Antebellum Reformers:

"The Pursuit of Perfection"

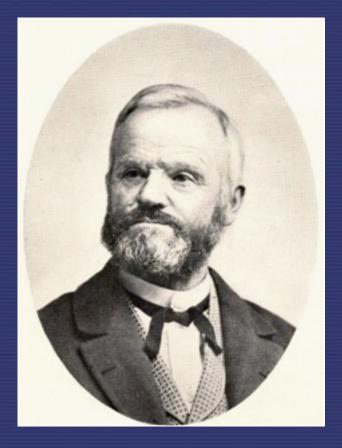
Ms. Susan M. Pojer Horace Greeley HS Chappaqua, NY

Utopian Communities



The Oneida Community

New York, 1848

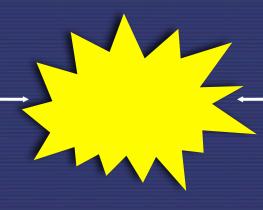


John Humphrey Noyes (1811-1886)

- Millenarianism --> the 2nd coming of Christ had already occurred.
- Humans were no longer obliged to follow the moral rules of the past.
 - all residents married to each other.
 - carefully regulated "free love."

Secular Utopian Communities

Individual Freedom

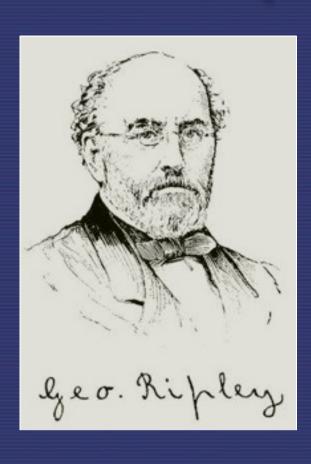


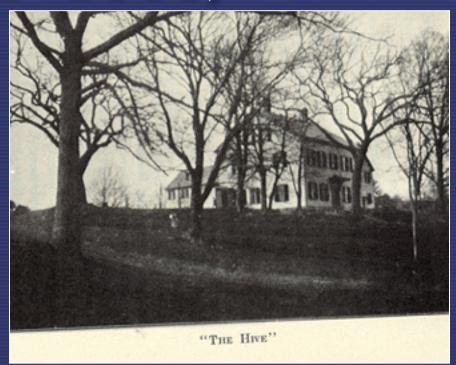
Demands of Community Life

- spontaneity
- e self-fulfillment

- discipline
- organizational hierarchy

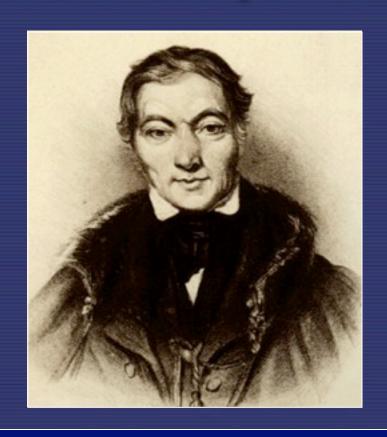
George Ripley (1802–1880)





Brook Farm
West Roxbury, MA

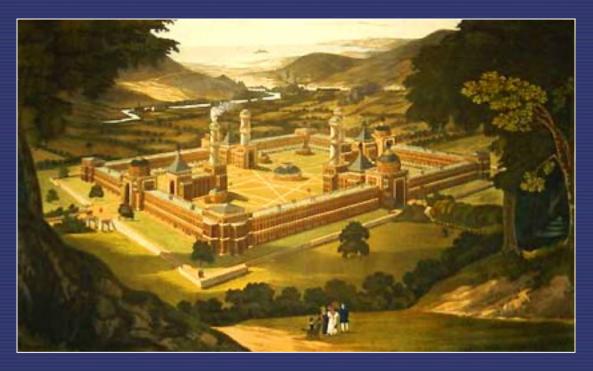
Robert Owen (1771–1858)



Utopian Socialist

"Village of Cooperation"

Original Plans for New Harmony, IN

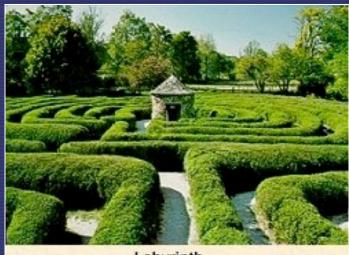




New Harmony in 1832

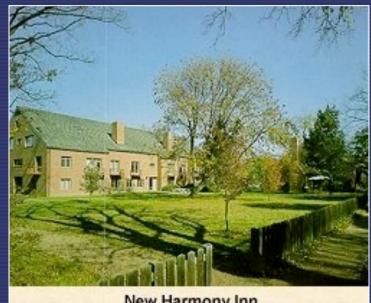


David Lenz House, with Bake Oven (photo by Ruth Reichmann)



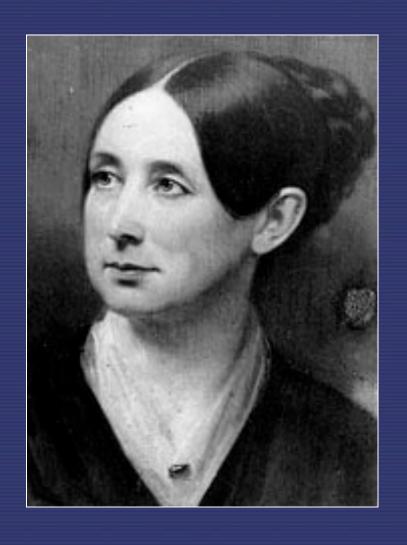
Labyrinth (Historic New Harmony photo)

New Harmony, IN



New Harmony Inn (photo by Ruth Reichmann)

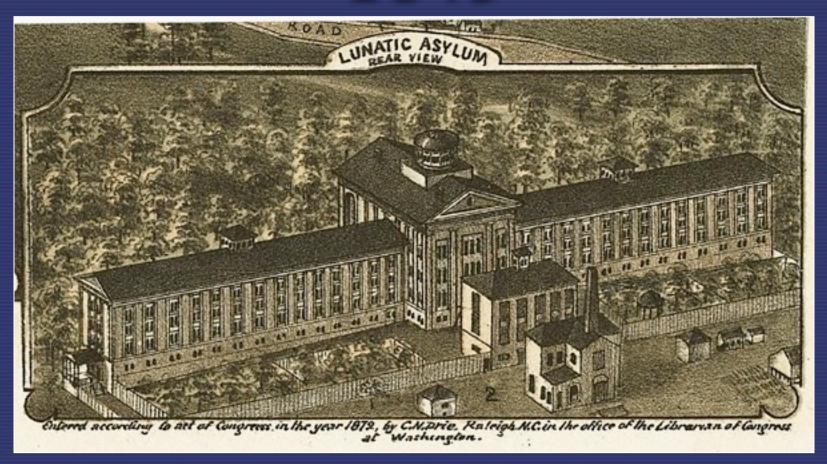
Penitentiary Reform



Dorothea Dix (1802-1887)

1821 → first
penitentiary founded
in Auburn, NY

Dorothea Dix Asylum – 1849



Temperance Movement

1826 - American Temperance Society "Demon Rum"!



Frances Willard



The Beecher Family

"The Drunkard's Progress"



From the first glass to the grave, 1846