

The land was to be laid out in lots of 160 acres each and each member of the colony then would be entitled, for the sum of \$212.50, paid in advance this 160 acres and one town lot of 10 acres.; each settler, when receiving a deed to his village lot, was to give a note to the color for \$25. payable in 2 years, for use towards defraying the expense of building a meeting house. An 80 acre lot was to be reserved for a parsonage.

On April 2 1836, E.E. Church and William G. Henry left Vermont with a cowhide valise of the Colony's money. In Western New York they were joined by Wait F. Scudder (Home of Rober Saylor) Finally reaching Detroit they waited 24 hours for the stage-an open wagon, roads were horrible; besides paying fare, they worked their passage, carrying fence rails to pry the wagon out of the mud where holes were deepest.

Their objective point was the United States land office at Kalamazoo. They found the land through Col. Barnes a surveyor and only one parcel had been purchased in the township. After purchasing the land they returned to the site and laid out a village according to the plans drawn up in Vermont.

The village 1 mile 40 rods long East and West 1/2 mile north and south.

Lots fronting 20 rods in width fronting north and south along East and west, extending 80 rods north and south. in the center was a square 1 acre

Some colonists who went with the prospecting party to spy out the land, W.J. Scudder, W.S. Fairfield and Levi Merrill remained in the woods, and the latter part of May 1836 went to work felling the trees, building log houses and shanties. A log colony house was erected to shelter other settlers as they arrived. Ava Kroger house. S.S. Church Lage log house. The meeting was held there and Rev Cook's wife, boy and girl lives there till here was built. <sup>S.S. church</sup>

In summer of 1838 the first school was taught in a private house. In the fall of that year a log school house was erected on the northwest corner of the public square. schools 3 months in summer by female teacher, and 3 months in winter by a male teacher.

In 1843 an academical association was formed. They built an academy, for double purpose of a school