

Stagecoach in Lexington

The first stagecoach route in Lexington opened in 1803, extended to Olympian Springs (Bath County) via Winchester and Mount Sterling (the modern route of I-64). The route to Louisville opened in 1817.

Shown here is a scale model of a Wells Fargo Overland Coach, c. 1852. Compare it to the photograph of the stagecoach stop in Lexington on Short Street, just west of the Museum at Broadway, as well as to the passenger cars of the L&O train.

A combination of stage and rail transportation is likely the method by which Abraham Lincoln and Joshua Speed traveled to Lexington in 1841.