



Marker #3

The old Case Homestead was one of the 50 or more taverns erected when the Great Western Turnpike opened in 1789. The Case family first built a tavern where the State University stands today, but moved west on the Turnpike to accommodate the increased flow of journeymen travelling on the new road.

Farmers from Cherry Valley would herd their cattle down the Turnpike for market in Albany. Since the walking herd took one hour to go four miles, Guilderland's section of the new road was crowded with animals on many days for long hours.

The farmers used the Case Tavern and Inn for overnight stays. One history record states that as many as 100 men would sleep in the main room of the Case Tavern. In Roscoe's *The History of Schoharie*, the author writes that the Case Tavern served "all you can eat for one shilling," and the specialty of the house was whole roast pig. The homestead burned in early 1950.

A blue and gold historic marker still stands today at the site of the old Case Tavern, in front of the M & M Motel close by the Western Turnpike Golf Course entrance. It is a reminder of Guilderland's earlier years.