

## Ohio Lincoln Highway Historic and Cultural Resources

### D) OHIO LINCOLN HIGHWAY PROPERTIES ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES (13 sites)

#### **Columbiana County**

##### *East Liverpool*

East Liverpool Central Business District MRA, 1985-11-14:

Diamond Historic District, Market and E. Sixth Streets

East Fifth Street Historic District Along E. Fifth St. between Market St. and  
Broadway

Elks Club, 139 W. Fifth Street

Godwin--Knowles House, 422 Broadway

Laughlin, Homer, House, 414 Broadway

Potters National Bank, Broadway and Fourth Street

Potters Savings and Loan Washington and Broadway

#### **Stark County**

##### *East Canton*

Clearview Golf Club, 1948.

##### *Canton*

Architecture of Guy Tilden in Canton, 1885--1905, Hotel Courtland, 209 W. Tuscarawas Ave., 1987-07-21

Architecture of Guy Tilden in Canton, Trinity Lutheran Church 415 W. Tuscarawas St., 1985-08-23

#### **Crawford County**

##### *Leesville*

J & M Trading Post, 1829 general store, 6867 Leesville Rd., 1979

##### *Galion*

Central Hotel, Public Square.

#### **Van Wert County**

##### *Van Wert*

Van Wert Main Post Office, Central Ave. & Market St., 1980-06-19

## II) OHIO LINCOLN HIGHWAY LANDMARKS

### **Columbiana County**

#### ***East Liverpool***

Point of Beginning Monument, 1960, OH 39 and Pennsylvania state line. Located on the Ohio-Pennsylvania border, this monument commemorates the beginning of the Township and Range survey system that resulted from the Federal Land Ordinance of 1785.

1928 concrete Lincoln Highway Marker, Broadway and 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### ***Lisbon***

Steel Trolley Diner, 1956 O'Mahony, 140 E. Lincoln Way.

Crosser Diner, c. 1935 Sterling, W. Lincoln Way.

"Mail Pouch Tobacco" Barns, US 30 west of Lisbon. Mail Pouch Tobacco, and Kentucky Club Pipe Tobacco are advertised on two recently refreshed barn paintings.

#### ***Hanoverton***

Spread Eagle Tavern, 1837, Plymouth Street. This 19<sup>th</sup> century tavern located just north of the Lincoln Highway has been restored to its former grandeur.

Replica 1928 concrete Lincoln Highway Marker, 2000.

Replica Brick Pillar, 2000, Junction of US 30 and OH 9. The pillar is a reproduction of those erected in Ohio during the late-1910s and early-1920s. It contains a ceramic Lincoln Highway logo and a dedication plaque to the Mansion House Motel, which operated on that site from 1844 until it burned in 1918.

### **Stark County**

#### ***Minerva***

Green Gables Tourist Court, E. Lincoln Way. A few cabins still survive from this vintage motor court.

Star Motel, E. Lincoln Way. Of 1950s vintage, the Star Motel is still advertises with a metal-box, neon sign.



**Bypassed by a second generation Lincoln Highway, Stark County's Baywood Street brick section preserves the 1920s pavement of the original road. (Kevin Patrick)**

Lincoln Highway Furniture Sign, E. Lincoln Way. Running white lights and arrow grace this neon sign.

1928 concrete Lincoln Highway Marker, downtown Minerva.

Canopy Filling Station, c.1910. A gift shop now occupies this renovated, corner gas station, complete with vintage gas pumps.

Hugle Run Bridge, c. 1935, US 30 west of Minerva. The side walls of this bridge are brick.

### ***Robertsville***

Baywood Street Brick Remnant, east from Robertsville. At 2.5 miles, this is the longest section of the Lincoln Highway still paved in brick.

Cindell Street Brick Remnant, west of Robertsville.

### ***East Canton***

1928 concrete Lincoln Highway Marker, Nassau St. and Cedar Street.

### ***Canton***

Top-O-The-Mark Motel, 4135 Lincoln Street East. This is the nation's only Lustron motel, constructed with enameled steel components.

White Swan Motel, Lincoln Street East. Four cabins remain of this old motel complex.

Replica 1928 concrete Lincoln Highway Marker, 1996.

Bender's Tavern, 1902, 137 Court Avenue.

East Branch Nimishillen Creek Bridge, E. Tuscarawas Street. Balustrade railings grace this reinforced concrete arch span.

