



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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Above is the Feltner Shoe Repair shop, ca 1980, standing next to the dilapidated building generally referred to as the "old hotel." Its days as a boarding house were behind it. The shoe repair building was built in 1942 by A. S. and Lulu McNeese as a restaurant adjacent to their hotel. Brady Feltner operated a shoe repair business in the repurposed cafe structure. Thirty-five years ago, most towns had a shoe repair shop. Like the full-service filling station, they have mostly disappeared. Brady and Mrs. Feltner are pictured in 1975 inside the shop at upper right. Its entrance was on the right side, next to the porch. Mrs. Feltner retired from Fort Leonard Wood in 1982 and Brady Feltner retired from the shoe repair business shortly thereafter. The Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation was formed in 1983 and purchased both buildings and restored the exterior of the antebellum hotel in 1984. The shoe shop was razed in 1985. Photos courtesy of daughter Judy Carroll.



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 and county.

Open Saturdays 10 - 4, April through September.