

24. Callahan's Station—506 E Spruce Street, Rogers, AR • Benton County

(N36° 20' 31.92", W94° 6' 34.44")

TO Fitzgerald's Station—Springdale, AR • Washington County

(N36° 12' 22.02", W94° 6' 50.84") 10.4 miles—
about 30 minutes

1. Proceed west on E Spruce Street toward N D Street • 0.1 mile
2. Turn left at N C Street • 0.3 mile
3. Turn right at AR-12/E Locust Street • 0.2 mile
4. Turn left at N Arkansas Street • 0.9 mile
5. Turn left at E Oak Street • 0.1 mile
6. Turn right at S C Street • 0.2 mile
7. Turn left at E Mulberry • 0.3 mile
8. Turn right onto Monte Ne Road • 0.8 mile
9. Monte Ne Road becomes Old Wire Road at intersection with New Hope Road. Continue south on Old Wire Road • 7.6 miles

End—Old Wire Road @ Dodd Road

There is an interesting historical marker along this section, located at Arkansas Highway 264 (Bloomington Street) and Apple Blossom Avenue in Lowell Arkansas. That marker was originally located about eight miles southeast of its current location at a location that later proved to be off of the Butterfield route.

The next station, Fitzgerald's Station is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (2327 Old Wire Road and 1567 Dodd Avenue; 2003—#03000465). The barn at the present location was built by Butterfield crews for use by the stage line. The residential structure, however is not original to the Butterfield period.

For the first few trips, the Butterfield stagecoaches may have wound through the community of Shiloh (now Springdale, Arkansas) slightly to the west at what is called Randall Wobbe Road. This route, claimed by several local historical researchers, brought the coaches into the community past the old Gladden Hotel and what is now the Shiloh Museum. It wound through town and back out to the existing Old Missouri Road (AR-265) at a point that is now beneath the Springdale Municipal Airport across from the Northwest Technical Institute building. That route, however, was short-lived. Butterfield crews built a straight section of road between the present-day Old Missouri Road (AR-265) / Randall Wobbe intersection and Old Missouri Road (AR-265) near Ford Avenue. Local his-



torian Bobbie Lynch jokingly refers to this strip of roadway as “the Butterfield Bypass” as it moved the most-traveled road in the area about a mile east of town. Even after the “Butterfield Bypass” was completed, however, stagecoach passengers were frequently offered the option of a meal or layover at the Gladden Hotel.

Ormsby does not mention a stop at Fitzgerald's or a visit to Shiloh (Springdale), but his time and distance estimates are very fuzzy along this part of the trip. He mistakenly places Callahan's station as being “12 miles from Fayetteville”. That distance estimate misses the mark by about 10 miles no matter what route one might take. Bailey lists a station stop between Fayetteville and Callahans at a mileage appropriate to the Fitzgerald site on the eastbound journey. However his report does not list a name for the stop.





Elkhorn Tavern to Callahan's Station

