

were usually followed. From the source of the stream was a trail to the Niagara River above the Falls. In passing between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie, it appears that a more direct route was found by the Indians by way of the Grand River, with a trail to Burlington Bay, which seems to have been a central point towards which converged portages from different directions. Besides the Grand River route, there was a trail westward to the River Thames. The lake road westward from Niagara to Grimsby does not follow the lake shore, and, it is said, marks an original Indian trail passing to and from the mouth of the Niagara River, and, from its devious course, it may reasonably be supposed that such is the case. But it seems evident that the Indians passing back and forth from the west to the territory south-east of the Falls, instead of following the lake shore and Niagara River, took a shorter route to the Falls by following the Four Mile Creek, the source of which is in that direction. Sometimes they travelled by canoes, sometimes on foot. Along the east side of the creek is a road more or less devious, extending from the lake road to the Village of St. Davids; this is the "Indian line road," or "Four Mile Creek road." From the source of the creek to Niagara River it was called "the Portage road." This road is mostly on the east side of the creek, and part of the way close to it, but at St. Davids it crosses the creek by the west bank. For a few miles from the lake the road is delightfully irregular in its course.

In the Toronto Public Library is an interesting record of the survey and grants of land to David William Smith and his family, in connection with which there is a map on which are traced several old roads. One is on the east side of Niagara River, and is designated "Road to Slocher" (Schlosser), another running south-westwards from the river, near the beginning of the east and west line, is marked, "Old road to Detroit," while a short road running south from the town plot to join it is the "new road." The lake shore road is called the "road to York."

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