

ALBUM BEFORE THE INTERSTATES THERE WAS THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY

Album Description

The Lincoln Highway was America's first trans-continental highway; is also the title of Amor Towels newest and best-selling novel. (Viking, 2021)

The story follows the journey of 4 boys, 3 of them recently escaped or released from a Kansas juvenile detention center. The intended to head west, but circumstances led traveling to the eastern end of the highway in New York City. Two traveled in a stolen car; two rode the rails. Along the way they visited cities and landmarks, met an assortment of characters and had some precarious adventures. The story also gives us a glimpse of life in the 50's.

Much of the Lincoln highway built in 1912 has been replaced by Interstate 80 and other roads, but parts of it (and historic markers) still exist.

The Library of Congress is rich with pertinent resources; some are included in this album primarily as a resource for those of you who have enjoyed the book. The resources offer curriculum applications as well and can be used independently of the book in areas such as geography and local history.

This is a collaborative album; anyone can add additional resources but it would be fun to have additions from people who live in a Lincoln Highway area.

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**LINCOLN HIGHWAY, 3 MILE SEGMENT SOUTH OF BUSINESS I-80 & ALT 93
INTERSECTION, WEST WENDOVER, ELKO COUNTY, NV**



Teaching Notes:

The boys in the novel did not visit Nevada or any other western states , but had would have if their plans had not gone awry.

What other historic highway exsits in the Midwest and southwest?

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Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/nv0245/>

Contributor Names: Historic American Engineering Record, creator
Fisher, Carl
Hoag, Gael S
Western Cultural Resource Management, contractor
Athearn, Frederic J, photographer
Mehls, Steven F, historian
Rusco, Elmer, historian
Rusco, Mary, historian
Created / Published: Documentation compiled after 1968

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Subject Headings: - highways

- transportation
- Lincoln Highway
- Nevada -- Elko County -- West Wendover

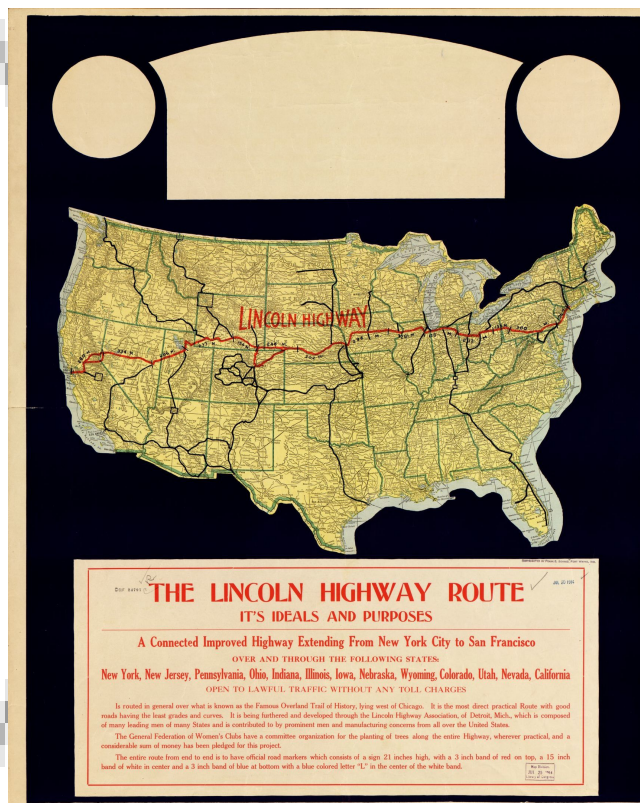
Notes: - Significance: This segment of the Lincoln Highway was one to the last two pieces of that highway to be completed in the United States and was the final link in the route to make the Lincoln Way a true coast to coast highway. Moreover, this segment is intimately associated with western interstate battles concerning highway routes during the early years of Federal aid to states for road construction in the 1910's and 1920's.

- Survey number: HAER NV-28
- Building/structure dates: 1928-1930 Initial Construction
- Building/structure dates: 1958 Subsequent Work

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<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/pp.print>

THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY ROUTE : IT'S IDEALS AND PURPOSES : A CONNECTED IMPROVED HIGHWAY EXTENDING FROM NEW YORK CITY TO SAN FRANCISCO ...



Teaching Notes:

Blog post from *World's Revealed Geography & Maps at the Library of Congress* Maps of the Good Roads Movement adds to the story of the Interstate Highways.

Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2012593369/>

Contributor Names: Schmid, Frank S.

Created / Published: Fort Wayne, Ind. : Frank S. Schmid, [1914?]

