

the women and children, provisions and other necessities; but not in sufficient numbers to carry them all. So they had to take turns in alternately riding and walking. The main body arrived on the 15th of August, the whole long journey having been made by water, except the short distance from Baltimore to Columbia, and the sixty-two miles from Galena to New Glarus. One hundred and eight persons, out of the original one hundred and ninety-three, remained, the rest having, from various causes, become discouraged and dropped off along the way. Many of these, however, in after years, rejoined their friends, and shared in the fortunes of the colony.

Many of these original colonists brought their pots, pans, kettles and other utensils all the way from the Old World, all of which did duty for a long time in the colony, in the days of its infancy, when it required all the means the people possessed, and could obtain, to supply food and clothing. About a dozen pans and kettles had to do duty for all the families; and it is related, that for some time a single broom sufficed for the whole settlement. It was, no doubt, better than the modern made article.

When the colonists arrived, there was scarcely any food on hand, as their arrival had not been so soon expected, and the necessary provision had not been made. In this emergency, the streams were largely drawn upon for food, being abundantly stocked with fish. As there were not many hooks and lines, the party was divided—some caught fish, and others bait—namely, grasshoppers. In this way a plentiful supply of fish was caught, which were cooked and eaten without seasoning, as the supply of salt had given out.

Even in later years, owing to unforeseen circumstances, the necessary food for the colonists was sometimes very short; for as late as the fall of 1850, the Rev. Wilhelm Streissguth, the first preacher, wrote that there were not fifty pounds of flour in the settlement, on account of the threshing machine having broken down, and no wheat threshed. The threshers had to go to Milwaukee, one hundred miles, for repairs, which trip could seldom be made in less than a week. Oxen were used to run the first threshing machines for several seasons. The good pastor wrote