



Harrison County Historically Speaking

Woodbine, Iowa



WHY PRESERVE THIS BIT OF HISTORY?

This panel "Tells the Tale" of an era gone by... part of Harrison County's treasured past. By appreciating the importance of the past, we can continue working in the present to ensure future generations will respect and preserve the enduring history that is represented here.

By working to connect our past with the present, the structures on this panel have been identified as being historically significant by Harrison County Tourism as part of ongoing efforts to preserve local history. It is 1 of 10 in a series of panels throughout Harrison County.

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WOODBINE, IA HARRISON COUNTY - 1866

One of the first settlers in 1849 to Boyer Township, Harrison County, Iowa was Lorenzo Butler and his family. Butler ran a small store along the banks of the Boyer River. The official Post Office was located in the store. Lorenzo's wife, Anna Butler, was the first Postmistress, so she was allowed to name the Post Office site. More than likely home-sick and remembering the flowering vine which had clambered around the door and windows of her English home, she chose the name "Woodbine."

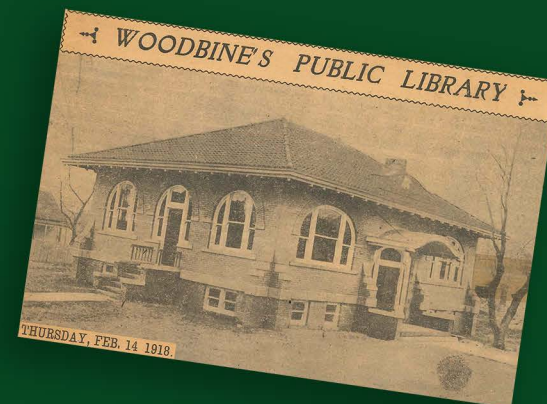
WOODBINE BRICK STREET AND LINCOLN HIGHWAY HISTORIC DISTRICT



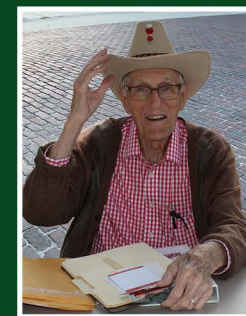
The original transcontinental Lincoln Highway (now US Hwy 30) was envisioned in 1913 as an improved, hard-surfaced road stretching almost 3400 miles from coast to coast, New York to San Francisco, over the shortest practical route.

Woodbine's stretch was bricked in the summer of 1921. It is the longest original remaining portion of the Lincoln Highway in Iowa.

Woodbine's 3x3 block downtown is on the Historic Register for its Iowa Commercial Architecture (Designated in 2012 by the National Park Service). Other notable cultural assets in the Register include the 1909 Woodbine Carnegie Public Library, and both the 1878 Odd Fellows Building and the 1891 Walker Savings Bank at 5th & Walker. The downtown district was recognized as a Great American Main Street in 2014 by the National Main Street Center, National Trust for Historic Preservation.



ZELL MILLARD HISTORIC PRESERVATION PARK



This downtown park is named in honor of former Mayor and long-time community advocate for historical preservation & economic development, Zell Millard. The park is located at the intersection of 3rd and Walker Street and is home to Merry Brook Schoolhouse, Train Depot, Northwestern Caboose, a restored 1928 canopy gas station and an outdoor amphitheater



WOODBINE GRAIN ELEVATOR

Built in the 1940s, the 20x20x70-ft. tall milk-carton-shaped wooden elevator sits at the community gateway as a prominent sentinel, greeting residents and visitors as they enter and depart Woodbine. An agricultural work-horse, wooden elevators are quickly disappearing. Woodbine's elevator was saved from destruction by local volunteers. Funds were then raised to preserve and stabilize the elevator. Public art and LED lighting were installed in 2011.

