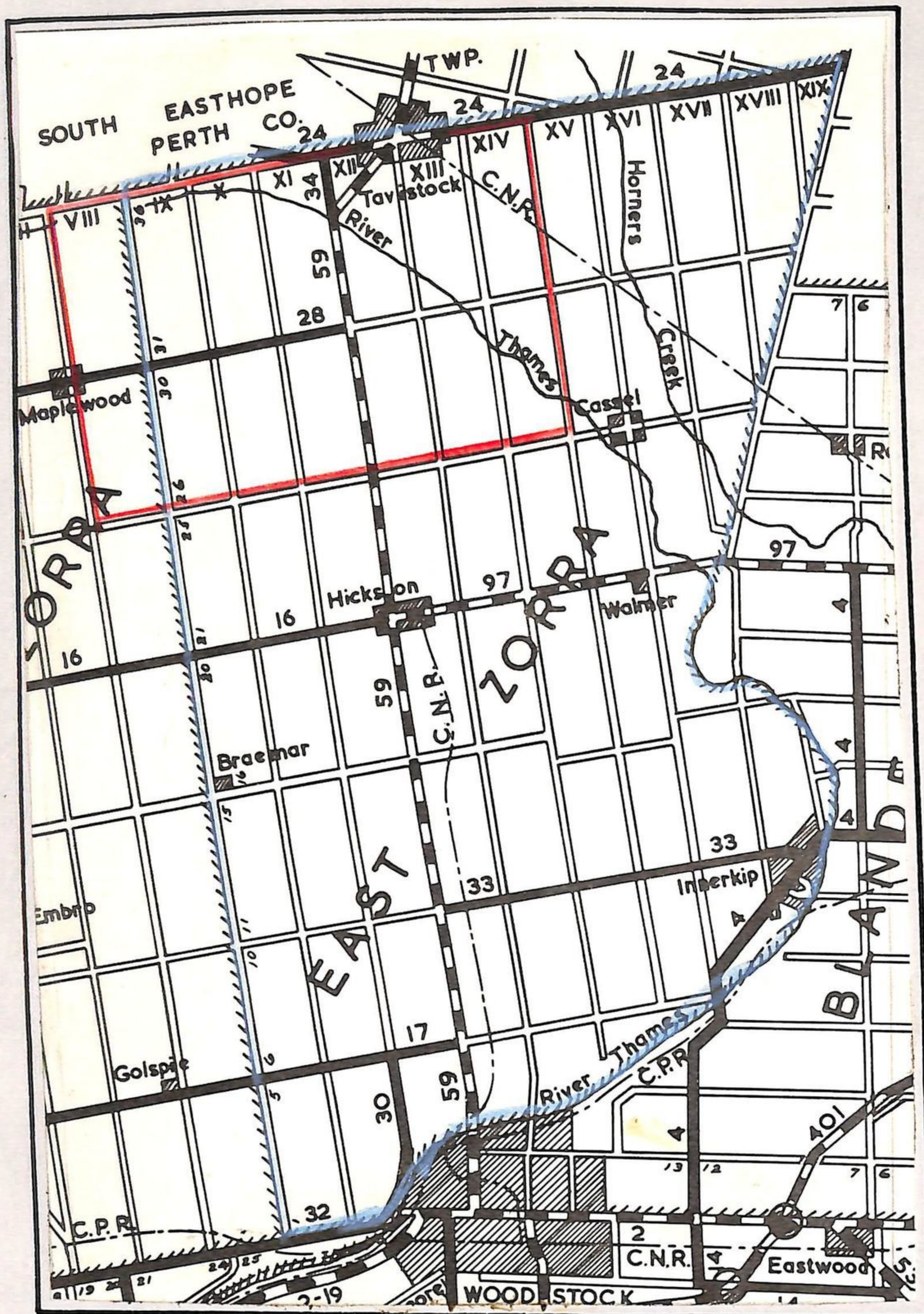


OUR TOWNSHIP



Parcels of land in Zorra had been granted prior to 1820 but the township was not surveyed until 1820 and two years later was organized as a municipality with a clerk, assessor and tax collector. Prior to that date Zorra, Nissouri, West and North Oxford were assessed together and their combined population was 719 souls. Zorra contained then about 145 acres of cleared land and her settlers had 14 horses, 44 oxen and 84 cows. In the first assessment of Zorra in 1822, there was only one taxable house in the township, a hewed log house belonging to

Alexander McGregor, who had 200 acres of land four acres of which was cultivated. He had two oxen and one cow. We do not know his location in the township.

The first deed recorded was for Lot 12 concession 15 which was owned by Stratten and Olive Rowell who had 200 acres. This deed was recorded June 10, 1822. The second deed was recorded June 11, 1822 to Edwin Secord - no doubt some relation to the Secords found in the Lakeside and St. Marys areas and a relative of the Ingersoll family. He never lived here.

In 1845 Zorra was divided for municipal purposes into two townships East and West Zorra.

Among the earliest settlers of Zorra was a colony from New England States of United Empire Loyalists. During and subsequent to the American Revolution,