



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 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.

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The Old Stagecoach Stop today is the oldest publicly accessible building in Pulaski County. The interior is restored to different periods, ranging from 1860 to 1960. The ten rooms reflect the history of the building. **Open Saturdays 10 - 4, April through September.**

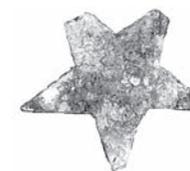


**First diggers in 1989** Eighth grade LEAP students pictured above are (l-r): Front Row - April Haney, Jong Im Yun, Joey Coleman, Charity Holland, Nina Hanisko, Erin Newton, Stephanie Greenwald. Back Row - Jamie Strohl, Chris Tanner, Jarrell Adcock, Lee Brooks, Chris Tillman, and Andy Carlson. These students began the 7-year excavation.



Improvements are made to the Old Stagecoach Stop as resources permit. Some, such as structural improvements, are not readily visible. This past fall, we replaced the old display cabinets that contained part of our artifact collection excavated from under the building. The old cabinets were floor models and the new sets are wall mounted. This allows more floor space and a more spacious feeling in a room that is only 10 by 10 feet. Additionally, there are new interpretive displays and lighting. Renovation funds came from memorial contributions in the name of founder Maxine Farnham, who expressed delight about student involvement with the Old Stagecoach Stop.

The salvage archaeological excavation began when the Foundation's Board invited LEAP (Learning Enrichment and Acceleration Program), Waynesville School's gifted program, to remove dirt from under the building so more piers could be put in place. Although it was thought nothing much would be found, at least by the teacher, the task was undertaken as a community service project. The excavation lasted six years, involving LEAP students in grades 4-8, and yielded hundreds of artifacts from pre-Civil War to the 1960s. Stop by and take a look.



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