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Missouri Trail Disappeared with  
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In the autumn of 1935 the writer conversed with Mr. L. D. Brown, East Missouri Township, then in his 92nd year, and who has since passed away. In describing some of the stirring events of settlement days of Oxford County he referred several times to the famous Missouri Trail which went through the forests from Thamesford to St. Marys and was used alike by all comers - Indians and white men.

The course of the trail is not visible at the present time and Mr. Brown was probably the only person, then living, who could point out exactly where it passed through the countryside. He described it as being about the width of a narrow city street, and of bare earth packed hard by the tramping of innumerable feet. The trail followed a blazed course through the bush and for the most part was located on high ground. It cut directly across the country and later, when roads were surveyed, no attempt was made by them to have the new roads coincide with the trail.

Mr. Brown recalled that when his father, the Rev. Thomas B. Brown settled in East Missouri, in 1822, the trail was in general use and when a small boy the former had the unique experience