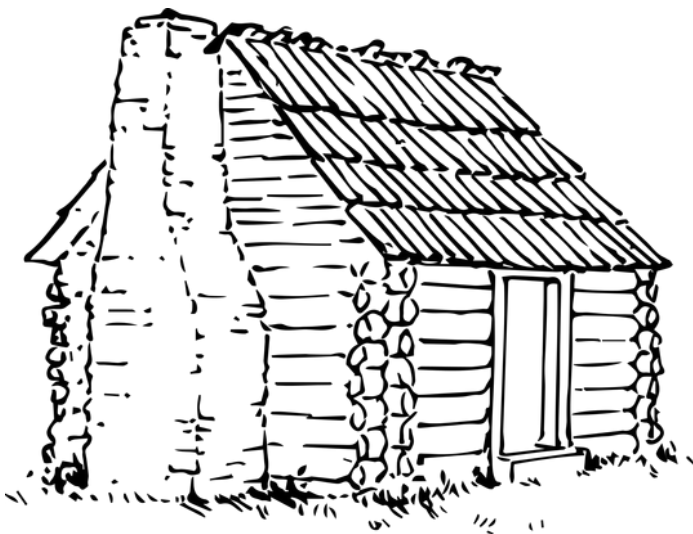


# Pioneer Life

Pioneers needed few basic things to survive: Food, shelter, heating, and clothing. Their lives revolved around these needs.

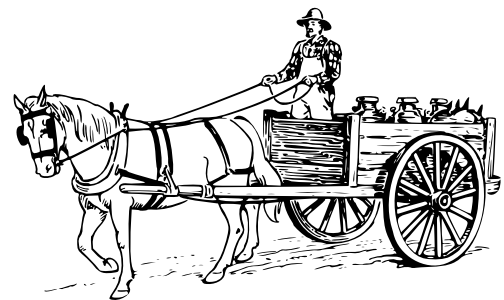
Many communities started small before expanding to become towns and villages.

Families often had many children (usually between 5-20) to help with daily chores.



Buildings did not have indoor plumbing so people would use outhouses and chamber pots instead. Water was collected from a well instead.

Buildings also didn't have electricity so candles and fireplaces were used for lighting and heating.



Most buildings were one-room cabins. The main floor would have a bed, kitchen area, and maybe a seating area. If the cabins had a loft, that is where the children would sleep.

# Clothing and Materials

## Materials

Wool: Wool is sheared off of sheep

Cotton: Cotton comes from the cotton plant and is grown in warm climates

Leather: Leather is treated animal skins

Fur: Furs come from a variety of different animals

Clothing was either made at home or by a tailor. As different materials became available, styles changed as well.

Cabins did not have closets and people did not have a lot of clothes so they would often times store their clothing in chests.



# Daily Chores

Feeding animals

Give animals straw for bedding

Collect eggs

Butcher animals

Milk cows

Shear sheep

Tan animal hides

Cut wood and gather kindling for fire

Build and tend to fire

Build house

Prepare food for meals

Salt, cure, smoke or cold pack meat

Can foods

Grind grains

Hunting

Churning butter

Tend to the garden/farm

Forage for food

Plant, water, and pick plants

Dry Herbs

Weave baskets

Make clothes

Wash clothes

Sew clothes

Spin wool

Mend clothes

Weave

Make rope

Make candles

Clean chamber pots

Make soap

Collect water

