

## Wade House, Greenbush – by Linus Faber

The Wade House is a former stagecoach inn located in Greenbush, Wisconsin. The house provided lodging and meals to travellers in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. A construction of a nearby railroad caused the stagecoach route to be used less. Today, it is part of the Wade House Historic Site.



The Wade House was built in 1849 by Silvanus, the owner of the Wade House. It has a beneficial location, because it is halfway between the cities of Fond du Lac and Sheboygan. The Wade House was a popular stopover for travellers during the 1850s & 1860s. After that time, traveling by horse and stagecoach was no longer used because of the railroad.

The main purpose of the house became obsolete, but the family continued to host personal guests in the following decades. Frequent mention of the house throughout the 1940s indicates that it continued to be a popular destination. In July 1950, the house was bought by the Kohler Foundation for 17,000 US-Dollar with the intention of donating it to the historical society after restoration work was completed. In 1953, the historical building was deeded to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, nowadays known as Wisconsin Historical Society.

Today, the inn is listed on the national register of historic places, so the golden era of carriages lives on through this museum and the historical buildings. Wesley W. Jung's carriage museum is Wisconsin's largest collection of carriages and wagons. The collection features nearly 100 carriages and vehicles.



At will, a visit could include a guided tour of the 27 rooms of the stagecoach hotel and active demonstrations by costumed personnel. Visitors are transported to and from the historic area via horse-drawn wagon or they may enjoy a scenic boardwalk. The visitor centre includes a gift shop and the Butternut Café.

Always worth a visit!