Subject Headings: - Roads--United States--Maps

- Lincoln Highway--Maps

- United States

Genre: Road maps

Notes: - "Copyrighted by Frank S. Schmid."

- Available also through the Library of Congress Web site as a raster image.

- Includes text.

Repository: Library of Congress Geography and Map Division Washington, D.C. 20540-4650 USA dcu

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Teaching Notes:

Reading the book now - it's delightful. I thought, "I should do a post about this book" But then I remembered to search TPS to see if someone else had already. And what an excellent album this is!

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Teaching Notes:

I think someone heard you,  Mary Alice Anderson ! Check out the latest photo set from the Library.
Free to Use and Reuse: Diners, Drive-Ins and Restaurants.



Modern diner, Pawtucket, Rhode Island

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Teaching Notes:

I love the Lincoln Highway section that goes through Pennsylvania and as I am currently reading Towels novel, I immediately thought of connecting it with Historic Markers and LOC primary sources! What a gift your album is! I can't wait to use it in a class or workshop!

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Cafes like that are my kind of place to visit on a road trip. Thanks for sharing.

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Teaching Notes:

I grew up in Iowa 10 miles from the intersection of the Lincoln Highway (east/west) and the Jefferson Highway (north/south). Even after the Lincoln Highway became Highway 30, we still always called it the Lincoln Highway.

At that same intersection, you can travel back in time by going to Niland's Cafe in Colo, Iowa. This little cafe closed a couple of years ago after seventy years in business, but it reopened under new management in 2021. Here's a fun local television news report where you can see both the interior and the exterior, complete with old gas pumps and wall displays with photos of the cafe over the years.

By the way, I recommend the chocolate malts, root beer floats, or homemade pies!

The image consists of two maps of the United States, each showing a different set of major interstate highways and their connecting cities. Both maps include a compass rose in the bottom left corner.

Top Map: This map shows the western and central United States. The highways shown are 90, 80, 70, 40, 30, 20, 10, and 5. The cities labeled are Seattle, San Francisco, Coeur d'Alene, Barstow, Santa Monica, Salt Lake City, Fort Worth, Little Rock, Birmingham, Florence, Jacksonville, and Boston. The map uses a color scheme where the western US is green, the central US is brown, and the eastern US is green.

Bottom Map: This map shows the eastern and central United States. The highways shown are 95, 75, 55, 85, 45, 35, 25, 15, and 5. The cities labeled are El Paso, Sweet Grass, Buffalo, Duluth, South St. Marie, Houston, Chicago, Gary, Pittsburgh, San Diego, Las Cruces, Dallas, Houston, Lubbock, Montgomery, Mobile, Laredo, and Miami. The map uses a color scheme where the western US is green, the central US is brown, and the eastern US is green.

THE INTERSTATE'S FORGOTTEN CODE



Teaching Notes:

This fast-paced video explains the Interstate numbering system and could be used in any geography class (along with primary sources, of course).

THE END OF THE ROAD: NEW YORK CITY

Teaching Notes:

Sign marking the eastern terminus of the Lincoln Highway at the intersection of
42nd Street and Broadway, Times Square, New York City

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Teaching Notes:

Enlarge the image. What do you see?

Locate Stoystown on a map.

Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2019690701/>

Contributor Names: Highsmith, Carol M., 1946-, photographer

Created / Published: 2019-06-15.

Subject Headings: - United States--Pennsylvania--Stoystown

- America
- Lincoln Highway
- Carl G. Fisher
- Transcontinental highways
- Murals

Genre: Digital photographs--Color--2010-2020

Notes: - Title, date and keywords based on information provided by the photographer.

- The Lincoln Highway was one of the earliest transcontinental highways for automobiles across the United States. Conceived in 1912 by Indiana entrepreneur Carl G. Fisher and formally dedicated October 31, 1913, the named highway ran coast-to-coast from Times Square in New York City west to Lincoln Park in San

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Francisco, originally through 13 states, including the length of Pennsylvania, where Lincoln Highway memorabilia collecting is strong.

- Mural artist: Wayne Fetto.
- Gift/purchase; with support of the Pew Charitable Trusts; 2019; (DLC/PP-2019:012)
- Forms part of Carol M. Highsmith's America Project in the Carol M. Highsmith Archive.

