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Michael Wallis Route 66 archive  
ILLINOIS

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**Articles and press cuttings: 1976-1988**

1 *Illinois Highways*. Publication of the State Highway Department, Vol. 2, No. 8.

“Route 66 on the Road to Extinction.” Unidentified source, Nov 1976.

“History of U.S. 66. 1978.” Photocopied typescript, 4p. [Provided by] Chris Schwarberg of the Illinois Dept. of Transportation.

“There Are No More Kicks on Old Route 66.” *The Midwest Motorist*, Jan-Feb 1980.

“Just for Kicks! Route 66.” *Chicago Tribune*, May 1983.

[No title. “Malcomb Frazer has heard horror stories. Stories of motorists so badly mangled...” *Lincoln Courier*, Jul 1984.

*Illinois Times*. Vol. 10, No. 48, Aug 1-7, 1985. Entire issue.

“History of U.S. Route 66 through Illinois.” Photocopied typescript attached to a 1982 press release and map, 3p.

2 “State of Illinois Department of Public Works and Buildings Division of Highways. Report and Development Report No. 33. Final Summary Report, Route U.S. 66 Condition Survey. Photocopy, 37p.

**Articles and press cuttings: 1989-1998**

3 “Devotees Mount Drive for Route 66.” *The Pantagraph*, Mar 1989.

“Route 66 Still a Favorite to Some.” *Time-Press*, Mar 1989.

“Still Getting Kicks on Route 66.” *Doings*, Apr 1989.

“Route 66 Rolls On as a Road of Lore.” *The Sun*, Jun 1989.

“Get Your Kicks.” *The Journal Star*, Jul 1989.

“Movement to Make Route 66 Historic Strip Picks Up Momentum.” *Desplaines Valley News*, Jul 1989.

"The Ways We Were. Memories of Old Rt. 66 in Springfield." *Illinois Times*, Aug 3-9, 1989.

"The Rhythm of the Road." *Chicago Sun-Times*, Mar 1992.  
*Illinois Country Living*. Jul 1998.

"Route 66 Fans Unite." Unknown source, undated.

"New Group Formed to Preserve Route 66." Unknown source, undated.

"Magic, Romance Captured. Route 66ers Plan First Annual Reunion."  
Unknown source, undated.

"Gettin' Kicks Out of Remembering Route 66." Unknown source, undated.

"The Old-Fashioned Way..." Unknown source, undated.

[No title] "Mrs. Bourland showed the author how she restored her cars...."  
Unknown source, undated.

"Illinois. 281 miles of Route 66." [printout from the web]

### **Atlanta**

*Atlanta Illinois in Logan County*. Promotional booklet.

*Atlanta, Illinois Siltenial (1853-1978)*. "This 125 year history of Atlanta, Illinois was written in verse by Virginia Brosamer..." Contains text that has been highlighted in hot pink.

Street map of Atlanta. Photocopy with handwritten notations.

### **Bloomington**

Souvenir postcard featuring a view of downtown Bloomington.

L & L Motel. Promotional matchbook.

Double Nickel Drive-In. Menu.

"WJBC's Famous Firsts and Folks" Photocopied typescript of a historical overview of the radio station, 6p.

WJBC-AM 1230 Radio. Business card for Judy Markowitz, Promotion Coordinator.

## **Chicago**

1 *Where Chicago*. Shopping, Dining, Entertainment, Maps. May, Sept 1996.

2 Souvenir postcards featuring 6 iconic sites in Chicago.  
Chicago Map and Guide.

Metro Chicago Hotel Guide. Sept 1988 – Feb 1989.

The Museums in the Park. Brochure.

Chicago Architecture Tours. Brochure.

John G. Shedd Aquarium. Brochure.

Dainamite Studios Inc. Dance performance program.

“School for Prominence.” *Chicago*, May 1984.

“Chicago.” *TWA Ambassadors*, Dec 1988.

“Feel the Chicago Blues.” *Carlson Voyageur*, May/Jun/Jul 1993.

“My Kind of Town.” *Esquire*, May 1997.

“Mrs. O’Leary’s Infamous Cow May Have Been Framed....” *The New York Times*, Aug 1997.

“Cow Cleared.” Unknown source, Oct 1997.

3 Lou Mitchell’s Restaurant

Luncheon at Lou Mitchell’s. Menu.

“10 Great Places to... “ *USA Today*, Oct 1998.

Editorial profile and customer comments. [printout from the web]

Wallis’s handwritten notes, 2p.

## **Clinton**

The Homestead. De Witt County Museum. Brochure.

## **Collinsville**

The Catsup Bottle Preservation Group and International Fan Club.

Fan Club cover letter.

Promotional flyer.

Fan club card.

World’s Largest Catsup Bottle Official Merchandise catalog and order form.

## **Countryside**

Café 66 Buffet. Menu and coupon.

## **Dell Rhea's Chicken Basket**

Menu.

"You Are Invited to a Special Route 66 Party." [printout from the web]

## **Dwight**

"Still Getting Her Kicks. Waitress Effie Marx Has Become One of Route 66's Most Famous Fixtures." *Chicago Tribune*, Aug 1995.

