

I guess the following, which I sent the other day, went only to the museum by mistake.

When I was growing up in the 60's and 70's, nobody ever called it Fort Wagner Rd that I knew of. Roads were given names that the locals never heard of when they wanted to name every road for the purposes of GPS and emergency services. It is going to be a great source of confusion in generations to come for researchers like us. It seems it is already doing so except that there are a lot of people alive now who know what happened.

On Wed, Oct 10, 2012 at 12:54 AM, Bryan Greer <[bgclemsen@comporium.net](mailto:bgclemsen@comporium.net)> wrote:  
I spoke to my 91 year old great uncle today, Vernon Ragsdale of Seneca & he says when he was growing up in Blair & helping with some farming, Ft. Wagner Rd had no name. He said 215 was known as 215 & was paved in the 1920's. He said he remembers as a boy the cotton prices were so depressed at 5 cent/lb., the government came up with an idea to help the farmers & they started an experiment with putting a large sheet of cotton fiber type paper in the road between a primer layer & the asphalt in attempt to lessen cracking. He said it was the earliest road he remembers being paved as that route was used extensively for travel between Spartanburg & Columbia.

Ft. Wagner Rd. may not have been given it's name until the 1990's when they were assigning 911 addresses.

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