

The Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation was formed in April of 1983 and 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 stabilized and 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.

The Old Stagecoach Stop 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. The house museum is open Saturdays, April through October, from 10 AM to 4 PM.

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This column is not so much about the Old Stagecoach Stop as it is about the town it sits within and the square on which it is located.

Notice the parking meters in front of the OSS (above) and on the courthouse square (lower right). The story of the meters and home mail delivery in Waynesville are intertwined.

In the late 1950s, the City of Waynesville still did not have home delivery of mail. If you wanted your mail, you had to go

to the post office to get it. To have home mail delivery, postal regulations required that the streets must be named and marked, along with house numbers. Not all of the streets had agreed upon names and there were two Olive Streets. Only the streets around the square had posts with names.

The parking problem caused by the highway and Fort Wood moved the City Council to consider parking meters along Route 66 and around the square. A resolution to place meters around the square was passed on March 8, 1951, but the decision was rescinded a week later after negative local reaction. The parking problem persisted and despite divided opinion, parking meters were finally

installed on the square and City Route 66 in July of 1958.

By the end of 1960, for the first time in the city's history, all of the citizens within the city limits of Waynesville were able to tell their friends what streets they lived on. Black-on-white street signs were erected, made possible from the proceeds of the parking meter fees. That led to black-and-white

house numbers on residences in 1963. The final step in the progression was home delivery of mail in Waynesville. The city installed mailboxes with name and address at the curb for \$10.00. City home mail delivery commenced on Saturday, October 21, 1967.

The City Council voted to remove the parking meters in October of 1971.



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