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Indiana's Lincoln Highway Byway

A Turn-by-Turn Road Guide
For the 1928 Route

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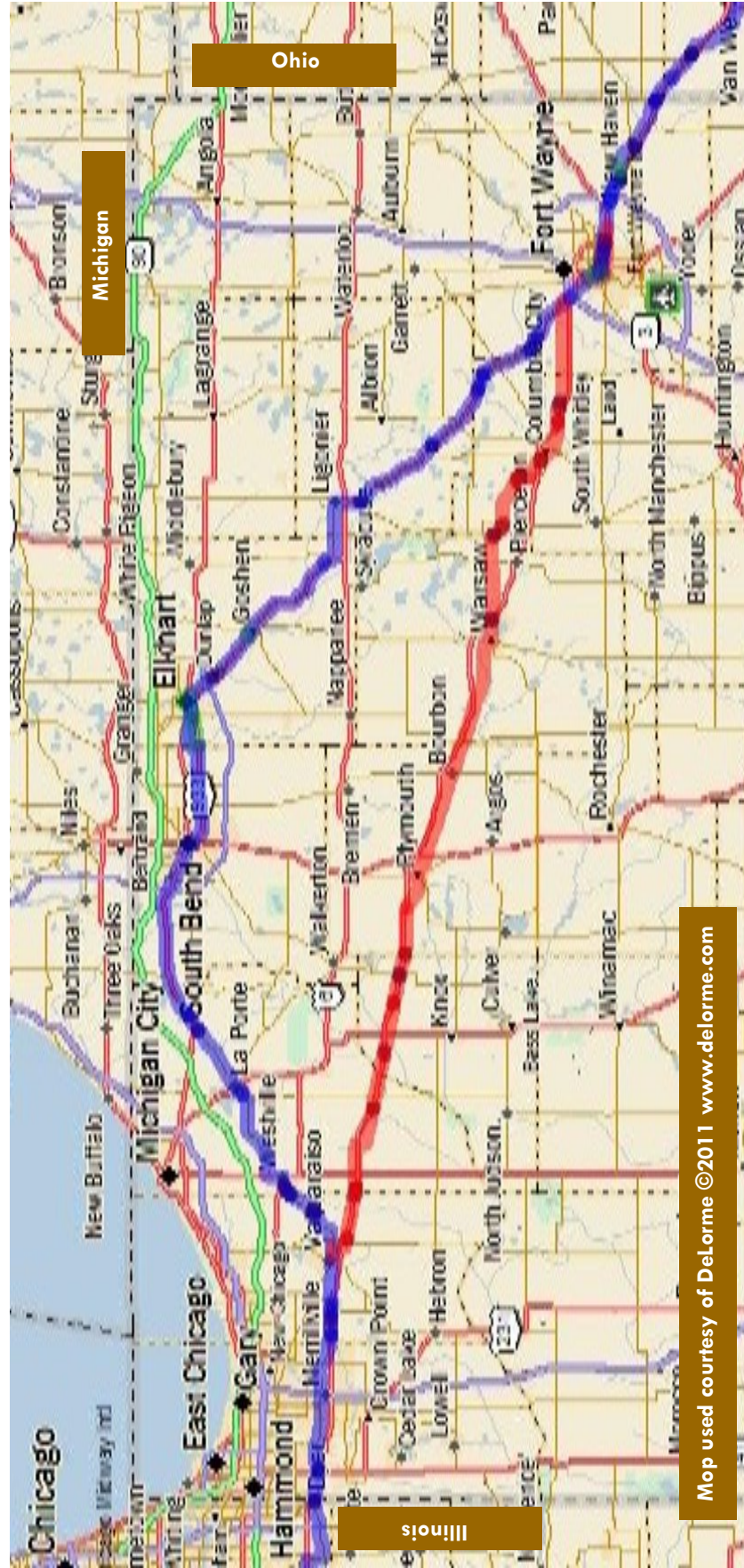
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The **1913 Route** and the **1928 Route** of the Indiana Lincoln Highway