Repository: Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division Washington, D.C. 20540 USA

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PULASKI SKYWAY, SPANNING PASSAIC & HACKENSACK RIVERS, JERSEY CITY, HUDSON COUNTY, NJ



Teaching Notes:

Use the photo analysis tool to further enjoy the photo

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Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/nj0900/>

Contributor Names: Historic American Engineering Record, creator
New Jersey State Highway Department

Created / Published: Documentation compiled after 1968

Subject Headings: - steel truss bridges

- bridge construction
- civil engineering
- Lincoln Highway
- vehicular bridges
- New Jersey -- Hudson County -- Jersey City

Notes: - Significance: The "skyway" was built as part of the transcontinental Lincoln Highway and was among the first limited access "super highways" in the United States.

- Survey number: HAER NJ-34
- Building/structure dates: 1932 Initial Construction

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OLD GASOLINE PUMP

Teaching Notes:

Useful detail from the full image title:

An old gasoline pump, later repainted as an art piece along old U.S. 30, known as the Lincoln Highway in McKnightstown, Pennsylvania. Such painted pumps are featured in several places in the state along that historic road. One of the earliest transcontinental highways in the United States, the road, named for U.S. president Abraham Lincoln, was conceived in 1912 by Indiana entrepreneur Carl G. Fisher and dedicated in 1913. The Lincoln Highway ran coast-to-coast from Times Square in New York City west to Lincoln Park in San Francisco, originally through 13 states.

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LINCOLN HIGHWAY EMBLEM EMBEDDED IN THE HOPLEY MONUMENT IN BUCYRUS, A SMALL CITY IN CENTRAL OHIO THAT LIES ALONG THE HISTORIC, ORIGINALLY TWO-LANE, HIGHWAY THAT WAS THE FIRST U.S. ROADWAY, NUMBERED U.S. 30 IN MUCH OF ITS ROUTE, TO CROSS THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES IN THE 1930S



Teaching Notes:

Lincoln Highway emblem embedded in the Hopley Monument in Bucyrus, a small city in central Ohio that lies along the historic, originally two-lane, highway that was the first U.S. roadway, numbered U.S. 30 in much of its route, to cross the entire United States in the 1930s

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Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2016632429/>

Contributor Names: Highsmith, Carol M., 1946-, photographer

Created / Published: 2016-10- 07.

Subject Headings: - United States--Ohio--Crawford County--Bucyrus

- America
- Lincoln Highway
- Lincoln Highway markers
- Abraham Lincoln
- Hopley monument
- John Edward Hopley

Genre: Digital photographs--Color--2010-2020

Notes: - Title, date and keywords based on information provided by the photographer.

- The monument, erected in 1929, honors John Edward Hopley, a Bucyrus newspaper editor who fiercely

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championed the idea of a coast-to-coast highway. Much of the road, named for U.S. President Abraham Lincoln, is now four-lane, and parts have been subsumed into stretches of limited-access freeways.

- Credit line: Photographs in the Carol M. Highsmith Archive, Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division.

- Purchase; Carol M. Highsmith Photography, Inc.; 2016; (DLC/PP-2016:103-4).

- Forms part of the Carol M. Highsmith Archive.

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[UNTITLED PHOTO, POSSIBLY RELATED TO: GROCERY STORE AND DELICATESSEN OFF LINCOLN HIGHWAY, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, BOUND BROOK, NEW JERSEY]



Teaching Notes:

Look closely at the photo. What do you see? Use this Teachers Page tool to further understand and discuss this photo and others in the album

Analyzing photos:

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Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2017715019/>

Contributor Names: Mydans, Carl, photographer

United States. Resettlement Administration.

Created / Published: [1936 Feb.]

Subject Headings: - United States--New Jersey--Bound Brook

Genre: Nitrate negatives

Notes: - Title and other information from a possibly related negative. Image came to Library of Congress untitled. (There was no caption for this image in the FSA/OWI shelflist.)

- Appears to be related to negative LC-USF33-000437-M1

<https://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa1997001194/PP/>

- Transfer; United States. Office of War Information. Overseas Picture Division. Washington Division; 1944.

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- More information about the FSA/OWI Collection is available at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/pp.fsaowi>

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LINCOLN HIGHWAY BRIDGE, SPANNING MUD CREEK AT FIFTH STREET, TAMA, TAMA COUNTY, IA



Teaching Notes:

View the images; locate Tama on a map

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Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/ia0451/>

Contributor Names: Historic American Engineering Record, creator

Created / Published: Documentation compiled after 1968

Notes: - Significance: In September 1912, the Midwestern visionary Carl Fisher proposed to group of automotive businessmen a plan to build a road spanning from coast to coast. The route, later named the Lincoln Highway, would start in New York City, finish in San Francisco, and cross 358 miles through the state of Iowa on the way. This monumental undertaking was to be privately funded with the towns and counties profiting from its passage sharing a large part of the construction costs. Thus, a widespread advertisement campaign for the transcontinental highway was launched with each community along its path trying to outdo the next in making itself the most desirable rest stop. The town of Tama distinguished itself from the rest by constructing a special bridge for the route with the words "Lincoln Highway" spelled out in the concrete railing. This bridge remains a most unusual marker for this historic highway.

