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THE MICHAEL WALLIS – ROUTE 66 COLLECTION

The Michael Wallis - Route 66 Collection, housed in 31 legal-sized document boxes and one oversize document box, is grouped into 3 series: **Series I** consists of travel brochures; maps; tourist information; articles pertaining to various cities, towns, people and sites along the route; events and celebrations; and memorabilia. **Series I** also includes the category, “All Around,” containing general material about the Route. **Series II** consists of material pertaining to the Route 66 Associations affiliated with each state. **Series III** consists of correspondence with prominent individuals, institutions and organizations, as well as friends and fans along the route—this series is currently unprocessed.

The collection is grouped alphabetically by state followed by “All Around.” Material for each state is arranged alphabetically by subject or name. This is followed by the Route 66 Association material, also arranged alphabetically by state.

The collection was a gift to the OSU-Tulsa Library by Michael Wallis and was organized by M. Burkart.

Series I

ILLINOIS

BOX 1

- Ariston Café.
Business card and menu.
- Articles and press clippings 1
 - “Illinois: 281 miles of Route 66” (typed script)
 - “Mother roading in Illinois (web page) (9/27/00)
 - “Illinois Highways” (typed script from the State Highway Department)
 - The magic of Route 66 (photocopy) (August 1985)
 - Movement to make Route 66 historic strip picks up momentum (photocopy)
 - The Old-Fashioned Way (photocopy)
 - Get your kicks (photocopy)
 - The ways we were (photocopy)
 - Just for Kicks: Route 66 (Chicago Tribune; 5/22/1983) (photocopy)
- Magazine
 - Illinois Country Living (July 1998)
- Articles and press clippings 2
 - New group formed to preserve Route 66 (photocopy)
 - The rhythm of the road (3/8/92) (photocopy)

Route 66 rolls on as a road of lore (photocopy)
Magic, romance captured (photocopy)
Getting' kicks out of remembering Route 66 (photocopy)
Getting kicks out of Route 66 (photocopy)
Route 66 on the road to extinction (photocopy)
Devotees mount drive for Route 66 (photocopy)
Route 66 still a favorite to some (photocopy)
Route 66 fans unite
Still getting kicks on Route 66

Newspapers

Illinois Times (August 1985)

- Atlanta.
Brochure
Atlanta, Illinois Siltenial (1853-1978)
Atlanta, Illinois
Map
Street map (photocopy)
- Bloomington.
“WJBC’s Famous Firsts and Folks” (typed script)
Business card
WJBC: Judy Markowitz
- Café 66 Buffet.
Menu.
- Cardinal Hill Candles & Crafts.
Business card.
- Catsup Bottle Preservation Group
Brochure
World’s Largest Catsup Bottle
Typed Script
The Catsup Bottle Preservation Group
Flyer
Catsup Bottle fan club: join the celebration
- Chicago I
Guide

Hotel Guide to Metro Chicago
Where Chicago: Heaven on Earth
Where Chicago: Urban Oasis

- Chicago 2

Brochure

- Chicago Architecture Tours
- John G. Shedd Aquarium
- The Museums in the park
- Chicago map & guide

Postcards

- Buckingham fountain
- Michigan Avenue
- Michigan Avenue
- Michigan Avenue
- Buckingham Fountain
- Art Institue

Articles

- My kind of town
- Back in the loop
- Feel the Chicago Blues (May/June 1993)
- School for prominence
- TWA Ambassador: Chicago
- Cow Cleared (10/8/97)
- Mrs. O'Leary's infamous cow (8/17/97)

- Cozy Dog Supply Company & Drive-In

Flyer

Cozy Dog Supply

Cozy Dogs: the "GI" Hot Dog

Bumper Stickers

Go For Cozy Dogs

We go cozy

- Dell Rhea's Chicken Basket.

Menu.

- Dixie Truckers Home.

Article

Truck Stop to house Route 66 tribute (photocopy)

- Double Nickel Drive-In

Menu

- Edwardsville.

Typed Script

“Edwardsville, Illinois”

“thumbnail sketch of Edwardsville” by Jessie Springer (1958)

“Finding harmony on entertainment issue” (3/6/97)

Guide

Antique Shops

Brochure

Historic Tour of Leclaire Village

- Events calendar

1995 Illinois Calendar of Events

- Feddersen’s Pizza Garage.

Business card.

- Funks Grove Pure Maple Syrup.

Brochure

Funks Grove

Business card.

- HI-66 Eatery.

Menu.

- “History of US 66. 1978.”

Photocopy of a typed draft, 4p.

