

New Harmony-type commune tried in Monroe

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The Blue Spring residents went at their work with enthusiasm, and it is a measure of their determination that they at least got their young community off the ground.

The first indication of trouble was in the winter of 1826, when some of the residents moved back into their own cabins. Ideological differences split the group just as it was happening at New Harmony.

DISPIRITED, the founders were unable to revive their enthusiasm after the warm weather of the spring of 1827 returned to Indiana.

Blue Spring had failed. The names of Berry, Bowen, Briscoe, Collins, and Patterson do not appear in the 1856 atlas of county property owners.

Owen's utopian dream ended at New Harmony only one year after Blue Spring died.