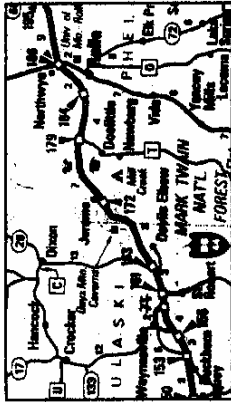


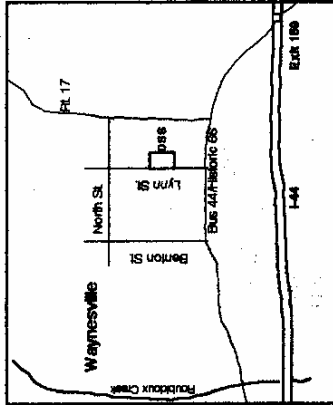
The Old Stagecoach Stop has witnessed the Old Wire Road trembling under the weight of the Concord Coaches. It saw the Union troops under Colonel Albert Sigel ride into town. Then came the automobile and Route 66. During the 1960's, the building was vacated. The Old Stagecoach Stop stood silent for more than twenty years.

The owners did not want to restore the building and it was earmarked for demolition by the City Building Inspector on December 29, 1982. Many concerned citizens of the County expressed the desire to preserve the building. The Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in June 1983 "for the express purpose of preservation and restoration of the historical structure known as the Old Stagecoach Stop in Waynesville, Missouri in order to preserve its educational value for future generations". The exterior of the building has been restored to its turn-of-the-century look.

The Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation, a group of local citizens, has preserved and is restoring the building. With the exterior preservation complete, work is ongoing to restore the building to various eras of the building's 140 year history. Inside see an 1850's log cabin and an 1860 log tavern, Civil War display, 1915 and 1946 kitchens, and rooms from the 40s and 50s. Step back into our county's history.



From St. Louis, go west on I-44 to Waynesville Exit 159.



From I-44, take Exit 159 and go west on Business Route (and Historic Route 66) 2 miles to the town square. The Old Stagecoach Stop is on the east side of the town square, 105 Lynn Street.

For information/ group reservations

Call

Jan Primas 573 435-6766

or

Marge Scott 573 774-5368



The Old Stagecoach Stop

On the Square

Waynesville, Missouri

Visit the oldest building in Pulaski County. It was built in the late 1850's as a tavern and stagecoach stop for travelers on the St. Louis to Springfield Road. Later uses included a Civil War hospital, hotel, and tourist inn. It is located on the original route through Waynesville of the Mother Road, Route 66.



Open Saturdays 10 AM - 4 PM

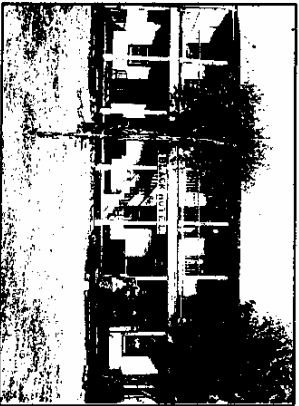
April through September

and by appointment

The Old Stagecoach Stop has stood witness to much of Pulaski County's colorful history.



1850s - Starting with a one room log structure, W. W. McDonald began construction of the building to serve as a watering stop for people and horses on their dusty journey by stagecoach. Log cabin and livery restored.

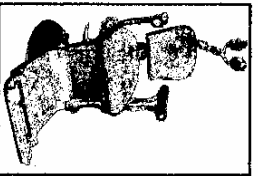


1892 - The stagecoach stop became the Black Hotel and a favorite place to eat and stay while transacting legal business at the courthouse. Period 1915 kitchen.

The OSS stood next to State Highway 14/60 when it was commissioned as Route 66 in 1926.

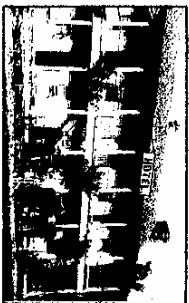


1862 - With the building of the Union fort on the hill overlooking the town square, the Stop became a hospital for the sick and wounded during that most violent of times, the War of Rebellion. Civil War medical display.

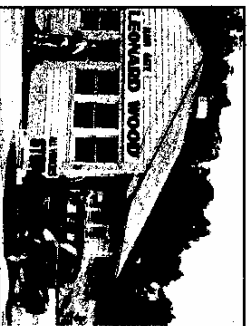


1930s - The OSS became a private residence for a time, then the Tourist Hotel, as well as providing room for a dentist office. Period 1936 dentist office.

The Old Stagecoach Stop is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



1865-1892 - The building once again served the citizens of Pulaski County as a lodging and business place and was enlarged under several owners.



1940s - The building once again saw men in uniform as its rooms provided shelter for those building Fort Leonard Wood. Upstairs restored to 1940s-50s.



An archaeological excavation begun in 1989 has yielded many artifacts and much information about the building. Artifacts on display.