- “History of U.S. Route 66 Through Illinois.” Photocopy of a typed draft. 1p. Includes

Photocopy of a typed press release in reference to Route 66 sign replicas, plus 2

photocopied maps of Chicago before and after the Interstate 55.

- L & L Motel.

Matchbook.

- Lanter’s Truck Stop.

Photocopy of a photograph of the truck stop.

- Lincoln.

Photo

Lincoln, Illinois (hard paper)

Flyer

Visit Mr. Lincoln's Logan County

Article

Lincoln lives on in Illinois

Brochure

Visit Mr. Lincoln's historic...

The Lincoln Legacy in Central Illinois

Historic Lincoln & Logan Co. Illinois

Relax & spend the night with us...

Heritage in flight museum

The homestead

Lincoln College

Postville courthouse

- Lincoln, Abraham.

Article

Lincoln (U.S. News & World Report) (10/5/92)

How did Lincoln die? (1995)

Abraham Lincoln Again (1995)

"A Most abandoned hypocrite" (American Heritage, 1994)

The haunted major (1994)

Last of the Lincolns (2/28/94)

- Litchfield.

Articles (all are photocopies)

May close 2 lanes of old US 66 at Litchfield

Litchfield auto parts

The overhead

Irvine Dairy

Varner brother motel

Billiter's standard service station

Coca-Cola bottling Company

Harvey's Poultry & feed co.

The artisan café

Schmidt truck service, inc.

- New Saratoga Club
- Howard Schweppe & Son
- K & L Farm Supply
- Dearduff Roller Rink
- Lou Mitchell's Restaurant.
 - Menu.
 - Wallis' notes.
- Maps
 - Illinois
 - Illinois Historic Route 66
 - Illinois Official highway map 1987-88
 - Highway map of Illinois
 - Marked Through Routes of Illinois
- Memorabilia
 - Stickers
 - Route 66 (10 copies)
 - Flyers
 - Historic Old Route 66 (2 copies)
 - Bumper stickers
 - "I strive better with..."
 - 66: It's a hell of a hoot
- Middleton.
 - Article
 - Middletown Landmark joins old Route 66 collection (web page)
 - The 66 News (photocopy)
- Motor tour.
 - Guides
 - 1990 Illinois Motor Tour
 - 1990 Illinois Motor Tour (photocopy)
 - 1991 Illinois Motor Tour
 - License Plate
 - 1991 Route 66 Motor Tour

BOX 2

- Odell.

Articles

Saving a bit of Odell (web page) (10/8/2000)

Illinois service station “adopted” by restorers (photocopy)

- Pig Hip Restaurant

Articles

Passing time at the pig-hip (copy)

Passing time at the pig-hop (St. Louis Dispatch; 8/20/1989)

Pig-hip neon has faded (6/9/1990)

Photos

Pig-hip restaurant (photocopy from newspaper)

After 50 years, this unique sandwich is still a favorite (photocopy from newspaper)

- Pontiac

Livingston County Courthouse sticker

- Raymond.

Articles

Our lady of the highways

Taking care of the virgin Mary

Our lady of the highway blesses I-55

Photos

Hail Mary (from Catholic Times newspaper; 12/8/1985)

- “Route U.S. 66 Condition Survey (State of Illinois).” Photocopy of a typed draft, 37p. 1971.
- Soulsby’s Service Station (Mount Olive)

Articles

Soulsby 1910-1999 (web page)

Gas station museum offers a nostalgic trip down Route 66

A station with soul on Route 66 (web page)

One for the road (web page)

One for the road (St. Louis Dispatch; 7/6/1997)

America’s main street (8/10/1997)

- Springfield I

Kit

Visitor’s Guide: 1995-1996 (4 copies)

Brochure

Mr. Lincoln's hometown: visitor's guide

Mr. Lincoln's hometown: hotel/motel facilities

Route 66: Springfield Missouri

Springfield/Sangamon county, Illinois: Community Profile

Welcome to Springfield: The city of your future

Typed script

Letter from Lincoln Library (includes photocopies of pictures)

Map

Lincoln's new Salem state historic site (photocopy)

Postcard

Abraham Lincoln Law Office

- Springfield 2

Brochure

Lincoln Lived Here

Articles

Unveiling a Lincoln Landmark

Booklet

Lincoln's New Salem, Illinois

Pictures

Springfield, Illinois (contains 5 35mm pictures)

- Tour guides

Route 66 Tour Guide

Route 66 adventure guide #5

Route 66 adventure guide (2 copies)

Route 66 Adventure Guide #4

Traveling then...new, historic Route 66 of Illinois (2 copies)

Typed script

Route 66 hot spots

- Wallis' notes

(several pages of hand written notes)