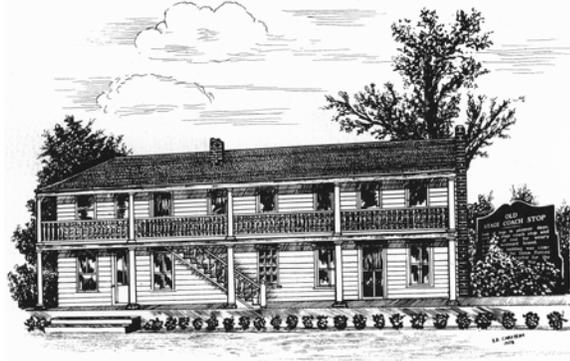


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“to preserve its educational value for future generations.”

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Appreciation Day 2013

Our annual celebration will be in the backyard of the Old Stagecoach Stop on Saturday, October 19th in conjunction with Rt. 66 Oktoberfest. There will be much going on in and around our historic building, as well as all around the square. We will have activities for children to include Civil War dolls, woodcarving, and period games. The talented family group, “River Berry” will be entertaining us. There will also be a basket maker, Civil War Re-enactors, and quilt makers on hand, and the OSS will be open for tours. Vendors, including crafts and food, will be set up around the square and the Pulaski County Museum will be open for tours. It will be a delightful day for you to bring family and friends and join us in downtown Waynesville, on the square, from 11:00am - 4:00pm.

30th Annual Meeting

We have decided to hold our annual meeting that afternoon and that will occur at 2:00pm in the backyard of the Old Stagecoach Stop. Music from River Berry and some brief reminiscences from past officers and friends of the foundation will be followed by refreshments. Please try to plan your visit to the square so that you can join us at 2:00pm for the meeting.

SAVE THE DATES:

- Oct. 19 - Oktoberfest-OSS Appreciation Day/Annual Meeting/Activities on Square - 11:00pm - 4:00pm
- Dec. 1 - Christmas Parade/OSS open- 12:00 noon-3:00pm
- Dec. 5 - Christmas on the Square/OSS 6:00pm - 9:00pm

View from the Balcony

Jan Primas, President

On this 30th year, some history of the Foundation might be in order.

The activities of the first decade of the Foundation's existence (1983-1993) were primarily directed at fundraising to retire the debt of the original note (\$40,000 for the building) and the Foundation's share of a building stabilization grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (\$13,200). Fundraising activities included a concert featuring Jerry Clower, tee shirt sales, membership solicitation, and a few bake sales. Each November, an annual dinner meeting was held with the buffet dinner yielding a small profit. Also during this time, the Foundation sponsored Youth and Adult Open Tennis tournaments, raffled a hand-stitched quilt and trip to Branson, MO, made and sold apple butter, and sponsored two Ozark Mountain Holiday Dulcimer Concerts.

In 1989, the Foundation developed a partnership with the local school district, Waynesville R-VI, and, in particular, with the district's program for gifted students. The gifted program, LEAP (Learning Enrichment and Acceleration Program), was encouraged by the Foundation to

do a salvage archaeological excavation, primarily under the building. Hundreds of artifacts were found, dating back to when the building was used as a hospital during the Civil War. The excavation continued for seven years.

In 1991, a member of the Foundation produced a cookbook based on a recipe book used at the Old Stagecoach Stop when it was the Black Hotel (1894-1915). With assistance from the Foundation, the LEAP students and the Waynesville Schools Elementary Honor Choir performed a musical "Memories in the Earth," based upon the excavation and history of the Old Stagecoach Stop, to a standing-room-only audience at the school district's Performing Arts Center.

The year of 1993 was a landmark one. The final payment on the note for the purchase of the building was made. The Foundation's efforts, activity, and meager resources turned to restoring the interior of the building. The ten-room building was restored, one room each year, over the next decade. The archaeological excavation and resulting document research done by the LEAP students in grades 4-8 led to another project. With Foundation research and support, the program initiated a local history project called "History

Begins at Home.” Curriculum materials developed by the students focused on County history. All fourth grade students in Missouri study state history. A key part of History Begins at Home was a field trip to the Old Stagecoach Stop. Tours of the building led by LEAP students, assuming roles of citizens important to the history of Pulaski County, were the main component. The Old Stagecoach Stop hosted 400+ fourth grade students from county schools each spring. It became the premier place to learn town and county history. This program of student-led tours and historical activities continued through the 2002 academic year, when the program’s teachers retired. Foundation volunteers continue to give tours to fourth grade students each spring.