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Turn-by-Turn Across the Indiana 1928 Route West to East

Lake County: 16.3 Miles

0.0 Starting on Lincoln Highway/US 30 East/Joliet Street at the Illinois /Indiana State Line near Sunnyside Ave. in **Dyer** by St. Margaret's Mercy Hospital

2.2 Turn right on to Old Lincoln Highway to Sunset Blvd.

NOTE: Old Lincoln Highway can be traveled further but is a little more difficult to get back to US 30 because of traffic patterns on US 41 /Indianapolis Blvd where one would need to turn left and cross multiple lanes of a busy road. It is not recommended.

2.5 Turn left (north) on Sunset Blvd. back to Lincoln Highway/US 30/Joliet Street

2.6 Turn right at Lincoln Highway/US 30/Joliet Street

3.2 Turn LEFT at Hwy. 330 where Joliet Street will depart from US 30 entering into **Schererville**. It is recommended to turn left at this intersection with the traffic signals.

NOTE: Traffic signs will indicate that one should proceed to the next intersection (Reed Lane), however, there are no traffic lights to assist in a left turn across the busy US 30.

5.7 Travel through **New Elliott** at Fairbanks St. (Name of Joliet Street also becomes Old Lincoln Highway and 73rd Ave. interchangeably.)

10.0 Old Lincoln Hwy. enters into **Merrillville** at SR 53/Broadway

12.1 Pass through **Green Acres** at Colorado Street

14.2 Proceed through **Ainsworth** at SR 51

16.3 County Line Rd. at **Deep River**. The name of the highway changes from Old Lincoln Hwy./E 73rd Ave./ E CR 330 to Joliet Rd.

NOTE: Remnants of bridge crossing Deep River on previous alignment at intersection of County Line Rd.



