

“The Lincoln Highway Iowa Map Pack: A Great Iowa Tour,” 1994

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“A Continuous Connecting Improved Highway From The Atlantic To The Pacific”

Top Photo: L & J “fillin” station at Nilands Corner, Colo, Iowa in the late 1920’s. Here the Lincoln and Jefferson Highways joined and ran together for seven miles to Nevada. Photo courtesy of Nilands.

Bottom Photo: In the fall of 1920 Marsh Construction Co. with their steam paver laying cement east of Jefferson. Except for the seeding mile, this was the first cement laid on the Lincoln Highway in Iowa.

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Benton County

What To See In Present Day Benton County

Belle Plaine

George Preseton’s Station

(4th Ave. & 13th St.)

George’s Cabins

Original site of George’s station

(7th Ave. & 19th St.)

Maid-Rite (3rd Ave. & 13th St.)

Sankot’s Garage - Case sign

(8th Ave. & 13th St.) NRHP

(National Record of Historic Places)

Lincoln Cafe (8th Ave. & 13th St.)

King Theatre (12th St.)

Main Street, including bakery

Highway 131 - outstanding section of original Lincoln; right of way and rural landscape

Large rural farmhouse

The Lincoln rejoins US 30 to take flat route straight to Cedar Rapids after avoiding hill of Tama and Benton County.

Craft shop (old station) (US 30)
Roadhouse Youngville Station
Refurbishing project

Other Sites of Interest

Amana Colonies

Top Photo: The “gravel spotter” does his job on a road improvement project. (in 1914 or 1915)
Photo courtesy of the DOT.

Bottom Photo: The George Preston station in the 1920’s at Belle Plaine. Preston Family photo.

Belle Plaine

Pop. 3,887. Alt. 824 feet. Benton County. Three hotels, 3 garages. Local speed limit, 12 miles per hour, enforced. Three banks, 1 railroad, 75 general business places, express company, telephone company, 2 newspapers, Commercial Club, Camp grounds.

L. H. County Consul, O. C. Burrows: L. H. Local Concul, James Herring.

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Town to Town

Belle Plaine - Chelsea 7m

Legend

First Route

Second Route

Third Route

4-Lane

U.S. Hwy.

Iowa Hwy.

County Hwy.

Interstate

Closed

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Tama County

What To See In Present Day Tama County

The Lincoln turned south at Le Grand, probably to avoid some hilly country.

Chelsea

Lighted Lincoln Highway Bridge

Wood carver (Irish St.)

Conway Feed ghost signs

Dvorek Mtr. Co. building

Gladstone

(abandoned) (in 1916 Guide)

East of Gladstone, the Lincoln turned south to follow the Iowa River Valley and to avoid the hills. US 30 was rebuilt to bypass Chelsea and Belle Plaine in the mid-1930's.

Toledo

(the other half of the Twin Cities)

Tama County Courthouse, Jail
(NRHP)

County seat square & NRHP bldgs.
1950's commercial architecture
(US 30)

Tama

Lincoln Highway mural
(3rd and Siegal)

Lincoln Highway bridge
(5th St. E.) NRHP

King Town Cafe (US 30 east)

Montour

Two early service stations
(not in use) (on LH)

Burma Shave signs (E. LH)

Osterman accident site (½ mile E.)

Rubes Steakhouse

Butlerville

(abandoned)

Top Photo: Postcard of one of the first "truck stops" in Iowa around the early 1940's. Photo courtesy of Lyell Henery

Bottom Photo: Family of Elmer Times looking down the road at the Lincoln Highway gateway pillars on 13th St., in 1921.

Tama, Iowa greets the tourist with beautiful Bathing Beach and Tourist Park, everything free, within two blocks of the business center of town. Electric lighted; good water and shade. A cordial welcome. Come and camp with us for a night or through the season. Hundreds throng our bathing during the hot weather-none better or safer in the West. Good hotels, restaurants and theatres. Prices to tourists same as home-folk.

The Mesquakie Indian Reservation adjoins the city on the west. 1924

Butlerville

Tama County. Post Office address "Montour". No tourist accommodations. L. H. Local Consul. Frank Lewis.

Montour

Pop. 500 Tama County. One hotel, 3 garages, Local speed limit, 15 miles per hour, enforced. One bank, 1 railroad, 5 general business place, express company, telephone.

L. H. Local Consul. J. M. Buchanan

Tama

Pop, 2,500 Alt. 827 feet. Tama County. On the Iowa River.

Two hotels, 2 garages. Route marked through town and county. Two railroad crossings at grade. Two banks, 3 railroad, 50 general business places, 2 express companies, 1 telephone company, 2 newspapers, 2 public schools, electric lights, water works. Commercial Club. L. H. Local Consul, D. E. Goodell. Three miles west of here the Highway passes directly through the Sac and Fox Indian Settlement, the only settlement on the Lincoln Highway east of the Missouri River.

The Indians settled here, coming from what is now Oklahoma, in 1855 and still cling to many of their habits as to dress and traditions.

Chelsea

Pop. 600, Alt. 789 feet. Tama County. On the Iowa River. Two hotels, 1 garage. Local speed limit, 12 miles per hour, enforced. Two banks, C. & N. W. Railroad, 11 general business places, express company, 2 telephone companies. Good fishing and free camp grounds on Iowa River. L. H. Local Consuls, E. P. Willey and Homer Garden.