

PLYMOUTH

How did the Pilgrims plan to build their town?

The Pilgrims decided to have one street that would go from the shore to the top of the hill.

The top of the hill was a good place for their big guns—their cannons. From there they could see the countryside. They could look out across the sea.

The Pilgrims planned to build houses along both sides of their street. They named the street First Street.

The Pilgrims could not build houses for everyone that first year. So they worked out a plan. The men who had no wives or children would move in with families. Some of the smaller families would move in with larger families. The houses would be crowded, but everyone would have a roof over his head.

The land was measured. A plot of land was given to each family. Larger families were given more land than smaller families.