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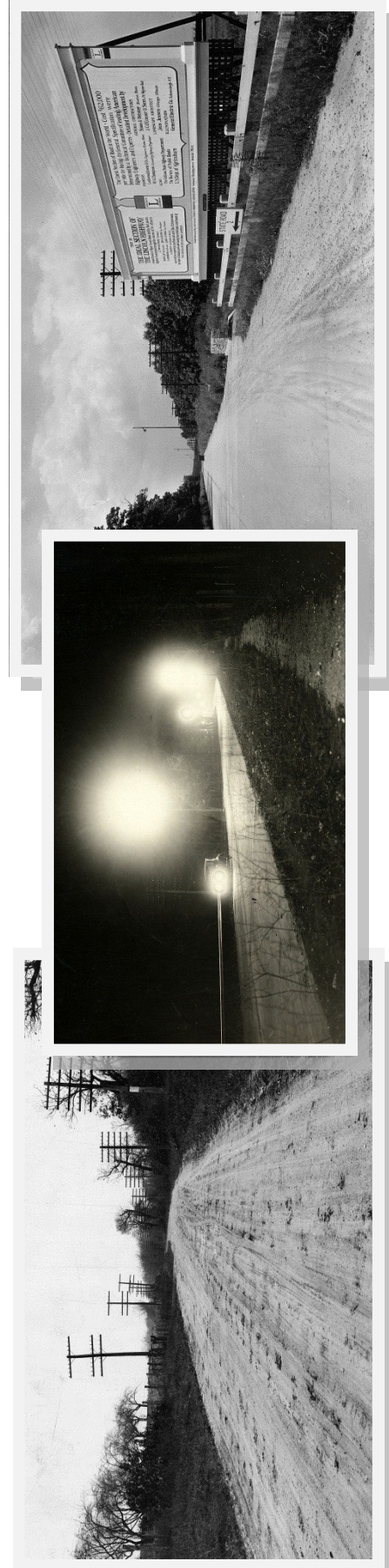
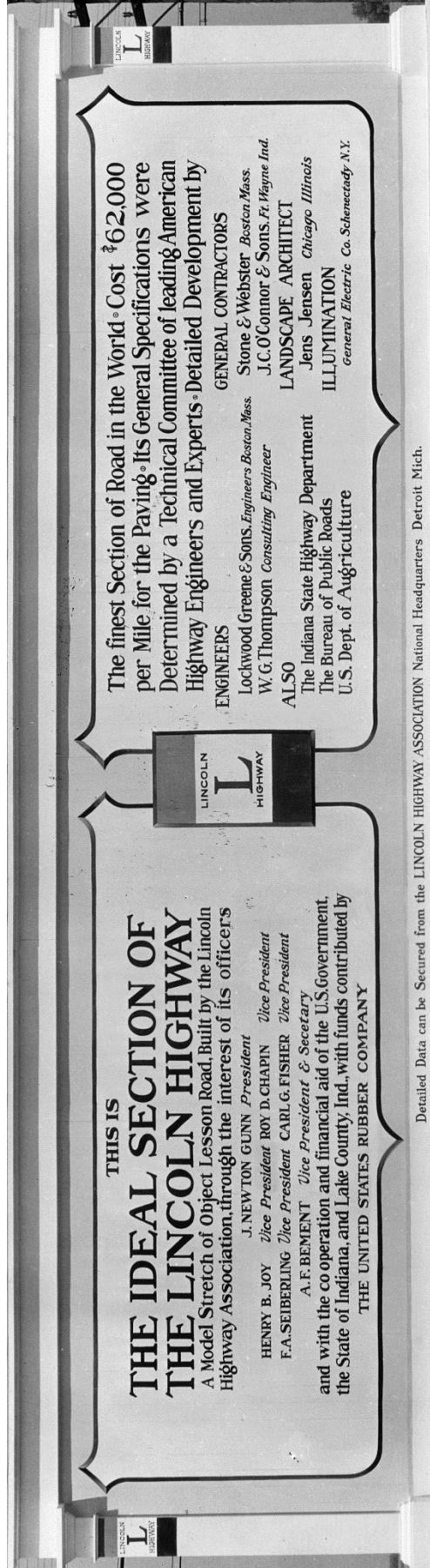


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The 1923 Ideal Section - The Future of Modern Road Building Design
Photos l to r: Before, At Night after Construction, After Construction

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Porter County: 16.2 Miles (16.3 - 32.5)

0.0 At Deep River continue on Joliet Rd. to US 30

0.8 Turn left on US 30 (also called Lincoln Highway)

4.3 Turn Left on Joliet Rd. (leave US 30) to go toward Valparaiso

NOTE: There is remnant to the left immediately after leaving US 30 onto Joliet Road.

7.8 **NOTE:** There is a sign pointing to an Old Lincoln Highway alignment before the bridge prior to entering Valparaiso, which crossed the railroad tracks using Kinsey St. off Stokes. It is not recommended for traveling - dead end.

7.9 Turn Right on Lincolnway/SR 130 through downtown **Valparaiso**

9.0 Turn Right on Garfield St. (South)

9.3 At Union St. angle left onto Linwood

9.8 Cross over modern day SR 2/US 30

10.1 Continue as it curves into Penna Hill Dr. through the cemeteries

10.4 Turn right on Sturdy Rd.

11.2 Curve left onto Comeford Rd.

12.0 Turn right onto Lincoln Highway/US 30

16.2 Turn Right on County Rd./S 700 E by cemetery

NOTE: There are no road signs at this intersection. Turn right off of US 30 at the cemetery.



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LaPorte County: 13.1 Miles (32.5 - 45.6)

0.0 Take County Line Road south to W 1200 S

0.1 Turn left until it meets back up with Lincoln Highway/US 30

1.6 Passing through the outskirts of **Wanatah**

5.0 Continue on the Lincoln Highway/US 30 to S 700 W

NOTE: About 200 feet before S 700 W, on the right, a route remnant curved off US 30. (Private property). After turning corner, it joins S 700 W in about 300 ft.

