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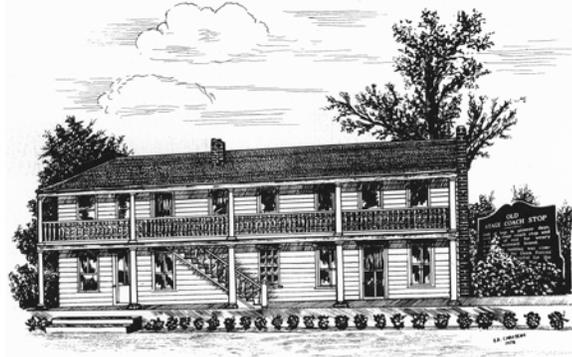
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TOUR SEASON 2015

We had a busy 2014 at the OSS. In addition to our weekly Saturday opening, we opened our doors and offered a children’s activity at each of the Rt. 66 Fests. We also hosted several group tours, the most notable being a “front line” tour for those in the area hotel business. Our Appreciation Day was held in conjunction with Oktoberfest. It was a wonderful day at the OSS in the backyard and in the building.

We will be open for **St. Patty’s Fest** on March 21st, and then our 2015 tour season will begin on Saturday, April 4th. The building will be open for tours each Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Should you have a need for a tour on a weekday, contact a board member and we will try to accommodate you. Spring is a busy season as during the week, we

host tours for many of the 4th grade classes from our local schools. In addition to touring the building, the students are given a history of Pulaski County and they participate in period games. Remember, we always welcome new volunteers. Sharing the history of our historic building and county make for a pleasant day. Contact Jan Primas, if you might be interested. 573-528-7150

SAVE THE DATES:

*Mar. 21—St. Patty’s Fest-
11:00am-4:00pm

*April 4—Opening Day of our
Tour season 10:00am-4:00pm

*June 20—Rt. 66 Fest-
11:00am-4:00pm

*July 20—Old Settlers Gazettes
delivered to advertisers

*July 25—Old Settlers Day-
10:00 to 4:00pm in the park/at the OSS

View from the Balcony

Jan Primas, President

Burning warm and bright, two new gas log fireplace sets greeted guests for Christmas on the Square. There was a time when there was no heat in the building, then a couple of electric baseboard units in the kitchen. Gas log sets were installed about 18 years ago in the masonry fireplaces located in the two log cabins. These original sets deteriorated over the years and were replaced in late October. There is just something about fireplaces. People don't sit around a baseboard heater, rubbing their hands, and staring at metal fins. The purchase was made possible by a very generous gift from a former resident and charter member.

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We were pleased to have had three special visitors at the house museum in October, descendants of Lewis and Eliza Black. Lewis and Eliza bought the building in 1894, known then as the Waynesville House, and renamed it the Black Hotel. Lewis died in 1899. Eliza and her daughter, Amanda, continued operating the Black Hotel for another 16 years. The descendants visiting were: great-granddaughters **Carolyn Duncan Klein** and **Wauthena Duncan Main**, with great-great-

granddaughter **Cindy Hughes**. They presented to the Foundation a blanket woven by Eliza (1880s) and a Victorian pendant watch worn by Amanda until she died in 1915. We are very grateful for their visit and the relics.

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Not surprisingly, there is always a list of maintenance and repair items for the OSS. Board member **Terry Primas** and **Shawn Becker** of Shawn W. Becker Construction worked their way down a list during the second week of June that included the following repairs: painting of the Dentist Office floor; sanding and painting of balcony floor; repainting banister, bandboard, and columns on the front of the building; replacing deteriorating siding on the leanto; repairing and repainting the two porch benches; installing trim on Civil War Room door; planing Civil War Room doors to fully open; and repainting trim and doors of the Civil War Room. New seamless guttering was installed on the front of the building in May.

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The final bricks will be placed in the brick bed in front of the OSS when the ground thaws. Thanks to all who have purchased them over the past years. The project brought in much needed funds to help with our restoration and maintenance.



ON THE STAGE

Over the many years of my involvement with the Old Stagecoach Stop, I have always been an admirer of Eliza Black and her daughter Amanda. As I learn more about them, my admiration seems justified. The following story is from the Pulaski County Democrat in 1981 written by **Emma Page Hicks**.

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I wonder if any of you older folks remember a family living here by the name of Black. I don't remember his given name. But I remember two grown girls or women. One was a pretty girl with black hair. Her name was Grace and she had a sister, and had been what they called, salivated.

I don't know what caused this. When one took a medicine called calomel for liver trouble or bilious attack or malaria the doctors would give it and tell them not to eat anything sour or they would get salivated.

Your mouth would get sore and sometimes it was hard to cure up. It would start eating and cause your teeth to come out. You never hear of this medicine anymore.

Anyway, this was what was wrong with Amanda. She was salivated. It took her teeth out and ate her lips and mouth until she looked pitiful. And when she went to church or anywhere she had a veil over her face. At this time it was very stylish to wear veils, pretty lacy ones that would hang down loose over your face.

There were two nice young men in the

family and I remember very well what happened to them. They drank and many of the nice young men here at Waynesville did because they had a saloon here. There were many lost their lives drinking.

These two young men by the name of Black, I don't know their given names, went horseback to Spring Creek on business and took what they thought was good alcohol and drank it and got bad sick and both died at Spring Creek and what it was poison. They got it by mistake somehow.

This happened in 1914, for they brought them home in the back of a truck. I believe the truck was pulled by horses. Anyway, they passed our house with them, I just remembers this.

