

**Shelby once had horse racing track next to railroad**

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In this photo from around 1890, we see the railroad crossing at Salt Works Road in the Town of Shelby.

A horse headed south is about to cross the tracks. The board fence in the background encloses a race track. On the 1875 map this area adjacent to New York Central is denoted as: "Medina Driving Park." It was a place where horse

owners living in the village could take their horses for exercise.

The small building behind the fence appears to be a grandstand for people to watch races. Poles along the tracks support telegraph wires. Some of the men in the picture appear to be inspecting the tracks.