- Unprocessed Field note material exists for this structure: N246

- Survey number: HAER IA-75

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- National Register of Historic Places NRIS Number: 78001263

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THE ROAD TO PROSPERITY

Teaching Notes:

Watch “The Road to Prosperity” video. Use the primary source analysis tool to think about the intent and tone of the video. Discuss the propaganda that is part of the video.

Analyzing motion pictures

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cE8l9t8GuEI>

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THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY MAP

Teaching Notes:

Examine the Lincoln Highway map, image 7 in the booklet

What states does the highway go through?

What highways have replaced it?

Have you visited any of these cities or areas?

Use Library of Congress Teachers Page Tool Analyzing maps.

https://www.loc.gov/static/programs/teachers/getting-started-with-primary-sources/documents/Analyzing_Maps.pdf

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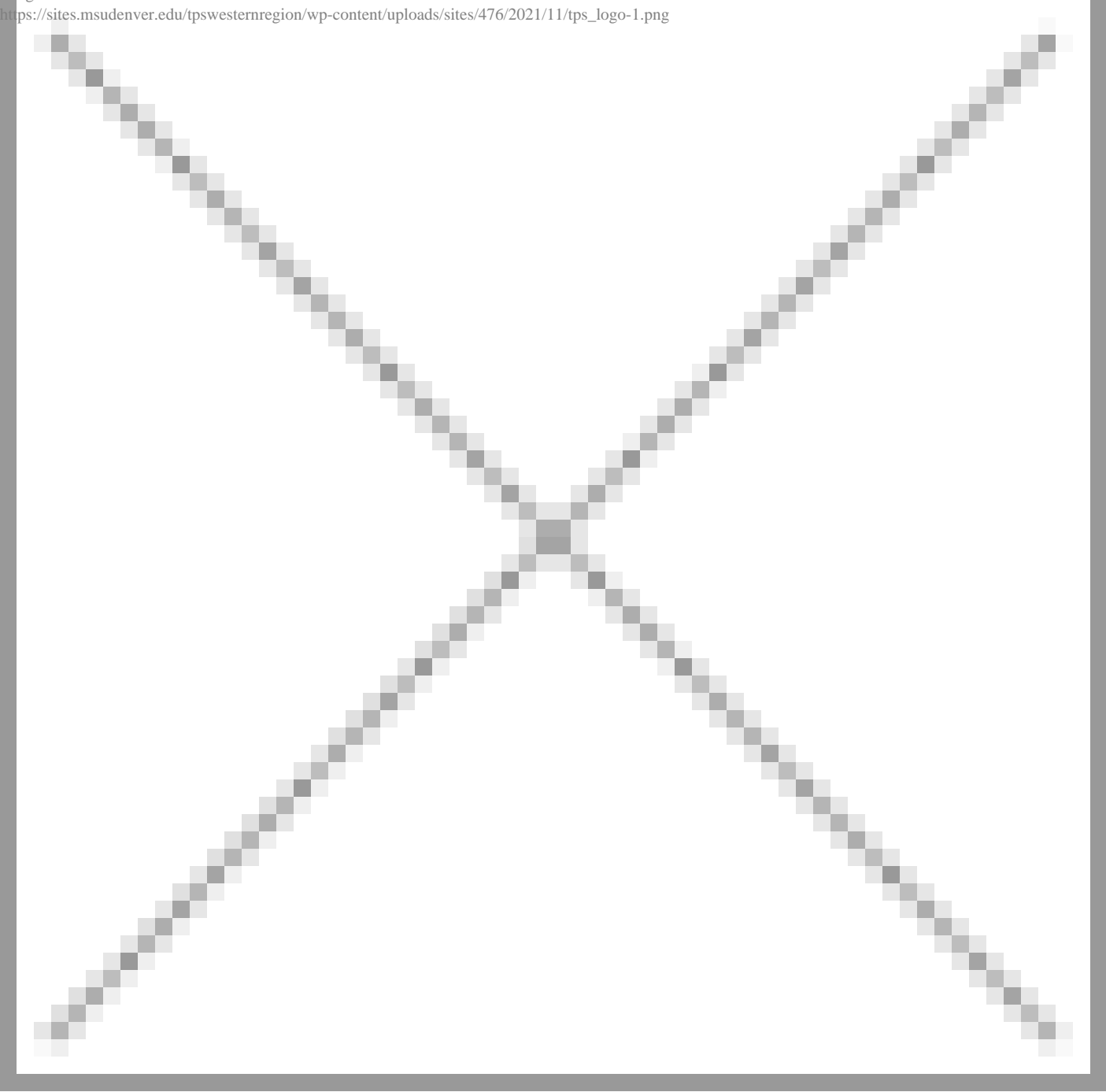


