

How The Village of Delanson Was Named

Prior to 1869 when the new railroad was constructed through the valley and down the hill from Quaker Street, the small settlement that existed there was known as Toad Hollow. With the coming of the railroad, more buildings and homes were erected, along with a station, or depot, where passengers boarded and freight was loaded on the trains. This small settlement was soon known as Quaker Street Depot. Several years later, a new railroad company, named the Delaware and Hudson, purchased the existing tracks, engines and cars and Quaker Street Depot grew larger and larger.

By 1890, the residents of Quaker Street Depot decided a new name was in order for their village situated next to the railroad. It was the first Superintendent of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad who proposed that the first three letters of Delaware (Del), the first two of "and" (an) and the last three letters of the word Hudson (son) be joined together to form the new name for the village. The proposal received general approval and, as a result, the name of the settlement had changed from Toad Hollow to Quaker Street Depot to Delanson, and it remains so today.