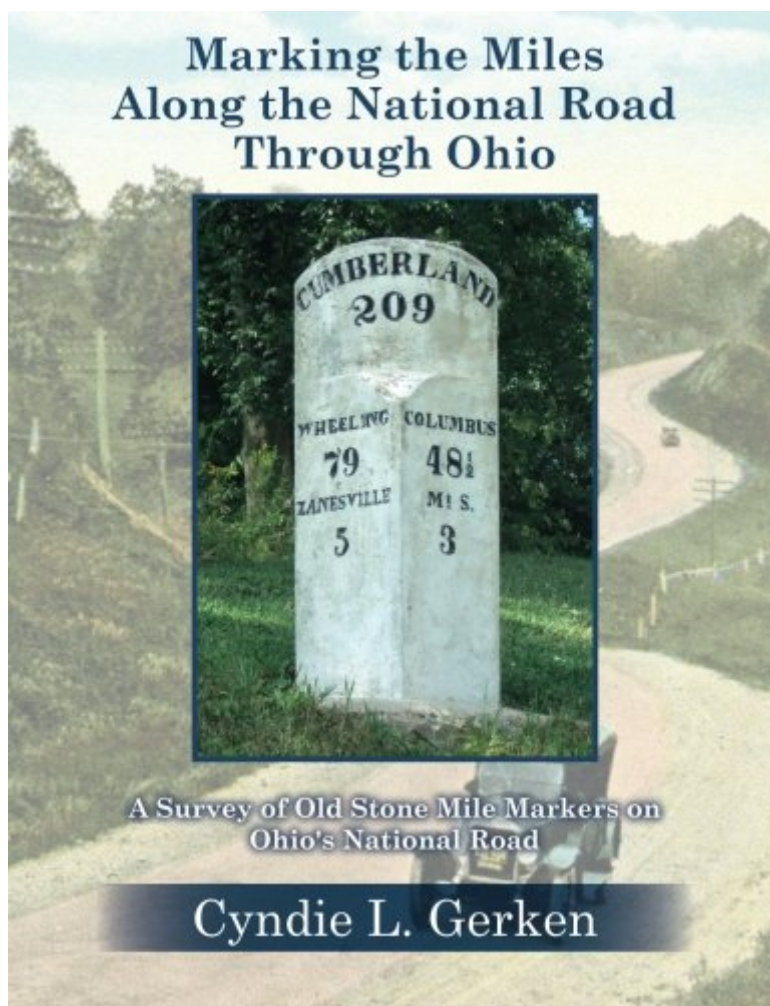


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Groundbreaking for the Ohio portion of the National Road, the Nation's first federally-funded interstate highway, took place on July 4, 1825 at St. Clairsville in eastern Ohio's Belmont County. Construction was temporarily halted three miles west of Springfield in western Ohio in 1839 when funds ran out. Beginning a mile west of the Ohio River, stone markers were erected at one mile intervals to where the National Road stopped west of Springfield. A total of 175 of these mile markers or "mile stones," which gave the distance to Cumberland, Maryland, where the National Road started, and to the nearest towns and county seats, could once be seen marking the miles

along the National Road in Ohio. This richly illustrated publication provides an in-depth look at an interesting aspect of the Ohio National Road's history. Only about a third of these 175 markers can still be seen at their historic locations today. Some were moved to U.S. Route 40, and many can be found displayed or stored at various state or local museums and historical societies. This publication provides the historic and present location, as well as photographs of all of the known surviving Ohio mile stones, and discusses the changes in the engraving styles that occurred over time. Several early views of uniquely-shaped Ohio National Road markers, including two capped with stone balls are also included. Interspersed throughout the book are historic and recent images of Ohio National Road landmarks, including bridges, taverns, automobile-era motels, and other points of interest near the markers. Mile markers along the so-called Dayton Cutoff, made to mimic National Road mile stones and fool travelers into thinking they were on the National Road, are also discussed. This book is over 300 pages and contains more than 75 maps, 400 photographs, as well as 4 tables and 3 appendices.

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