

Township of East Nissouri
 -from Shenston's "Oxford Gazetteer - 1852"

It is a township of most excellent land, and very heavily timbered with hardwood.

We have not been able to ascertain when the first township meeting was held, but we have found, after much searching, the original minutes, etc., of a meeting held 7th January, 1821, at the house of Mr. James Howard. The warrant was issued by Peter Teeple and Thomas Horner, Esquires, addressed to A. Lewis, constable. James O'Brien was elected clerk; James O'Brien and John Uran, assessors; and John Stephens, collector. It was then moved by Mr. E. Withers, sen., seconded by James O'Brien, and resolved, "That the next town meeting be held at the house of Mr. James Howard, 13th lot, 6th concession, on the 1st Monday in January, 1822."

The first territorial division in the province was made July 16, 1792, at which time the township of Nissouri was unknown. The first find it alluded to when by an Act in 1821 it was added, with Zorra, to the County of Oxford. Previous to that the whole of the Townships of Nissouri, Zorra and North and West Oxford were assessed together.