

= New York State Route 273 =

New York State Route 273 (NY 273) was a state highway in northern Washington County , New York , in the United States . It began at an intersection with U.S. Route 4 (US 4) east of the village of Whitehall and ended at the Vermont state line in the town of Hampton , just east of a junction with NY 22A . The route passed through largely rural areas and entered only one community , the small hamlet of East Whitehall .

NY 273 followed part of the former routing of the Hampton and Whitehall Turnpike , a privately maintained highway that linked the village of Whitehall to a bridge over the Poultney River near the hamlet of Hampton , where it continued to Poultney , Vermont , in the 19th century . The portion of the turnpike west of East Whitehall became part of US 4 in 1927 ; however , US 4 was realigned in the mid @-@ 1940s to follow a new , more direct highway between Whitehall and the Vermont state line at Fair Haven , Vermont . NY 273 was assigned in 1949 to the path of old turnpike ; however , the NY 273 designation was eliminated in 1980 as part of a highway maintenance swap between the state of New York and Washington County . The former routing of NY 273 west of NY 22A became County Route 18 (CR 18) .

= = Route description = =

NY 273 began at an intersection with US 4 east of the village of Whitehall in the town of Whitehall . After the intersection , the route passed the Our Lady of Angels Cemetery , where it turned to the southeast . NY 273 ran along the base of Ore Red Hill , outside of Whitehall . Near Ore Red Hill , the highway intersected with a local road , which connected to US 4 . The route progressed to the southeast , entering the hamlet of East Whitehall , where it intersected with another local road .

NY 273 passed Bartholomew Hill and entered the town of Hampton , where it passed two mountains , Morris Hill , and the larger Thorn Hill . The highway then passed north of Crystal Lake , and entered the hamlet of Hampton . NY 273 intersected NY 22A in the small community before ending at the Vermont state line on a bridge over the Poultney River .

= = History = =

= = = Origins = = =

On April 11 , 1820 , the New York State Legislature created the Hampton and Whitehall Turnpike Road Company , a privately owned tasked with building the Hampton and Whitehall Turnpike . According to the act incorporating the company , the highway would begin at a bridge in the town of Hampton (at the Poultney River) and follow " the most convenient route " to the community of Whitehall Landing on Wood Creek (the modern village of Whitehall) in the town of Whitehall .

The Hampton and Whitehall Turnpike Road Company was initially financed through 800 shares of stock valued at \$ 20 each . Under the text of the act establishing the entity , only one toll gate was permitted on the turnpike . The toll charged at the gate varied by person ; the exact amount was based on the vehicle used and the number of livestock and horses that were brought onto the roadway . By 1920 , the turnpike company ceased to exist and the state of New York had plans in place to improve the portion of the turnpike west of the hamlet of East Whitehall . The improved road would be part of a state highway extending from the village of Whitehall to the Vermont state line at Fair Haven , Vermont . The contract for the project was awarded on April 5 , 1921 , and the highway was completed by 1926 .

= = = Designations = = =

When the Whitehall ? Fair Haven highway first opened , it did not have a designation . However , the road was part of the proposed routing of US 4 , a route in the new U.S. Highway System . It

officially became part of US 4 when the system was officially approved in November of that year . In the early 1940s , construction began on a new highway between Whitehall and Fair Haven that bypassed East Whitehall to the northwest . It was completed by 1946 , at which time it became a realignment of US 4 . On January 1 , 1949 , the old Hampton and Whitehall Turnpike was designated as NY 273 , a new route connecting US 4 east of Whitehall to the Vermont state line in Hampton .

In 1980 , NY 273 was removed from the state highway system as part of a highway maintenance swap between the state of New York and Washington County . On April 1 , 1980 , ownership and maintenance of NY 273 was transferred from the state of New York to Washington County ; however , the NY 273 designation had officially ceased to exist one week earlier on March 24 , 1980 . Following the swap , the former routing of NY 273 was redesignated as CR 18 while the short connector to Vermont became part of CR 18A , then a loop route off NY 22A . CR 18A has since been reconfigured to follow a new highway leading directly from NY 22A to the Poultney River bridge .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route was in Washington County .