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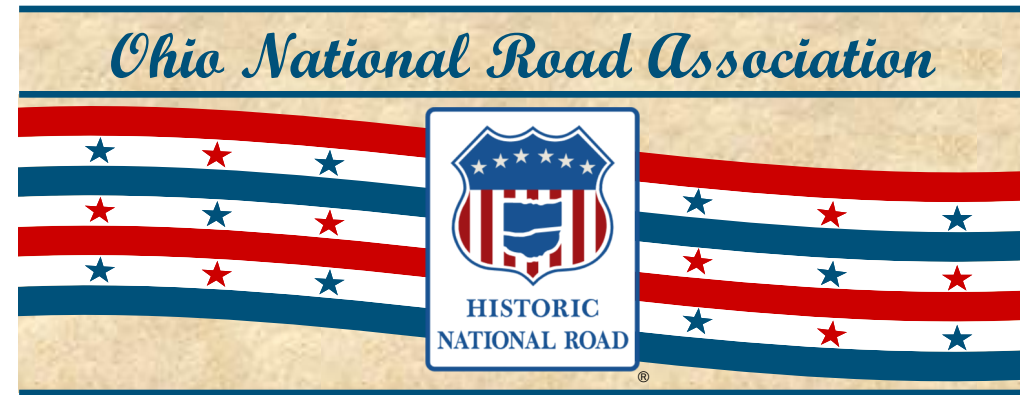
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Unveiling of the Ohio National Road Old Stone House Interpretive Sign



Old Stone House Nursery
10405 Main Street (Old National Road)
Norwich, Ohio 43767

Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 3:00 pm



A Brief History of The Old Stone House in Norwich, Ohio

In 1827, in anticipation of the arrival of the National Road in Muskingum County, William Harper of Norwich, England bought out previous land owner John Crawford and laid out a town in Section 7 which he called Norwich in honor of his native town.

As early as 1824, Ralph Hardesty owned a tavern on Zane's Trace about a mile south of Norwich. After the village of Norwich was laid out along the National Road, Ralph Hardesty purchased two lots at the west end in Benjamin Wortman's addition for the sum of \$40, and eight years later built this stone house on Lot 25. Tax records indicate that in 1836, Hardesty erected a "stone and brick house" valued at \$500, on land that by then was valued at \$56. This stone house was the first and only stone house in the Village of Norwich and the only stone house in Muskingum County's Union Township.

According to tradition, Hardesty continued to operate a tavern from this new location. However there is no evidence that he ever applied for a tavern license after moving to Norwich. Another legend tells us that the west end of the house was built of rough field stones instead of the dressed stone found on the front and east sides because Hardesty intended to build a brick tavern to the west end of the house, hence the purchase of the second lot. This brick addition, however, was never built.

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Speakers:

- **Redge Wilde**
Norwich Village Council President
- **Tom Taylor**
Old Stone House Nursery Owner
- **Dean Ringle**
Ohio National Road Association President

A reception will follow the unveiling ceremony.



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