

## DATA ON THE HAMBURG-VERSAILLES PLANK ROAD

(research done by Donald Spittler)

From survey filed in the Erie County Clerk's Office on April 17, 1850 in Miscellaneous Liber 2, page 128, Hamburg-Versailles Plank Road extended from Joel Smith's Tavern on Hamburg Turnpike (where Pleasant Ave. now meets Rt. 5 - see *1866 map of Lake View*) <http://seiz2day.com/lakeviewny/LVmaps.htm> to Rodney B. Smith's store in the Town of Hanover, Chautauqua County.

<http://newyork.hometownlocator.com/maps/bigmap.n,town%20of%20hanover,fid,979045.cfm>

Other reference states to center of bridge over Cattaraugus Creek.

**Certificates of Inspection** (as built) contained in Corporate Box 7224, Erie Co. Clerk's Office:

1. Dated June 10, 1851, signed by Ira Fish and L.L. Miller; covers portion of road from termination at head of Hamburg Turnpike to Matthew Sheperd's in Evans - 3 5/8 miles.
2. Dated July 16, 1851, same inspectors as above; covers the portion from the bridge at Versailles over Cattaraugus Creek to the bridge over Big Sister Creek in Pontiac - 7 miles.

**Notices of abandonment** filed in Corporate box # 7224 and also in Miscellaneous Liber 2, pages 371, and 407 and Liber 3, page 65.

1. July 29, 1856 (Liber 2, page 371). Signed by Andrew Varney, President and T.W. Camp, Secretary. Abandoned the portion from Rodney Smith's store in Hanover to Nelson Field's tavern in the Town of Brant. R.O.W. conveyed to Town in which it was located.
2. March 30, 1857 (Liber 2, page 407). Signed by Levi Brown, President and T.W. Camp, Secretary. Abandoned the portion from Field's Tavern to the bridge over Big Sister Creek at Pontiac.
3. January 6, 1858 (Liber 3, page 65). Signed by Levi Brown, President and T.W. Camp, Secretary. Abandoned the portion from the bridge over Big Sister Creek in Pontiac to the road that passes William Bullock's place, which runs from Jerusalem Corners to Eden Corners. Abandoned to the Town of Evans.

### **Acquisition of Right of Way:**

Only one deed found to date (Oct. 23, 1990): Liber of deeds #130, page 272 recorded July 16, 1852.

GRANTOR: Jason Foster, Town of Hamburg.

GRANTEE: John Berland, Levi Brown, Rodney B. Smith, Directors of the Hamburg-Versailles Plank Rd Co.

CONSIDERATION: \$60.00.

CONVEYED: A strip of land 2 rods wide on the west side of the farm, beginning at a point where the plank road leaves the Lake Road and thence to a point where the plank road crosses the State Line Railroad, according to a survey by D.O. Stephens, and to the angle of said plank road where it crosses said railroad.

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