The
LINCOLN
HIGHWAY
IOWA MAP PACK
"A Great Iowa Tour"

"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 Nilands.
Bottom Photo: In the fall of 1920 Marsh Construction Co. with their steam paver laying cement east of Jefferson. Except for the seedling mile, this was the first cement laid on the Lincoln Highway in Iowa.
WHAT TO SEE IN PRESENT DAY
BENTON COUNTY

Belle Plaine
George Preston’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 Register 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 hills of Tama and Benton
County.

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

Other Sites of Interest
Amana Colonies

COMMERCIAL CAFE
DAY AND NIGHT SERVICE
“All American”

BELLE PLAINE, IOWA

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
Local speed limit, 12 miles per hour, enforced. Three banks, 1 rail-
road, 75 general business places, express company, telephone compa-
ny, 2 newspapers, Commercial Club, Camp grounds.
L. H. County Consul, O. C. Burrows: L. H. Local Consul, James
Herring.

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1912
J. J. FERGUSON, Proprietor
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Phone No. 137

BELLE PLAINE, IOWA
WHAT TO SEE IN PRESENT DAY TAMA COUNTY

The Lincoln turned south at Le Grand, probably to avoid some hill 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 Tower Cafe (US 30 east)

Montour
Two early service stations
(not in use) (on LH)
Burma Shave signs (E. LH)
Osterman accident site (1/2 mile E.)
Rubes Steakhouse

Butlerville
(abandoned)

TAMA, IOWA greets the tourist with a 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 throughout 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 to home-folk.

The Mesquakie Indian Reservation adjoins the city on the west.

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 places, express company, telephone.

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

TAMA
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. Country 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

L. H. Local Consuls, E. P. Willey and Homer Garden.