

## 1836 Prairietown Vocabulary

apprentice	A person who works for a skilled worker in order to learn a skill or craft.
bit	12 and a half cents.
blacksmith	A mechanic who works with iron to make nails, horseshoes, and other metal items.
butter churn	A container used to turn cream into butter. The wooden tool used to beat or "dash" the cream is called a dash or dasher.
carpenter	A mechanic who works with wood.
cipher	To do arithmetic.
Conestoga wagon	A covered wagon drawn by horses or oxen used to move freight and household goods.
daycap	A cap worn by girls and women in the 1800s. The daycap helped keep hair clean and out of the way while doing work.
hearth	The brick or stone area in front of a fireplace. The floor of a fireplace.
mechanic	A craftsman such as the carpenter, blacksmith, or potter who makes goods.
pioneer	A person who first settles in a place.
plow	An implement used to cut, lift, and turn the earth so that seeds can be planted. In the 1800s, animals such as horses or oxen pulled plows.
poke	A bag used for carrying things just as one would use a backpack or purse today.
potter	A mechanic who makes containers out of clay.
scholar	A student.
settler	A person who comes to live in an area. (The people who live in Prairietown are settlers.)
tick	A mattress of a bed. Ticks could be placed on a bed frame or on the floor.
yoke	A wooden frame worn over the shoulders to help a person carry two water buckets. The term, "yoke," also refers to the wooden frame put on the necks of animals such as oxen. The animal yoke joined the animals together to pull a load such as a plow.