Feddersen's Pizza Garage.

Menu.

Comment card.

Business card.

## **Edwardsville**

"Thumbnail Sketch of Edwardsville." Jessie Springer. Photocopied typescript, 2p.

List of facts and brief historical chronology about Edwardsville, 1p.

*Route 66 Update*, Vol. 1, Issue 11, Mar 1997.

Historic Tour of LeClaire Village. Brochure.

Antique Shops. Edwardsville, Illinois and Surrounding Area. Brochure.

Madison County Historical Museum. Brochure.

## **Events**

*Illinois Calendar of Events*. A Million Miles from Monday. 1995.

## **Farmersville**

See: Illinois: Wallis's snapshots and notes: Arts Motel/Restaurant sign.

## **Funks Grove Pure Maple Syrup**

Brochure and business card.

## **Hinsdale**

See: Illinois: Dell Rhea's Chicken Basket.

## **Joliet**

*Joliet*. 2005 Visitors Magazine.

## **Lincoln**

Color photo-reproduction of an aerial view of Lincoln, Illinois.  
Historic Lincoln & Logan Co. Illinois. The Starting Place. Brochure.  
Visit Mr. Lincoln's Historic...Logan County, Illinois.  
Visit Mr. Lincoln's Logan County. Tour guide.  
The Lincoln Legacy in Central Illinois. Brochure.  
"Lincoln Lives on in Illinois." *OK Magazine*, Mar 1989.  
Relax & Spend the Night with Us. Lodging guide.  
Lincoln College's Lincolniana and President's Museums. Brochure.  
Heritage in Flight Museum. Brochure.  
Postville Courthouse. Brochure.

## **Litchfield**

Souvenir postcard featuring illustrations of 4 iconic buildings in Litchfield.

"May Close 2 Lanes of Old US 66 at Litchfield." *State Journal-Register*, Mar 1977.

Ariston Café. Menu and business card.

Best Western Gardens. Promotional credit card holder.

Vintage promotional blurbs for various Litchfield businesses, photocopied from *The Centennial History of Litchfield*, 1953. Some of the businesses mentioned:

- Dearduff Roller Rink
- Schmidt Truck Service, Inc.
- Thiessen's Market
- Johnson Hardware Company
- R & C Home Appliances
- The Ariston Café
- Rambo's Wallpaper & Paint Store
- Harvey's Poultry & Feed Co.
- Harlow's Shell Service Station
- Sharp's Market
- Skinny's Café
- New Saratoga Club
- Varner Brothers Motel
- Irvine Dairy
- Sherman's Department Store
- The Overhead

Doug's Service Station  
...and others.

**Lockport**

"Lockport. 1776-1976. Happy Birthday America." Bumper sticker.

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**Lyons**

HI-66 Eatery. Menu.

**Macomb**

"Vanishing Roadside America." Program for a Warren H. Anderson exhibit ,  
Aug-Sept 1994; University Art Gallery, Western Illinois University.

**Maps**

Map Showing Marked Through Routes in Illinois. Prepared by Illinois State  
Highway Department, Feb 1917.

Exploring Route 66 in Illinois. 400 Miles of Adventure.

Illinois Historic Route 66. Where the Road Began.

Rand McNally road and highway map.

Illinois Official Highway Map, 1987-88.

Photocopies of atlas maps of the area.

**McClellan**

Dixie Trucker's Home

"Truck Stop to House Route 66 Tribute." Unknown source,  
undated.

**Memorabilia**

"Historic Old Route 66 – Chicago to L.A. Main St. U.S.A.!" B/W flyer  
designed by R. Waldmire. 2 copies.

"To Old Route 66...." Gummed label designed by Robert Waldmire.

"You're On Old Route 66...." Gummed label designed by Robert Waldmire.

"Through Stretch Old Route 66...." Gummed label designed by Robert  
Waldmire.

"....Old Route 66...." Gummed label designed by Robert Waldmire.

"I Strive Better With' Whippoorwill Singers." Bumper sticker.

"66: It's a Hell of a Hoot!" Bumper sticker.

### **Middleton**

"Middletown Landmark Joins old Route 66 Collection." *Lincoln Daily News*, Mar 2000. [printout from the web]

### **Motor tour (Chicago to St. Louis)**

1990 Motor Tour

1950 Version of the Route 66 Map, courtesy Rand McNally and State Farm Insurance.

Route 66 Motor Tour decal.

Official Passport.

1991 Motor Tour

Passport.

Commemorative license plate.

### **Mount Olive**

See: Illinois: Soulsby's Service Station.

### **Odell**

"Illinois Service Station 'Adopted' by Restorers." *Chicago Sun-Times*, Oct 2000.

### **Phil's Harvest Table Restaurant**

Article about Effie Marx, restaurant waitress.

### **Pig Hip Restaurant**

"Pig-Hip Restaurant, home of the famous Pig-Hip Sandwich...." *Illinois State Journal-Register*, Jun 1976.

"After 50 Years, This Unique Sandwich is Still a Favorite." *Lincoln Courier*, Jun 1986.

