



Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation

In its first year of existence, the Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation bought the building for \$40,000. A matching grant of \$13,200 was obtained from the Department of Natural Resources. With the grant, the exterior of the building was restored to its 19th century appearance. The Foundation's First Annual Report, October 2, 1984, states that future plans "are to restore the interior of the building. To have a museum open to the public and to generate income to assist in the debt retirement and maintenance."

The original debt was retired in 1992 and interior restoration began in earnest. The rest of the historic property, along with a small brick building, was acquired in 2003. Maintenance of the nearly 160 year old building and small improvements consume most of the Foundation's resources.

The Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation wishes to thank the following Lifetime and Sponsoring members whose generosity has made possible our continuing progress toward meeting our goal "to preserve, restore, protect and maintain the historic structure in Waynesville, Missouri known as the 'Old Stagecoach Stop' in order to permit its educational value to be appreciated by future generations."

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The dilapidated condition of the Old Stagecoach Stop in 1982. It was earmarked for demolition by the City Building Inspector in December of 1982. The owners did not want to restore it. Many concerned citizens expressed the desire to preserve the building. The Old Stagecoach Foundation was formed in June of 1983.



The Old Stagecoach Stop today is the oldest publicly accessible building in Pulaski County. The interior is restored to different periods, ranging from 1860 (log cabin, below left) to 1960 (below right). The ten rooms reflect the history of the building, as well as the major events in the county's history.



The Foundation acquired the lot and brick building, built by A. S. McNeese in 1942, located behind the OSS. It is part of the original property but not purchased until 2003, made possible by substantial assistance from our neighbor, Security Bank. It is used during our school tours and for storage.