George's Diner, 1958 Kullman, 4164 W. Tuscarawas Street.

### ***Massilon***

Lincoln Motel, c. 1947, 4012 Lincoln Way East. A Lincoln head metal-box, neon sign announces this integrated motel strip to passing Lincoln Highway motorists.

Lincoln Way Motors Sign, Lincoln Way East. This sign mirrors the Lincoln penny profile frequently used by the Lincoln Highway Association.

Lincoln Theater, Lincoln Way East. The marquee to the Lincoln has been restored.

1928 concrete Lincoln Highway Marker, Lincoln Way and 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

Four Chaplains Memorial Viaduct, 1949/1993. W. Lincoln Way.

## **Wayne County**

### ***Dalton***

1928 concrete Lincoln Highway Marker, downtown Dalton.

1928 concrete Lincoln Highway Marker, west of Dalton.

### ***McQuaid***

1928 concrete Lincoln Highway Marker, downtown McQuaid.

### ***Riceland***

1928 concrete Lincoln Highway Marker.

### ***Wooster***

Lost in the '50s Drive-in Restaurant, 3421 Lincoln Way East.

Apple Creek Bridge, east edge of Wooster. The concrete remains of the original Lincoln Highway bridge can be seen just downstream from the current reinforced concrete arch span.

Sylvan Road Brick Remnant, east edge of Wooster. Sylvan Road is paved in brick and bordered with a concrete curb.

## **Ashland County**

Lincoln Highway Signs. Lincoln Highway signs have recently been erected to mark the 1928 route through Ashland County.

### ***Ashland***

Studebaker Monument, east of Ashland. The stone monument marks the site of the Studebaker family residence after they left Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and before they moved to South Bend, Indiana, to found their auto manufacturing firm.

### ***Jeromesville***

Hargrave Tavern, 1812. Hargrave Tavern began life as a stagecoach stop.

### ***Hayesville***

Hayesville Opera House, 1886, downtown Hayesville. The recently restored Opera House still functions as a theater.

### ***Mifflin***

1928 concrete Lincoln Highway Marker, Maine Street.

## **Richland County**

### ***Mansfield***

Stewart's Root Beer Stand, c. 1950, 1182 Park Avenue East. The Park Avenue Stewart's is one of the surviving units of a chain that began in Mansfield in 1924.

Central Park. The Lincoln Highway once jogged around the tree-shaded Central Park. The park contains a fountain, a memorial to Abraham Lincoln, and a replica 1928 Lincoln Highway Marker placed in 1996.

## **Crawford County**

### ***Galion***

Lincoln Highway National Museum and Archives, 1999, Public Square. In 1999, Craig Harmon renovated the former J.C. Penney Building for a national museum devoted to the Lincoln Highway.

### ***Crestline***

McMahon and Bement Lincoln Highway Monuments, 1922, Main St. and Clink Boulevard. Two brick monuments containing replica Lincoln Highway signs flank the entrance to a 1920s housing development. The monuments memorialize Lincoln Highway Association supporters, J. F. McMahon (Crestline LHA Consul) and Austin Bement (LHA Secretary and Vice President).

### ***Leesville***

J & M Trading Post, 1829. Built by Rev. Robert Lee as Leesville's original general store, the J & M currently functions as an antique store that is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

1928 concrete Lincoln Highway Marker, Leesville Road west of Leesville.

## ***Bucyrus***

E. J. Songer Lincoln Highway Brick Pillar, 1918, US 30 east of Bucyrus. This is one of a number of brick pillar mile markers that were built in the late-1910s and early-1920s to designate the route of the Lincoln Highway across Crawford County. Embedded in each pillar is a ceramic red, white and blue Lincoln Highway logo. Songer was the Crawford County LHA Consul.



Dr. Hathaway and Mike Lester at Hopley Memorial in Bucyrus--rg

*"The Lincoln Highway is not made up of concrete, brick, or stone.  
It is made up of people like [you]."*

--Dr. Alan Hathaway  
Van Wert, Ohio/June 9, 1999

**Dr. Alan Hathaway's Ten Millionth Model T stops at the Hopley Memorial in Bucyrus during a cross-country run in 1999. (Michael Buettner)**

Hopley Memorial, 1929, E. Mansfield Street. This large, stone monument incorporating plaques and two ceramic Lincoln Highway signs was erected in honor of John E. Hopley, Ohio state LHA Consul.

