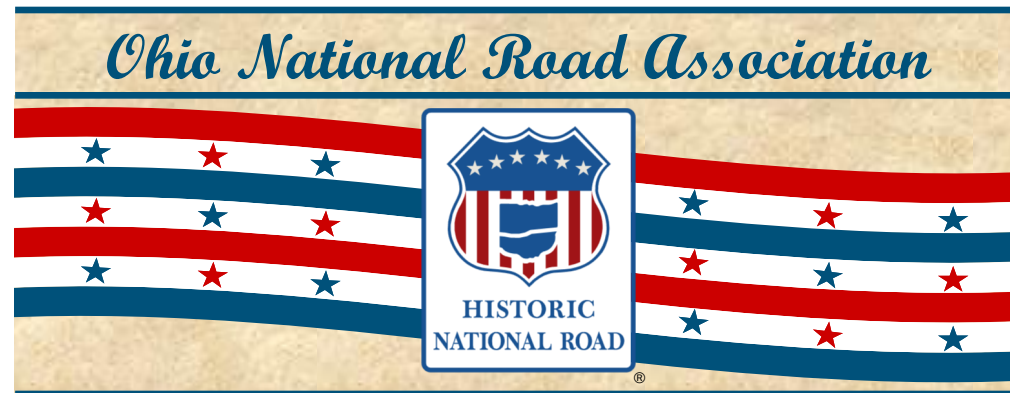


Cambridge shines brightly from Nov. 1st to Jan. 8, 2011, when its magnificent 1881 courthouse is bathed with holiday music, 36 animated light displays, and 15,000 lights outlining the building as part of the 5th Annual Dickens Victorian Village.

Olde England and history will come alive in Historic Downtown Cambridge with lifelike figures representing scenes of Victorian Society.



Unveiling of the Ohio National Road Cambridge and Peters Creek Bridge Interpretive Signs

Cambridge/Guernsey County VCB
627 Wheeling Avenue
Cambridge, Ohio

Friday, December 3, 2010 at 4:00 pm



Thank you for attending this historic event. For information about the Ohio National Road Association, including our upcoming interpretive sign unveilings, please visit our website at www.ohnationalroad.org or contact Louis Agresta at (937) 521-2134. Become a member and *Join the Journey!*



Both Sites Tied to the National Road

In 1796, Col. Ebenezer Zane was authorized to cut a road from Ohio to Kentucky. He responded by naming the first settlements in honor of Cambridge, Maryland. The land on which part of Cambridge, Ohio stands was granted by the government to Zaccheus Biggs and Zaccheus Beatty in 1801. A group of early settlers from the Isle of Guernsey in the British Channel, pitched camp here in 1806 because the women in the party refused to move on. Four years later the new County of Guernsey was formed.

Central to the history of the area was the building of the National Road (U.S. Rt. 40) through Cambridge in 1827. This section of the Road is also known as Wheeling Avenue. Many bridges were built in that era, including construction of the first bridge authorized in the Northwest Territory. Some of the bridges curved, as is evidenced by several stone “S” bridges which still survive. One of those bridges is the Peters Creek bridge, located about 4 miles west of Cambridge.

Zane’s Trace had crossed Peters Creek a few hundred yards to the north of the current site over a log bridge. In 1828, when the National Road was built to replace the Trace through that part of the county, this stone S-bridge was built to accommodate the increased traffic the Road would bring.

With the rise of the automobile in the early 20th century, improved roads and bridges were needed. When a national highway system was developed in the 1920s, much of the National Road was incorporated into the new U.S. Rt. 40, and the Peters Creek bridge was abandoned when the Road was relocated to the south of its location. The bridge was rehabilitated in 2006 with the help of Federal, State and County agencies and numerous local volunteers, after it suffered considerable damage in the floods of 2005.

Unveiling of the Ohio National Road Cambridge and Peters Creek Bridge Interpretive Signs



Friday, December 3, 2010—4:00 pm

Welcome by Debbie Robinson

Director of Cambridge/Guernsey County VCB

Speakers:

- **City of Cambridge representatives**
- **Fran Taylor**
Executive Director of Cambridge Main Street
- **Jonett Haberfield**
Co-chair of the Dickens Victorian Village
- **Cyndie Gerken**
President of Ohio National Road Association

Special Guest Appearance by Father Christmas

A special thanks to the following:

Project Pride—Peters Creek Bridge Interpretive Sign Sponsor
Ohio National Road Association Board, Members, & Staff
Debbie Robinson—Cambridge/Guernsey County VCB Director
Del George—Guernsey County Engineer
Dan Speedy—Community Development Corporation
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Ohio Emergency Management Agency
Ohio Historic Preservation Office Ohio Department of Transportation
Guernsey Co. Commissioners Steve Allen, Tom Laughman, & Steve Douglass