In April of 1994, volunteers opened the building on Saturdays to visitors. The hours were 9:00am-12:00 noon, April through September. The next year, 1995, the hours were extended to 10:00am-2:00 pm on Saturdays. In 1999, the hours were lengthened to 10:00am-4:00pm, which are the current hours of operation. All of the tours and activities were and are led by volunteers. The Foundation has no paid employees.

The Foundation assumed

sponsorship of Old Settlers Day in 2002. It is Waynesville’s oldest festival, which occurs the fourth Saturday in July. In 2004, the Foundation was offered the opportunity to take over publishing the *Old Settlers Gazette*, an annual heritage, 60-page, tabloid-size magazine that comes out at the beginning of the week before Old Settlers Day. The festival and periodical are major commitments by the Foundation, requiring many hours of volunteer work. The magazine, distributed free of charge, is financed by its advertising and is a major source of funding for the Foundation. It contains articles by scholars and local historians about the heritage of the area.

The Foundation was one of six organizations (out of 32 applicants) in Missouri chosen to host the traveling exhibit of the Smithsonian’s Museum on Main Street program in the fall of 2010. The exhibit, Journey Stories, required more space than our house museum had available, so the partnership with the Waynesville School District proved valuable again. The district opened space in a vacated middle school building for our hosting of the exhibit. Numerous school classes and hundreds of community members visited the exhibit.

Present activities include the continuation of most of the

foregoing: hosting tours on Saturdays, April-September for visitors; sponsoring the Old Settlers Day festival; and publishing the *Old Settlers Gazette*. The building is also the focal point for several community activities taking place on the town square where the Old Stagecoach Stop is located: Route 66 Fests in March, June, and October; and Christmas on the Square, when the Foundation is host to hundreds of visitors. At the end of our tour season, we host an Appreciation Day, which features live music, craftsmen, games, and refreshments on the Old Stagecoach Stop's grounds. The building has served as the termination spot and site of the judging stand for the Christmas parade. We open the building to provide hot drinks and warmth, if needed.

Future activities include the above and the constant demands of maintenance of our 160 - year old building. We also will continue to improve the interior display of the house museum. We also cooperate with the Pulaski County Tourism Bureau as a stop for bus tours through the county on any day of the week. As a Civil War site, interest and visitorship of the Old Stagecoach Stop continues to increase.

We feel that we have made great strides toward fulfilling our mission

to “preserve, restore, protect and maintain the historic structure to permit its educational value to be appreciated by future generations.”

Annual Old Settlers Day

The 33rd celebration was a resounding success. The day was perfect, without the normal heat and humidity. The park was full of vendors and the pavilion hosted the opening remarks from Waynesville Mayor **Luge Hardman** and MSCoE CSM Terrence Murphy. The opening volley from the Kickapoo Trace Muzzle Loaders set the activities in motion. From the variety of food and craft vendors to the duck races and entertainment, this was an exceptional example of what a local festival should be. Thanks to OSD Chairperson **Kelly Howley** for her work to bring this annual event together. Many locals have remarked that this year's event seemed to them to be the best ever. With the cooperation of the weather and the number of vendors, the number of visitors might have been a record high. Thanks to the OSS board members for manning our table in the park and supporting the festival. A special thanks goes to **Jenifer Munoz** for the assistance she gave Kelly. Thanks to **Terry Primas** and the OSS board for another issue of the *Old Settlers*

Gazette. We hope you are enjoying reading this issue.

TAKING the REINS

It also seems fitting during this our 30th year to thank those who got the Foundation started. Of course, the effort was spearheaded by **Maxine Farnham**. The Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation wishes to thank the following Lifetime and Sponsoring members whose generosity has made possible our continuing progress.

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Past Presidents have also played an important role in the growth of the Foundation:

Robert Dodds, J. B. King, John Jarrett, Terry Primas, and Stephanie Nutt. Many more local citizens have served as officers and directors of the Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation over the past 30 years, and we thank them all for their leadership. We intend to list them in our next issue of the 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

Please make checks payable to Old Stagecoach Stop.

Name _____

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Level of Membership:

- Individual \$10 Family \$15 Patron \$25
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