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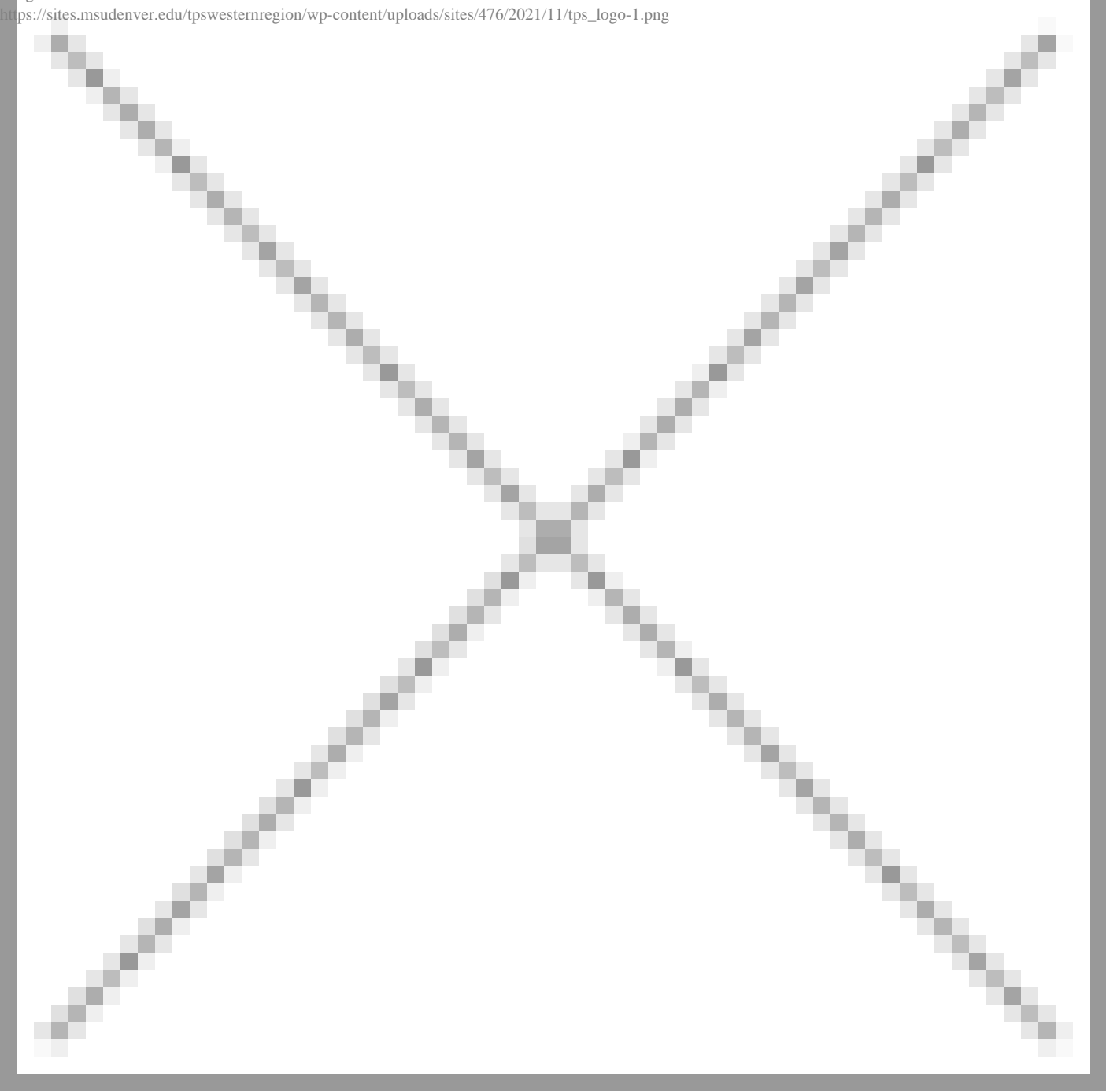
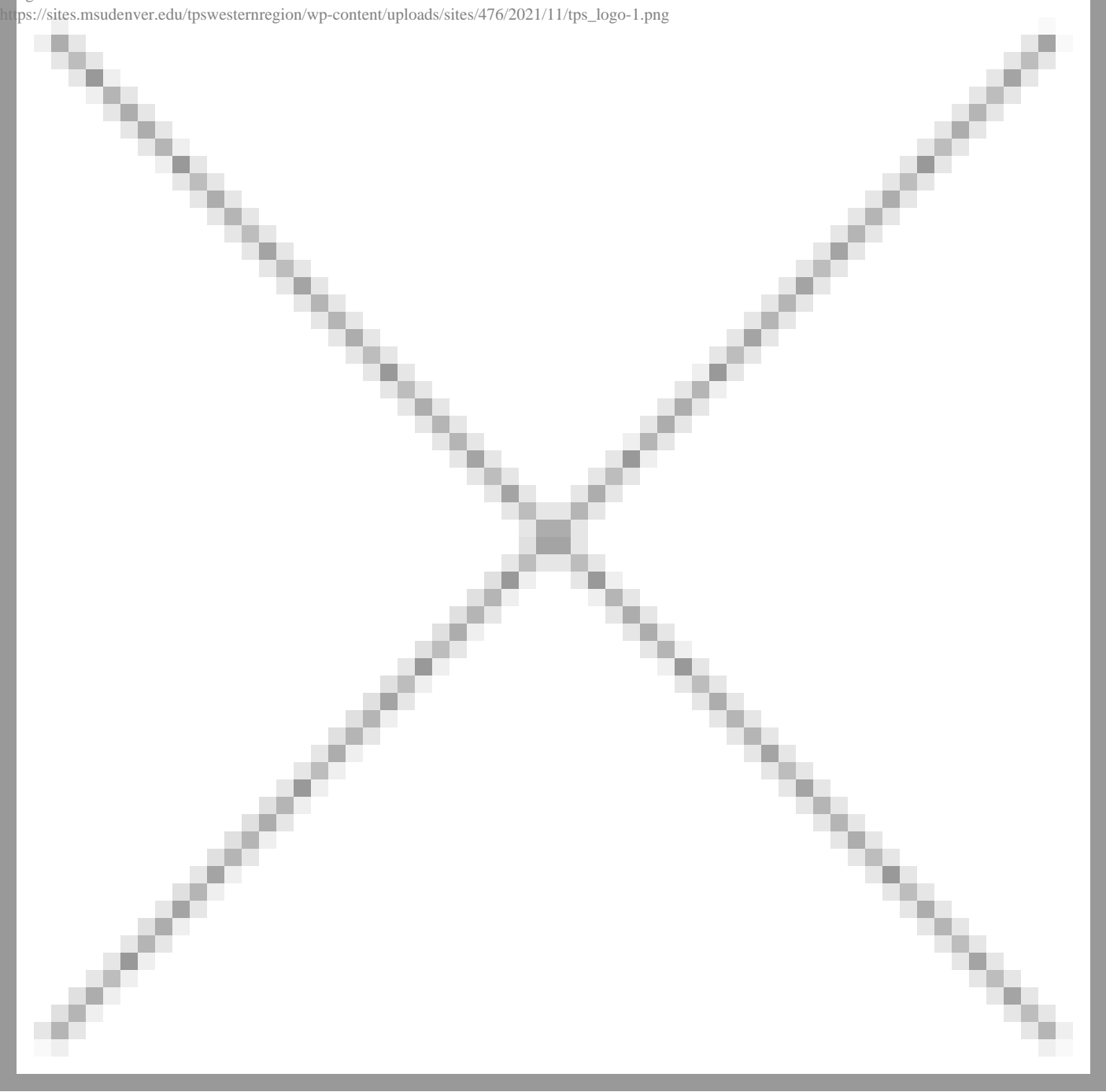


