



mainly of simple trails between village centers. The North-South Old Indian Trail was still likely the best access to Traverse City, perhaps a good reason for locating the church on this corner.

- 23 "MILL ROAD MARKER"
(GPS: 44.621181, -85.635499)
- 24 "DEER MARKER"
(GPS: 44.642857, -85.635434)
- 25 "VANCE ROAD MARKER"
(GPS: 44.657603, -85.655744)
- 26 "CHUMS CORNER MARKER"
(GPS: 44.671850, -85.662439)
- 27 "RENNIE SCHOOL MARKER"
(GPS: 44.686520, -85.655701)
- 28 "WEMECK'S MARKER"
(GPS: 44.717206, -85.644715)
- 29 "SOUTH AIRPORT MARKER"
(GPS: 44.722581, -85.639833)
- 30 "SUBURBAN MARKER"
(GPS: 44.730546, -85.635724)
- 31 "CASS STREET MARKER"
(GPS: 44.747922, -85.620961)
- 32 "BOARDMAN RIVER MARKER"
(GPS: 44.760120, -85.621219)
- 33 "WEST END BEACH MARKER"
(GPS: 44.769444, -85.634796)



Once, well out in the country outside of Traverse City in Southwest Garfield Township, the Old Indian Trail pathway and the State Road simultaneously crossed a township road which came to be known by the school located on the northeast corner of the intersection. The farm family owners donated the property upon which the school was built and in the custom of the day was named Rennie School after the property owners. William, and later son, William A. Rennie, built and ran a prosperous farming operation.



The Boardman River lies ahead so we turn left to parallel the stream because the Cass Road bridge hasn't yet been built. Shortly, we pass the later site of a dam forming Boardman Lake and where the Hannah and Lay Flour Mill was soon located. Lay Park followed by Hannah Park were established on the South bank. A Traverse City postcard from an era shortly after the Carnegie Library was built in 1903 shows this Boardman River vista with Lay Park at the library and Hannah Park toward us on the right. The town was growing up and out. If you were walking the trail in later years, you passed the Hannah home and the Carnegie Library on Sixth St., soon to reach where the river looped 3/4 miles ENE to join the bay.



Route Completed - Thank you for exploring. Now, imagine that route on foot or horseback!



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