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After the article was published, Mrs. Hicks received some information from a reader that she added to another of her articles.

Mrs. Evelylin Doolin Logan called me from St. Louis to give me some more information about the Black family that I have written about. Mrs. Evelylin Logan, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Doolin, that lived here in Waynesville and he had a blacksmith shop. I knew Mrs. John Doolin and met her at Jim Dodd's Market many times. She told me that Mrs. Black lost five children in 1915; her two girls and three sons and Mrs. Black lived on and died in 1939. Thank you, Evelylin for setting us all straight on the Black family.

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As happens when recounting historical events from memory, errors are made. Our research has verified the dates and travels of the Black brothers on the day they died.

The boys, Richard Franklin and Lewis, died in 1915, not 1914. They are buried in the Bradford Cemetery in the Black Family plot. According to our newspaper research, they were on their way to visit a cousin in Edgar Springs when they fell ill and both died the next day. We have been told by family members that the bodies “were laid out” in the Black Hotel.

The following is the obituary for Eliza Black. We suppose it was in the local newspaper, but have no verification which paper. We know it was 1930 and the editor was Charles Iden.



Obituary

Eliza Marie Arnold was born in Green county, east Tennessee, April 25, 1829, and died at the home of her daughter in Crocker at 1:15 a.m. April 26 1930, at the age of 91 years. She was united in marriage to Lewis Black on Jan. 25, 1859, and to this union 11 children were born, seven sons and four daughters: Franklin, Charley, Lewis, Mariou, Edward, and Robert, Mrs. Phoebe Shockley, Mrs. Lue Christeson, Amanda Black, and Mrs. Grace Ellsworth, all of whom with her husband, proceeded her to the great beyond, except Mrs. Shockley. Besides her own children she reared one grandson, James W. Bostick, of Detroit, Mich., an orphan girl, Martha Williams, who also passed in 1915, also two stepsons, George and Billy Black.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Phoebe Shockley, she leaves a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Norman, of Cushing, Okla, 13 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Black moved to

Waynesville in 1894 and opened what was known as the Black Hotel where they made a wide acquaintance. After the death of her husband on March 17, 1899, she continued in the hotel business until 1916, she then spent part of her time in Oklahoma until 1926 when she came to Crocker to make her home with her daughter.

Mrs. Black was a devoted Christian having united with the Waynesville Baptist Church about 1894. She always looked well to those in need or trouble. To know her was to love her and she will be sadly missed by her relatives and a host of friends. She was also a member of the Waynesville Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Funeral services were conducted at the Waynesville Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, April 27, by Rev. J. O. Brown of Richland. At the close of his talk the Eastern Star took charge and rendered their beautiful and impressive ceremony, after which the body was taken to the Bradford Cemetery where it was tenderly laid to rest with her family that had passed.

She endured her suffering patiently unto the end and was willing and ready to go. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones.

A Friend

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all the friends and neighbors for their kindness during the illness and at the death of our mother and grandmother, also for the beautiful floral offering and nice burial services and may the Lord bless you all is our prayer.

Mrs. Phoebe Shockley

Mrs. Gladys Nunn

Phoebe Ellsworth

Taking the Reins

Kelly Howley led our participation in sponsoring the 34th Old Settlers Day, while mentoring **Denise and Mike Seevers** from the Pulaski County Museum. This year, Kelly will assist as they take over the responsibility of this annual event in 2015. Denise says they are excited to be working with the vendors and to have this opportunity to carry on a wonderful tradition. You can find an application for participation on our OSS website and also the Pulaski County Museum website: <http://route66courthouse.com> or call Denise at 573-855-3644. They also have a Facebook page: **Pulaski County Museum and Historical Society**. We wish them much success.

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A **new photo postcard** was added to our souvenirs and is a more up-to-date representation of our historic building. We offer the postcard along with our historic ornaments, jacks, yo-yo's, marbles, tops, pencils, and various publications for sale to visitors.

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Our website is visited by many who are looking for information about our building and by those looking for information about our county history. **Terry Primas**

has archived all of the issues of the **Old Settlers Gazettes, 1983 thru 2014** and they are on our website. You may also read the **Memoirs of Dru Pippin**. All of these hold much history of the local area. To access the website go to:

<http://www.oldstagecoachstop.org>

Use the green navigator bar on the left side of the OSS home page. You will see links to various sections of our site, one being the **Old Settlers Gazette Archives**. Once you open an issue you will find an index of the articles to be found therein. Those interested in history will find these very interesting and useful. Also, Like us on FaceBook at: **Old Stagecoach Stop Museum and Foundation**.

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A hard working and very **conscientious Board of Directors** and our **supportive members** make the OSS a successful endeavor. We look forward to 2015 and hope you will continue your interest and support in our efforts to share the history of this most historic building.

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Please consider becoming a member of the **OSS Foundation**, or to **renew** your membership. Help us continue our mission. The form is in this newsletter.

Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation Membership Application

The work of the Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation is supported by memberships and donations. We invite you to join the Foundation at any one of the membership categories listed below. You will receive biannual mailings of the *OSS News* and invitations to special events sponsored by the Foundation.

Complete this form and mail to:

Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation, P.O. Box 585, Waynesville, MO 65583

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email address _____

You may use my email address for:
(please check all that apply)

- special event announcements
- OSS Newsletter
- membership renewal notice

Level of Membership:

- Individual \$10
- Family \$15
- Patron \$25
- Sponsor \$100 (includes recognition in annual *Old Settlers Gazette*)
- Life \$250

(Please make checks payable to Old Stagecoach Stop)

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