Lincoln Highway Stone Pillar, 1929, E. Mansfield Street. The cylindrical Stone Pillar includes a ceramic Lincoln Highway logo and is located just west of the Hopley Memorial. More than likely, it was made from the surplus material procured to build the memorial.

Al Smith's Place, 1885 E. Mansfield Street. Al Smith's is a 1950s era motel.

Railroad Viaducts, c. 1925, E. Mansfield Street. Two ceramic Lincoln Highway signs are embedded in the concrete abutments supporting a grouping of three railroad viaducts.

1928 concrete Lincoln Highway Marker, Mansfield and Mary streets.

The "Great American Crossroads" Mural, 1999, Washington Square. Eric Grohe's 36x130 foot mural depicts Bucyrus Square in 1917 which includes two Lincoln highway logos.

Skip's Pro Tune-Up, 200 W. Mansfield Street. This cottage style gas station once sold Texaco gas.

### ***Oceola***

Lincoln Highway Brick Pillar, c. 1917, US 30 east of Oceola.

## **Wyandot County**

### ***Upper Sandusky***

1928 concrete Lincoln Highway Marker, US 30 five miles east of Upper Sandusky

Lincoln Highway Farm, US 30 east of Upper Sandusky. This working farm was named after America's first transcontinental highway.

Steer Barn Restaurant, 1144 E. Wyandot Street. The red Steer Barn is painted with a 'Mail Pouch Tobacco' advertisement.

Old Lincoln Highway Brick Remnant, Old Lincoln Highway east edge of town. This brick section of the Lincoln Highway leads to the site of the old Sandusky River Bridge, which was bypassed in 1931. An Ohio Historical Marker and replica brick pillar was dedicated along this remnant in 2001.

## **Hancock County**

### ***Williamstown***

Conrail/New York Central Railroad Viaduct, c. 1930, Old Lincoln Highway. Before the bypass was completed, this reinforced concrete bridge carried the Lincoln Highway over the railroad tracks on the east side of Williamstown. It has been closed for at least twenty-five years.

Bon Air Motel Sign, US 30. The neon sign proclaiming "Truckers Welcome" survives although the motel has long since been closed.

## **Allen County**

### ***Beaverdam***

Replica Brick Pillar, 2000. This recently reconstructed brick pillar stands at the intersection of the Lincoln Highway and the Dixie Highway, and is dedicated to Carl Fisher, father of both highways.

### ***Cairo***

Lincoln Log Cabin, 640 W. Main Street. The original log cabin portion of this restaurant dates back to the 1850s.

### ***Gomer***

Pike Run Bridge, 1927, Lincoln Highway east of Gomer. The Pike Run Bridge has arched parapet walls.

Ottawa River Bridge, 1926, Lincoln Highway west of Gomer. This three span, concrete arch bridge carried the Lincoln Highway over the Ottawa River.

### ***Delphos***

Auglaize River Bridge, 1926, Lincoln Highway east of Delphos. This three span, concrete arch bridge carried the Lincoln Highway over the Auglaize River.

NuMaude's Restaurant, 1926, 112 E. Fifth Street.

Replica 1928 concrete Lincoln Highway Marker, 1997.

K & M Tire, 502 N. Main Street. In addition to being early Lincoln Highway garage, the K & M was also an official Lincoln Highway Control Station.

Lincoln Highway Dairy, west of Delphos. The Lincoln Highway name was frequently used to sell products. In this case, milk from the 1920s through the 1950s.

### **Van Wert County**

Lincoln Highway and Burma Shave Signs. Lincoln Highway signs have been erected to mark the route through Van Wert County. Four sets of Burma Shave signs have also been erected.

### ***Middle Point***

VanDel Drive-In Theater, E. Lincoln Highway. The VanDel is still in business.

Conrad's Truck Stop, c. 1950, Junction of US 30 and Lincoln Highway.

### ***Van Wert***

1928 concrete Lincoln Highway Marker, Fountain Park.

Balyeat's Coffee Shop, 1924, 133 W. Main Street. A metal-box, neon sign, and a wall painting heralds Balyeat's.

Marsh Hotel, W. Main Street. The Marsh Hotel was one of the Lincoln Highway Association's "Control Points," designated zero mile markers from which early travelers could set their odometers to follow guide book directions to the Lincoln Highway.

