

The Township, now known as East Missouri, was opened up and surveyed for settlement in 1818. Mr. Brown, with other members of his family, left his home in Lower Canada, due to fear of the Indians, to live in New York State where settlement was thicker. A few years later the family moved westward and in 1822 they bought a lot in East Missouri and settled where Brown's Corners is now. On their way some of the party stopped overnight at the home of Mr. Joel Case at St. Andrews, now known as Thamesford.

Rev. Thomas B. Brown, a son of Mr. Brown, wrote a biography which was published in 1899 and from this we glean many accounts of pioneer life in the township.

Commenting on the backward state of the township for the first few years after their family arrived Rev. Brown says:

"From 1822 to 1830 there was very little improvement in roads or settlement. For some years there were no township meetings or officers so that there were no taxes levied and in consequence of the few inhabitants being scattered so far apart no public schools were organized. The first school that I know of was taught by a