

Note: The strong part religion played in their lives is thus clearly seen, as well as in the following.

10. VOTED, That an 80 acre lot be reserved for a parsonage, out of the purchase, to be selected by the agents.

11. VOTED, That our agents keep a regular bill of their necessary expenses, from the time they start until they have made a purchase and surveyed the village lots, and the colony pay one-half said expenses.

"We whose names are hereto annexed, do hereby pledge ourselves that we will willingly conform to all the articles and votes of the Colony as contained above."

This was adopted March 28, 1836 at Castleton, Vermont.

The names of these signers will appear next week.

ARTICLE III

After the drafting of the rules and regulations of the proposed Colony had been completed and approved, the documents were signed by forty-two persons but only twenty-two signers became, later, actual residents of Vermontville, and of these all but three were citizens of Vermont.

The names of these Colonists follow, with their occupations, Rev. Sylvester Cochran, Clergyman; Hiram J. Mears, wheel right; Jacob Fuller, cooper; Simeon McCotter, cabinet-maker; Walter S. Fairfield, printer; Daniel Barber, merchant; Martin S. Norton, blacksmith; Dewey H. Robinson, physician; Bazaleel Taft, machinist; Wells R. Martin, surveyor; Levi Merrill, Jr., Simon S. Church, Oren Dickinson, Elijah S. Mead, Wait J. Squier, Stephen D. Scovell, Sidney B. Gates, Jay Hawkins, Roger W. Griswold and Edward H. Barber were farmers. Charles Imus had no given trade, and the names of Willard Davis, George S. Browning and Oliver J. Stiles are added to the roster as residents of Bellevue, Michigan, evidently attracted by the plans of the Committee.

The contributions to the land-purchase fund totaled \$5,792.50 and in April 1836 the committee, consisting of S. S. Church, William J. Henry and Waite J. Squier left the East, taking as their instructions "the charge of Moses to the representatives of the twelve tribes of Israel sent to search out the land of Canaan as set forth in Numbers 13:17-20. "And Moses sent them to apy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, get you up this way Southward, and go up into the Mountain, and see the land, what it is; and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they be strong or weak, few or many; and what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be good or bad; and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in tents or in strongholds; and what the land is, whether it be fat or lean, whether there be wood therein or not; and be ye of good courage, and bring