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Old Stone Tavern, better known as Talbott Tavern, was built in 1779. Its location at the crossroads of the young west, where Post Roads, North, East, South and West met, caused every stagecoach to stop at its doors. The thick stone walls, deep window casings, heavy ceiling timbers and built-in cupboards of Old Stone Tavern remind one of old Warwickshire Inns in England. Originally the cooking was done in two fireplaces in the rear rooms. Traces remain of a staircase to the loft where men were housed in one of two rooms, and women in the other. The practice of giving individual rooms to guests was not introduced into the United States until about 1805.

The old town map of Bardstown shows the tavern site purchased by a man named Hynes. The old building also had Hynes Hotel written on its east side; the east side of the building was originally the front. In the course of history, the ancient hotel has had many names including: Hynes House, Bardstown Hotel, Chapman's House, Shady Bower Hotel, the Newman House, Talbott Hotel, Talbott Tavern (1885-1968), and Old Stone Tavern.

The eastern end of the building was constructed first. Its walls are solid stone, two feet thick. The original building was two stories in height and four bays in width with two front entrances. This front facade now forms the east side wall and has a brick addition to the south. The gabled end of the building is now the front. A brick building, similar in appearance, was constructed parallel to the original building and a connecting wing with verandas was added. The brick section is thought to be over 100 years old. The present appearance of the front facade is that of the gabled ends of two buildings joined by a connecting link that contains a veranda and the main entrance.



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During the latter part of the 18th century, this tavern was the Western end of the Stagecoach Road from Philadelphia and Virginia. Through the welcoming portals of the Old Stone Tavern, passed a long procession of statesmen, soldiers, adventurers, inventors, artists, and rulers.

According to local tradition, it is said that General George Rogers Clark used the tavern as a base; provisions and munitions were brought overland from Virginia, stored in the cellars of this tavern, and used to wrest from British control the northwest territory, now comprising the states of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Andrew Jackson knew the warmth of the hearth fire in the central room. There Henry Clay also sat and chatted with his friends and supporters. William Henry Harrison found cheer in its friendly atmosphere. Stephen Collins Foster also stopped at the tavern during his visit to his kinsman, Judge John Rowan at "Federal Hill," now My Old Kentucky Home. John Fitch, the inventor of the first steamboat, spent many hours in the tavern. Abraham Lincoln's ancestors stayed at the tavern during the trial over the ownership of the farm they occupied. The Lincolns lost the case to John Reid, and as a result, moved to Indiana.

Legends say during King Louis Phillippe's exile, he, his two brothers and others desiring to see the New World, arrived at the tavern on October 17, 1797. During their stay, one of the entourage is believed to have painted the murals which were uncovered in recent years and can be seen in the tavern's room number five. Another royal guest was Queen Marie of Rumania who lunched at Talbott Tavern in 1926.

Architecturally, this building is significant as an example of an early stone tavern, one that is close to 200 years in age. According to tradition, since the first guest arrived in 1779, the Tavern has never been closed.

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