5.1 Turn right (south) on S 700 W

6.0 Curve left onto Old US 30 (Volk Road) through **Hanna**

9.7 Turn right onto US 30

13.1 Arrive at county line at the Kankakee River



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Starke County: 12.5 Miles (45.6 - 58.1)

0.0 At the Kankakee River, continue on US 30

2.5 Turn right at Old US Hwy 30/Lincoln Highway

WARNING: The first couple miles of this section is very rough old road which gives the traveler an inkling of what early traveling may have been like across America

6.1 Old Lincoln Hwy/Old US Hwy 30 becomes Plymouth Street through **Hamlet**

7.1 Turn right on Lincoln Highway/US 30 toward **Grovertown** area

NOTE: Going through the Grovertown area, old road remnants can be seen on the north side (left) of the highway in the vicinity of CR 1000/SR 23.

12.5 County line at N 1200 E



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Marshall County: 22.9 Miles (58.1 - 81)

0.0 On US 30 at County Line go to Lincoln Highway

***NOTE:** At the county line, old road remnants can be seen on the north side (left) of the highway which are used as driveways by several residents.*

0.2 Turn right on Lincoln Highway

1.2 Through **Donaldson**

4.8 Turn right at Lincoln Highway/Old US 30

8.2 In **Plymouth** the name of street becomes Jefferson Street

9.0 Lincoln Highway curves away from Jefferson St. on Lincolnway E to the right

14.5 Lincoln Highway goes through into **Inwood**19.1 Continue into **Bourbon** on Lincoln Highway/Beechwood Ave. Curves into Center Street in town

19.6 Lincoln Highway will curve to the right leaving Center Street (Do not go straight on Center Street)

22.9 County Line is at western edge before entering town of **Etna Green**

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Kosciusko County: 21.7 Miles (81 - 102.7)

- 0.0 Lincoln Highway also becomes State Street through **Etna Green** and back to Lincoln Highway/Old 30 when it leaves
- 4.2 Lincoln Highway becomes Main Street as it enters **Atwood** and back to Lincoln Highway/Old Hwy 30 as it leaves

The Lincoln Highway becomes Lake Street as it enters **Warsaw**

- 10.9 Turn left (east) on Center Street
- 13.0 Stay LEFT with Center Street across US 30 (Do not go right on E Center Street where it curves before US 30)
- 13.2 After crossing US 30, turn right on Center St. and follow it to E Kosciusko Dr.
- 13.4 Turn right on E Kosciusko Dr. to E Old Rd. 30/Lincoln Highway
- 13.8 Turn left on Old Rd. 30/Lincoln Highway
- 21.7 Turn left on old alignment of Old Rd. 30/Old Trail Road
- 21.7 County line is at the intersection of 1000/County Line Rd. before going back into main road. Name changes to Lincolnway at county line.



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Whitley County: 19.7 Miles (102.7 - 122.4)

0.0 Continue on the old alignment past the County Line Rd. turning left once back at the Lincolnway

- 1.1 **NOTE:** *There is an alignment on the right where today's Lincoln Highway softens the original angle of curve. Lincolnway went to the right but is a dead end street today and the rest of the old curve is on private property where it straightens back out.*

Just past Scheckler Road are two more sites of interest on the right (west side)

- 6.4 **NOTE:** *1) At 2695 Lincolnway on the right, there is a remains of an old bridge in the backyard of a private residence which is part of another old route alignment which goes through the woods coming out as part of private drive in next ¼ mile.*
- 6.8 **NOTE:** *2) On the left a very short distance further, at the intersection where CR 250 joins the Lincoln Highway, is the concrete headwall of an old section.*

In another .8 of a mile, there is an old alignment through private property.

