he was joined by a younger brother William, born on 25 Sept 1826. Then at age five another sister was born on 30 June 1828. Her parents named her Maria Elizabeth but family members called her Betsy Maria. His mother was said to have kept a clean house while her daughters taught Warren his manners. But many of the times they spent as youth were fun times too, because Warren carried into his old age a sense of humor constantly practiced by playing tricks on his children. He passed that trait to his son, my grandpa Charley.

Warren's siblings were not his only playmates as a child. His older sister Eliza married Isaiah Butler on 18 April, 1825, when he was just two, and she started her family right away. Eliza and Isaiah lived right next to her parents, perhaps on the same rented lot 195. Their first child, Betsy Ann was born 13 April, 1826, their second, son Jerome was born 23 October, 1827, and third child Louisa Maria was born 8 August 1829. Additionally, there was the family of his Uncle Levi and Aunt Lorena, who also lived on a closely adjoining Wadsworth rented property. They too had sons born in 1823 and 1825, on whom were bestowed the family names of their forebears, James and Jeremiah. Then too, there was Aunt Elizabeth and Uncle John Kennicutt. Their family of twelve children spanned an age distance of almost 25 years.

NOTE: Warren's birth date of September 7, 1823 is substantiated in two source documents: (1) Family records kept in the family bible of Warren's younger brother, William, in possession of Roberta Reynolds Lake, Muir, Michigan; (2) The personal, handwritten records of Jennie Lydia Reynolds Mahaney, daughter of Asa Reynolds, older brother of Warren F. Reynolds, copies in possession of Robert N. Reynolds, great-grandson of Warren.

By great-grandson Robert N. Reynolds