



A WHILE AGO IN FRANKLIN

Did you ever wonder why the cemetery gate is higher than Franklin Road? It wasn't always that way!

Before 1900 and the automobile, the two lanes of Franklin Road near the cemetery were at different levels. The southbound lane was higher. It was even with the cemetery gate. It was covered with gravel which gave better traction for horses pulling a wagon up hill.

The northbound lane was lower and covered with sand which made it easier for horses to hold a load going downhill.

Although plausible, the concept posed an issue, when it rained, the water would flow through the gravel and wash out the sand which would end up in the homes at the bottom of the hill.

