

PHOTO: PIONEER WOMAN AT WORK.

ABIGAIL: "To bear two children in two and a half years from my marriage day, to make thousands of pounds of butter every year for market...to sew and cook, and wash and iron; to bake and clean and stew and fry; to be, in short, a general pioneer drudge, with never a penny of my own, was not pleasant business."

PHOTO: PIONEER CHILDREN.

ABIGAIL: I was often compelled to neglect my little children while spending my time in the kitchen, or at the churn or wash tub, doing heavy work for hale and hearty men - work for which I was poorly fitted."

NARRATOR: When tragedy struck her family, Abigail found her life completely changed in a moment:

PHOTO: BUCKBOARD AND TEAM.

ABIGAIL: "An accident with a runaway team befell my husband, which, though he lived many years thereafter, incapacitated him for physical labor on a farm, and threw the financial, as well as domestic, responsibility of our family upon my almost unaided self."

PHOTO: SCHOOLHOUSE\ROOM.

ABIGAIL: "I would arise from my bed at 3 A.M. to do a days work before school. Then repairing to my school room I would teach the primer classes. After preparing luncheon I would resume school work until 4 o'clock, before taking up my household duties again in the home."