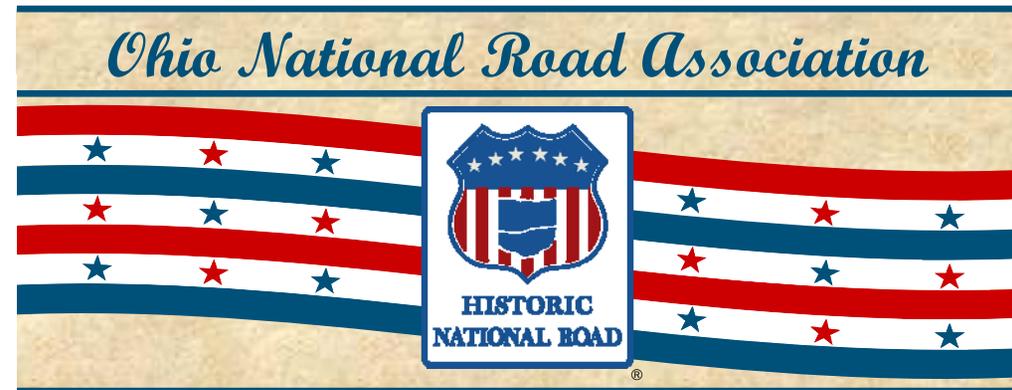


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Unveiling of the Ohio National Road Old Washington, Peacock Road, Headley Inn, & Smith House Interpretive Signs

Old Washington: At Village playground on Old National Road
Peacock Road: At Peacock Road & U.S. 40 Intersection
Headley Inn & Smith House: 5255 West Pike, Mt. Sterling, Ohio

Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 12:00 & 2:00 pm



Many Sites Tied to the National Road

Old Washington:

Platted in 1805 by George and Henry Beymer on the old Zane's Trace, Old Washington grew rapidly after the National Road was built over the earlier route reaching it's zenith in 1850. Old Washington is listed on the National Register of Historic Places because of the large number of pre-Civil War buildings. During the Civil War, on July 24, 1863 John Hunt Morgan and his Confederate Cavalry, known as Morgan's Raiders, paused here and scattered throughout the village looking for food. They stopped at the American Hotel (demolished) and while dining, were attacked by pursuing Union forces. This was the only Civil War skirmish on the National Road in Ohio. The town cemetery overlooks the village below. A Civil War marker stands near the area where three Confederate soldiers are interred.

Peacock Road:

In 1985 this brick-paved portion of the National Road was listed in the National Register of Historic Places for its significance as a surviving segment of the National Road's original alignment. This section of road was left unpaved until WWI when it was needed as a route for war shipments, and with little labor available, special legislation allowed prison inmates to be used as a work force in laying brick on sections of the Old National Road between Zanesville and the Ohio state line at Bridgeport.

Headley Inn & Smith House:

The National Road had reached Zanesville by 1829, and by the early 1830s, both the Headley Inn and Smith House were built and opened for business as taverns, or inns, catering to the traveling public. The Headley Inn served primarily passengers crossing the Road in stagecoaches or private conveyances as well as those on horseback, while the Smith House offered its hospitality to not only coach travelers, but also drovers (those "driving" livestock on the hoof to market), teamsters and wagoners hauling cargo. Drovers taverns kept a supply of corn, hay, oats and fodder on hand for the animals and the Smith House had a large barn and fenced pens to accommodate them, while their owners dined, drank and dozed in preparation for another long day "tomorrow" on the Road. When railroads became the transportation of choice in the 1850s, most taverns fell on hard times until the early 20th century and the advent of regional and national highway improvements, bringing back the traffic that had all but disappeared years earlier. Through it all both establishments have endured while continuing in their roles as historic landmarks and sentinels along America's first federal highway.

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Welcome by Old Washington Councilman Ed Wagstaff

Speakers:

- **Diane Barnes (via letter)**
Mayor of the Village of Old Washington
- **Libby Wiggington**
Resident Historian of the Peacock Road
- **Doug Smith**
President of Ohio National Road Association
- **Mary Ellen Weingartner**
Vice President of the Ohio National Road Association

The Old Washington sign will be unveiled at 12:00 pm with the Peacock Road sign being unveiled immediately after at their respective locations. The Headley Inn & Smith House signs will be unveiled at 2:00 pm at their joint location.

A special thanks to the following:

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