- 7.6 **NOTE:** *Continue on the Lincoln Highway for a mile passing where a gravel driveway appears on the right. It goes into W Schuman Rd. and back to the Lincoln Highway.*

9.5 Cross over US 30 on the Lincoln Highway as it approaches **Columbia City**

9.8 Turn Left on Park passing the county fairgrounds to Jolly Street

NOTE: *There is a later route that went through Columbia City which eliminated the jogs of Park, Jolly, and Walnut Streets. After crossing US 30, the route went straight at the county fairgrounds (on west side) to US BUS 30 which becomes Van Buren.*

10.7 Take Jolly one block to Walnut Street

10.8 Turn right (south) on Walnut Street to Van Buren Street

10.9 Turn left on Van Buren Street for three blocks to Main Street (east side of the County Courthouse) where US 30/SR 9/ SR 205 all join

11.1 Turn right (south) on Main (Bus US 30/SR 9/ SR 205)

11.6 Turn Left onto Chicago Street

14.4 Cross US 30 on CR 300 to old Lincoln Highway

NOTE: *Just before crossing over US 30, there is an old route remnant on the right, which was created when the construction of US 30 interrupted the Lincoln Highway.*

14.5 Turn right onto the Lincoln Highway



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- 16.3 Just before the curve, an alignment can be seen on the left. Proceed onto that road to the intersection of S 500

NOTE: *Straight ahead is the continuation of the route but is now private property and not drivable.*

- 16.5 Turn right on S 500 E back to the Lincoln Highway

NOTE: *A remnant of the road is visible on the left after getting back on Lincoln Highway.*

- 16.5 Turn left on Lincolnway

- 19.7 County line at County Line Rd. S 800 E



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Allen County: 32.4 miles (122.4 - 154.8)

- 0.0 Turn right on S 800 E to Lake Center Rd.
- 0.1 Turn left on Lake Center Rd. for a short section before realignment rough gravel road that becomes concrete)
- 0.4 Turn right to rejoin at Washington Center Rd.
- 7.3 Turn right on US 33, take ramp for US 33 South staying on 930 East/Goshen Rd.



- 8.9 Cross Coliseum Blvd. staying on Goshen Rd. to Sherman Blvd.

- 10.8 Turn right on Sherman Blvd. into **Fort Wayne**

- 12.1 Sherman Blvd. curves left into Van Buren as it crosses the river

- 12.6 Turn left (one-way) on Jefferson Blvd. until it connects into Maumee Ave.

- 13.9 Continue on Maumee Ave. until it becomes Washington Blvd.

NOTE: This is the only part of the original route on Maumee which is practical for driving. The Lincoln Highway through Fort Wayne was mostly on Maumee Road, but today it is interrupted in many places, one way in some places, dead end in others, or completely inaccessible.

- 15.1 Continue on Washington Blvd., which becomes SR 930 and Lincoln Highway past the interchange

- 18.2 Stay left on Lincoln Highway where SR 930 separates. (Do not go to the right with SR 930) Continue through **New Haven** to Green Street.

- 19.9 Turn right (south) on Green St. to SR 930 (about .2 mile)

- 20.2 Turn left onto SR 930/Lincoln Highway past the interchange I-469/US 24. The name changes from SR 930 to US 30 beyond the interstate.

21.8 **NOTE:** Just past I-469 on the right (south) side of US 30 is a frontage road that was part of an earlier alignment of the Lincoln Highway.

- 23.3 Turn left onto Old US Hwy 30 (also called old Lincoln Highway)

23.4 **NOTE:** Old route remnant on the left just after leaving US 30 onto Old US 30.

- 24.0 Turn left onto unnamed road on left that goes past a cemetery (on left) and old school for District No. 5 (on right) into **Besancon** coming out at St. Louis Academy and the St. Louis Besancon Catholic Church

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24.3 Merge back onto Old Lincoln Highway/Old US Hwy 30

26.6 **Zulu** at Paulding Rd.

27.1 **NOTE:** Past Zulu is an original curve (on right) on private property.

29.1 Continue on Old Lincoln Hwy to **Townley** at SR 101 to modern US 30

32.2 Turn left onto US 30

32.4 The Indiana/Ohio State Line



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