"Passing time at the Pig-Hip..." *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, Aug 1989.

"Pig-Hip Neon Has Faded; Edwards Still Going Strong." *Lincoln Courier*, Jun 1990.

Business card.

### **Pontiac**

Livingston County Courthouse. Self-adhesive promotional sticker.

### **Raymond**

Lanter's Truck Stop. Photocopy of a photograph featuring exterior street views of the truck stop.

"Hail Mary...Our Lady of the Highways." *Catholic Times*, Dec 1983.

"Taking Care of the Virgin Mary." *The State Journal-Register*, Feb 1986.

"Provide Upkeep for Roadside Shrine." *Columbia*, Sept 1986.

"Our Lady of the Highway' Blesses I-55." *Chicago Sun-Times*, Nov 1998.

### **Rochester**

Cardinal Hill Candles & Crafts. Business card. See also: Illinois: Cozy Dog Supply Company & Drive-In: back cover ad on promotional notebook.

### **Soulsby's Service Station**

"One for the Road." *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, Jul 1997.

"America's Main Street: A Route 66 'Poster Boy' Watches a Chunk of His Long Life Auctioned Away." *The Evansville Courier*, Aug 1997.

"Gas Station Museum Offers a Nostalgic Trip Down Route 66." *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, Aug 2001.

"A Station with Soul on Route 66." *The Sun-Times*, May 2000.

Russell Soulsby's obituary appearing in Route 66 Association of Illinois online newsletter, Oct 2000.

See also: Illinois: Wallis's snapshots and notes: Russell Soulsby's station.

### **Springfield**

1 Springfield/Sangamon County, Illinois Community Profile.

Welcome to Springfield: The City of Your Future. Chamber of Commerce publication.



Springfield, Illinois City Map & Guide.  
Family Vacation Planning Kit.  
Your Guide to Springfield, Illinois, 2001.  
Mr. Lincoln's Hometown: Visitors Guide.  
Mr. Lincoln's Hometown: Hotel/Motel Facilities.  
Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven Motor Court. Brochure.

State Capitol Building. 5 color slides featuring 5 views in and around the capitol building.

- 2 Abraham Lincoln Law Office. Souvenir postcard.  
Souvenir booklet featuring 10 color scenes of Lincoln's New Salem.  
Lincoln Heritage Trail. Souvenir booklet.  
Map of Lincoln's New Salem State Historical site.

"To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything."  
Abraham Lincoln, 11 Feb 1861. Quote excised from an unknown source.

Photocopies of images and articles (with explanatory captions) pertaining to the old Route 66 in Springfield and central Illinois area, from the Lincoln Library in Springfield.

"Unveiling a Lincoln Landmark." *Historic Preservation*, Mar/Apr 1989.

"Dr. Mudd's Conviction Will Stand, Army Says." *The New York Times*, Jul 1992.

"Who Was Lincoln?" *US News & World Report*, Oct 1992.

"Last of the Lincoln's." *The New Yorker*, Feb 1994.

"The Haunted Major. Henry Rathbone Shared Lincoln's Box...." *American Heritage*, Feb/Mar 1994.

"A Most Abandoned Hypocrite." *American Heritage*, Feb/Mar 1994.

"Abraham Lincoln Again." *American Heritage*, Feb/Mar 1995.

"How Did Lincoln Die?" *American Heritage*, Feb/Mar 1995.

- 3 Cozy Dog Supply Company & Drive-In  
Pocket notebook. Promotional notebook with illustrated covers and blank, lined pages.

Promotional stand-alone trademark.  
Promotional postcard.  
Promotional flyer in 2 versions.  
“We Go Cozy.” Bumper sticker.  
“Go for Cozy Dogs.” Bumper sticker.  
“Cozy Drive-In.” 2 promotional wooden nickels.

- 4 International Route 66 Festival. Springfield. Exhibitor’s kit includes brochure, related correspondence with Michael Wallis, press release, event overview, application form, event schedule, map of layout, etc.

**Tour guides**

*Central Illinois 2004 Official Visitors Guide.*

The Route 66 Trail. Brochure with map.

Route 66 Tour Guide. Brochure.

Route 66 Adventure Guides: What to See and Do. Where to Eat and Sleep.  
5 brochures covering Route 66 from Chicago to St. Louis.

Traveling the New, Historic Route 66 of Illinois. Brochure.

“Route 66 Hot Spots: Secret Corners and Hidden Places.” Facsimile, with handwritten notations, of a list provided by J & L Weiss, Nov 2000.

**Wallis’s snapshots and notes**

Color snapshots featuring Michael Wallis and friends, taken on an Illinois motor tour and Route 66 Festival. Images include the Arts Motel Restaurant sign, the exterior of Russell Soulsby’s Shell Station, and a view of a faded Meramec Caverns sign on barn’s tin roof.

Michael Wallis’s handwritten notes, 52p.

**Whiting Bros. Service Station**

Souvenir Route 66 Artcard by Jerry McClanahan.

**Willowbrook**

See: Illinois: Dell Rhea’s Chicken Basket.