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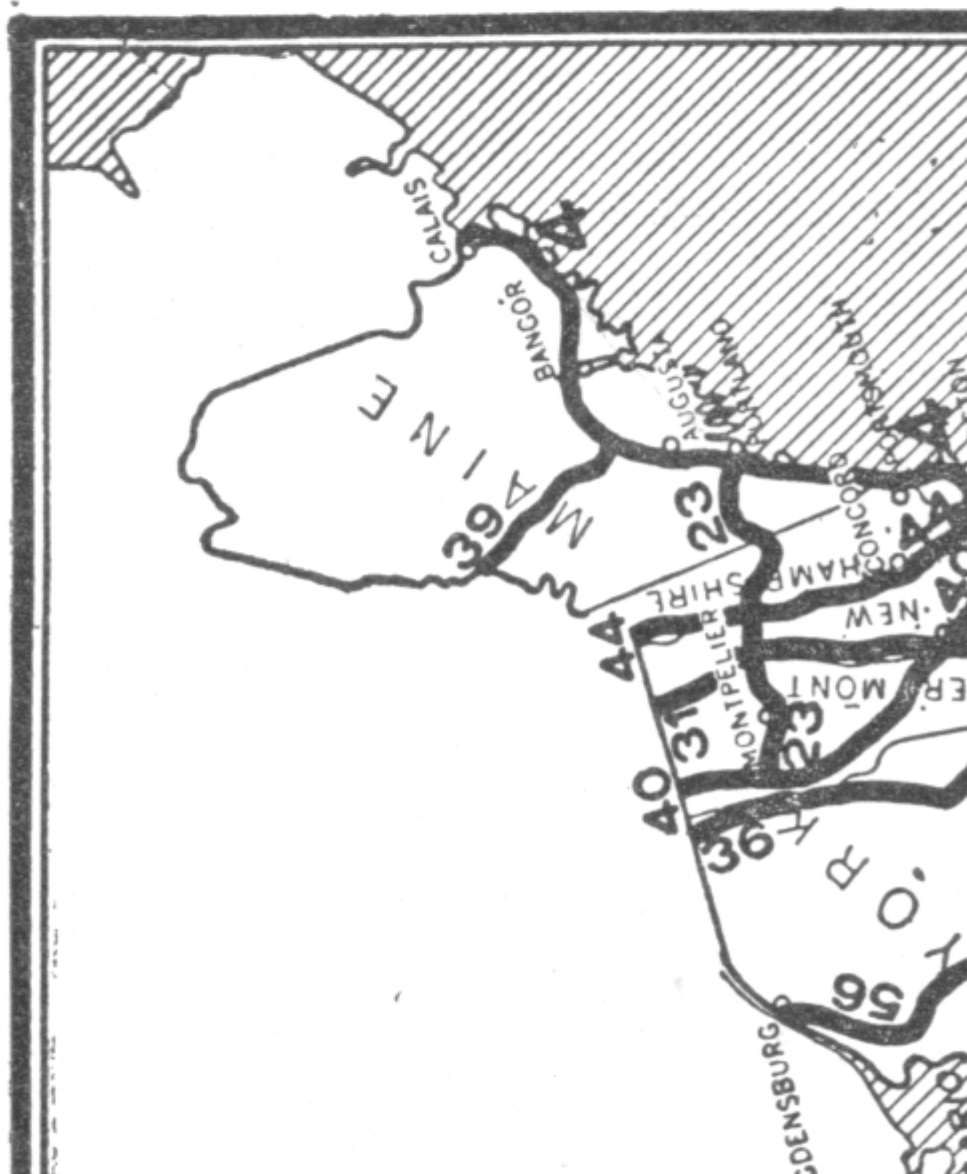
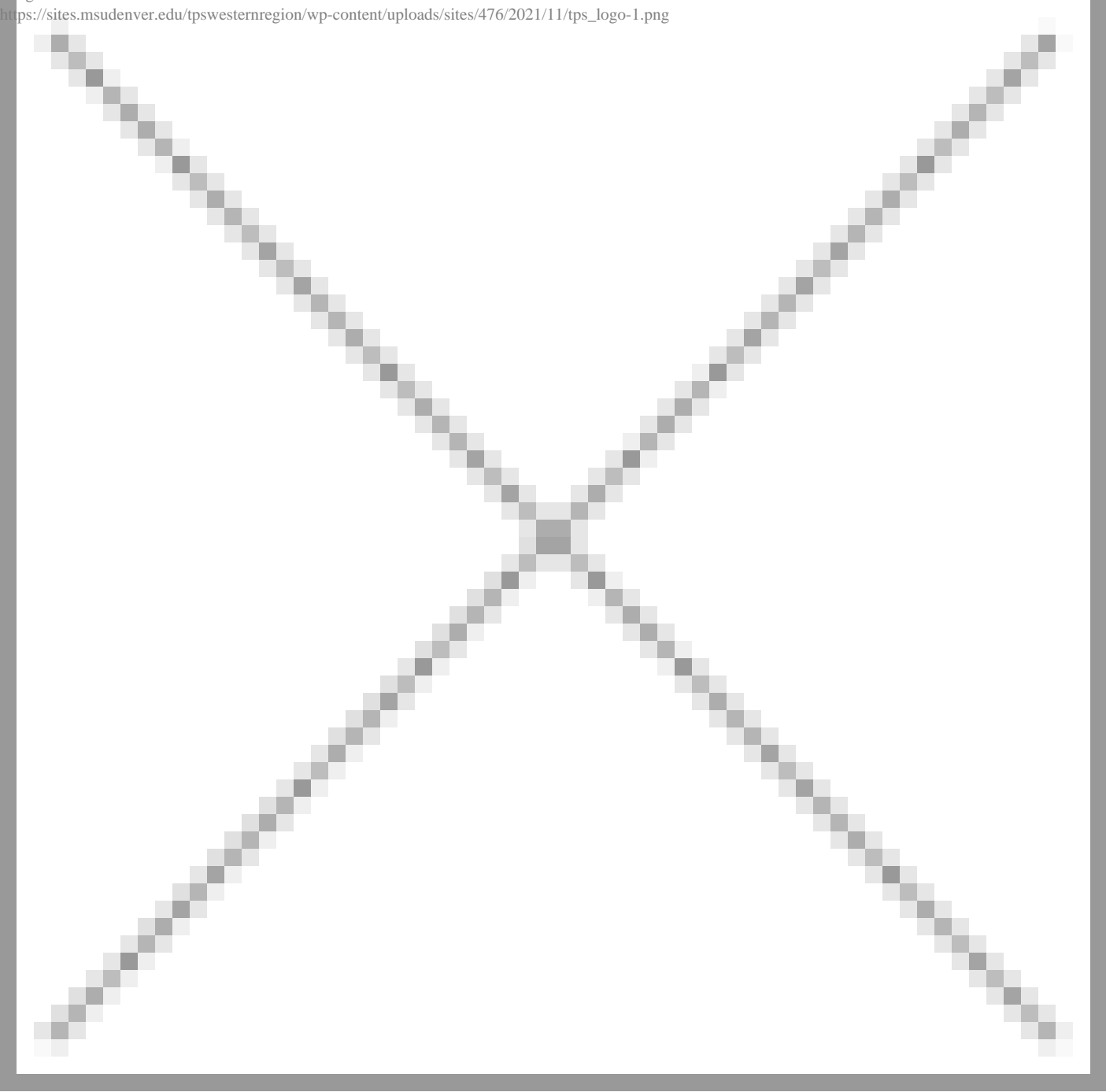
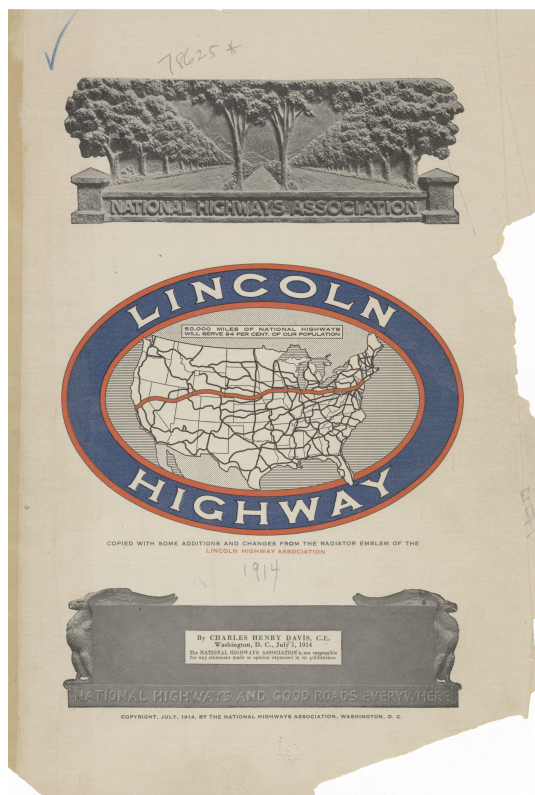


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LINCOLN HIGHWAY ...



Teaching Notes:

8 page booklet explaining why the Lincoln Highway was built

Gallery of pages:

<https://www.loc.gov/search/?fa=segmentof:scd2015.00079584058/&q=Lincoln+highway&st=gallery>

Page 3 explains why the highway was built.

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Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/14013478>

Contributor Names: Davis, Charles Henry, 1865-

Lincoln Highway Association.

National Highways Association.

Created / Published: [Boston, The Everett press company] c1914.

Subject Headings: - Roads--United States

Notes: - Also available in digital form on the Library of Congress Web site.

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