

but no more ordinations of local preachers would be permitted.

The Early Settlers in Nissouri

The Township of Nissouri was surveyed and opened for settlement in the year 1818. It is somewhat difficult at this distance of time to give the exact date when some of the early settlers came into the township. The following account is now probably as near as can be ascertained; The first field cleared was on lot 14 in the 2nd concession, but the first actual settler was Wm. O'Brien, who settled on lot 7, in the 8th concession. John and Thomas Scatcherd, who were wealthy and took up lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 in the 1st concession, and the McGuffin family who settled near what is now called Thorndale, were among the earliest settlers. Clawson Burgess was the first actual settler in the vicinity of what is now called Cherry Grove; he settled in 1819 on lot 26 in the 4th concession. His daughter Nancy (born in December, 1819), now the widow of the late Cornelius Near, was the first white child born in the township. William, Robert and Peter Smith were the sons of Nicholas Smith, a U. E. Loyalist who fought in the Revolutionary War and also in the war of 1812. They each drew 200 acres of land, being lots 30, 31 and 32 in the 4th concession. They were attracted to these lots, because there was plenty of running water and good springs and also an abundance of fish in the creek. They settled in 1820. Francis Bowers settled on lot 16 in the 5th concession, in 1820. The Davis family settled in 1820 on lot 21, in the