Spray's Radiator Service, 1927, 733 W. Main Street. This was originally a Shell station.

BK Root Beer Stand, c.1955, 835 W. Main Street.

Ridgeway Drive-In Theater, W. Lincoln Highway. The Ridgeway is still in business.



### *Convoy*

Upper Prairie Creek Lincoln Highway Bridge, Lincoln Highway northwest of Convoy. Ceramic Lincoln Highway logos are embedded in the parapet wall ends of this reinforced concrete beam bridge.

## III) OHIO LINCOLN HIGHWAY INTERPRETATION AND PRESERVATION PROJECTS

### *Ohio Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor*

The Ohio Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor, Inc. is a 501C3 non profit, tourism destination collation, dedicated to obtaining Heritage Corridor status to the Lincoln Highway in Ohio and eventually nationally, in addition to focusing in bringing tourism, and commerce to the road in Ohio. The group has been formed of tourism professionals, attraction management, non-profit heads and interested historians, hobbyists and concerned citizens. The group meets monthly in Mansfield, Ohio and is developing collateral materials, tour guides and marketing products re: the LH. They are also assisting Larry Webb of the Ohio Lincoln Highway League in his efforts to obtain Ohio Scenic/Heritage By-way Status for the road. Contact: Bob Lichty, Ohio Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor, P.O. Box 20509, Canton, OH 44701, Phone 330-456-7883; rrubin@neo.rr.com.

### *Lincoln Highway Signs*

The Ohio chapters of the Lincoln Highway Association have signed sections of the Lincoln Highway across the state. Lincoln Highway signs can be found at seven different roadside rest stops, an in Stark, Wayne, Ashland, Richland, Crawford, Wyandot, Allen County, and Van Wert counties. Contacts: Bob Lichty, Bob, 555 Market Ave S, Canton, OH 44702-Canton Classic Car Museum, (330) 455-3666, (h) 330-456-7869, E-mail rrubin@neo.lrun.com. Michael McNaull, 1025 County Rd 601, Ashland, OH 44805, (419) 281-3064.

### *Brick Lincoln Highway Pillars and Hopley Memorial Restoration*

Members of the Ohio Lincoln Highway Association have restored the four remaining brick pillars and the stone Hopley Memorial constructed in Crawford County during the late-1910s and 1920s. In addition, they have recently completed two brick pillar reconstructions, one in Hanoverton, and the other in Beaverdam. Other reconstructions are planned. Contact: Michael McNaull, 1025 County Rd 601, Ashland, OH 44805, (419) 281-3064.

### *Replica 1928 Lincoln Highway Markers*

Richard Taylor perfected the fabrication of replica concrete Lincoln Highway markers modeled after the type erected by Boy Scouts in 1928. At least four of the replica markers stand along the Lincoln Highway in Ohio, and more are along the route in other states and in private hands. Contact: Richard Taylor, 1543 N. Stewart Rd. Mansfield, OH 44903, (419) 589-5277.

# Rediscover



**THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY  
IN OHIO**



**have been developed by local Lincoln Highway Association chapters in numerous states. (Ohio Lincoln Highway Association)**

## **Stark County**

### *Minerva Filling Station Restoration*

During the late 1980s, this corner canopy filling station was restored and converted into a gift shop, complete with vintage gas pumps.

### *Lincoln Highway Exhibit at the Canton Classic Car Museum*

The Canton Classic Car Museum maintains a Lincoln Highway Exhibit that includes a 1930s gas station. Contact: Bob Lichty, 555 Market Ave S, Canton, OH 44702-Canton Classic Car Museum, (330) 455-3666, (h) 330-456-7869; rrubin@neo.lrun.com.

## **Crawford County**

### *The Lincoln Highway National Museum and Archives*

In 1999, Craig Harmon adapted downtown Galion's former J.C. Penny Store into a museum dedicated to Abraham Lincoln and the Lincoln Highway. Contact: The Lincoln Highway National Museum and Archives, Craig Harmon, 102 Old Lincoln Way West, PO Box 201, Galion, OH 44833, (419) 462-2212; [www.lincoln-highway-museum.org](http://www.lincoln-highway-museum.org) and [starman@bright.net](mailto:starman@bright.net).

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**Crestline's pair of restored Lincoln Highway pillars were originally erected in 1922. (Kevin Patrick)**

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