

WHERE AND HOW DID PIONEER WOMEN LIVE?

Immediately upon arrival, pioneer women had to become, quite literally, homemakers. Although isolated, exhausted after months on the trail or at sea, and often the lone woman among men and children who depended on them, pioneer wives were expected to establish and run a household from the ground up, starting with very little. Canvas, hardware, and lumber from ships and covered wagons were repurposed to make the crude shacks and simple shanties that a pioneer family called home.