



Marker #27

The Schoharie and Albany Plank Road constructed in 1849 followed the old road from Schoharie through Gallupville along King's Creek to Shingletown, but when it got to Knowersville (Altamont) it took a new turn on its way to the Western Turnpike. That change of direction meant bad news for several of Altamont's hostelrys when stage coach travel bypassed their doors.

The plank road was a marked improvement over the dirt road that preceded it. However, 17 years later, the Susquehanna railroad lined through the Town of Guilderland in 1863, cutting down traffic on the Plank Road until it was abandoned in 1867.

The lone historic marker on the corner of Main Street and Brandle Road in Altamont is a reminder of the changes in transportation modes in the history of Guilderland.

"A people without history is like the wind upon the Buffalo grass."

Indian legend