

## Flower Hill - History May 2021

In the early eighteenth century, prior to the Revolutionary War, the residents of the area had a peaceful life. There were farms and estates. A Gristmill was built in Plandome. As well as a few commercial buildings to process some of the food raised on the farms. There were two distinct types of houses. The Dutch architecture was long and low while the English style was two-story and with a southern exposure to catch the sun. Glass was very expensive so the windows were very small. Everyone attended church. The English attended St, George's Church in Hempstead. The Quakers had their church in Manhasset. Church were unheated so people living nearby were supposed to keep their fireplaces lit so that the Sunday travelers could warm themselves after the long horse and buggy trip. There eventually was a decision to build a road.

The main road was North Hempstead Turnpike, later named Northern Boulevard. This road went past the Quaker Meeting House near Shelter Rock and eastward. The roads were unpaved. Church services lasted for many hours. In good weather, the horses could pull the wagons twelve miles in a little less than two hours. The major Sunday activity was church attendance. Eventually a decision was made to build better roads. Plandome Road was one of these.

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