#### LINEAL MUTUNWAT INAULO ULU PATH

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U. S. Route 40 (Northern Branch)

Hard-surface roads, including brick, concrete, macadam and bituminous macadam 1 ..... 1,550 48.4 dravel ..... Earth, 'shd' graded and drained roads. 672 20.9

Total ........3,205 100.0

Travelog of the Road New Jersey-Beginning at Atlantic City, the nationally famous pleasure and health resort, where it is estimated 15 million vacationists annually parade the boardwalk, United States route 40 extends in a northwesterly direction through the practically level truck-farming and fruit-growing areas of New Jersey. This stretch is of particular interest to Commonwealth that in 1891 enacted the first State-aid road law. Thus, this legislation initiated the the present State and Federal of the route in this State, 44 miles are paved, and the rest of the distance is surfaced with gravel. Delaware - Crossing the Dela-

ware River by ferry at Penn's Grove the traveler arrives in Wilmington, where, in 1638, the Swedes made their first landing in America. The Battle of the Branwas fought 8 miles northwest of the city. The variety in the license tags on the automobiles that the traveler passes on the 19-mile stretch of pavement across the State, illustrate the interstate and ransstate usefulness of the United States highways.

Maryland - Passing over the State boundary into Maryland the route proceeds westward to Elkton, 21 miles from Wilmington. where, in 1777, the British flee, under general Howe landed pops to attack General Washingpeake Bay is glimpsed opposite Charleston, about 10 miles farther fancy. This road is still in good from St. Louis. It was over this on. Traveling in comfort over the smooth pavement, the motorist arrives in the historic city of Baldetained on a British boat, com- bur was a pioneer in aviation. posed the verses of "The Star Spangled Banner." Continuing the State line just east of Rich- souri is paved. what is known as the Cumber- of a rich farming and natural gas name, originally Fort Cumberland the Quakers in 1816. The entire of Chicago in the contest of size. | tain construction, the road is built Ellicott City-the western terminus of Peter Cooper's initial experiment with a Baltimore and Ohio

locomotive. Farther over the rolling hills, at Frederick, is found the home of Barbara Frietchie - the aged heroine of John Greenleaf Whittier's Civil War Then the traveler passes through Hagerstown, 10 miles south of which is situated the his toric battlefield; and next arrives in Cumberland, in the heart of Allegheny mountains. From Cumberland - the junction of the Cumberland Road with the Old National Pike - it is about 31 miles to Keysers Ridge, the summit of the Allegheny Mountains and the highest point on route 40 in the Eastern Stateselevation 2,900 feet above sea This altitude, however presents no serious obstacle to all year-round travel because the

this summit clear of snow. For the entire distance of 226 miles, through the State of Mary-

snow-removal forces of the Maryland State Roads Commission are

land, route 40 is paved. Pennsylvania - Crossing the Pennsylvania State line, a short distance west of Keysers Ridge, the traveler passes over that portion of route 40 made famous by Major George Washington, who was defeated by the French in the early Colonial days at Fort Nescessity, a short distance south of Farmington. Just west of here also is the grave of the British General Braddock, who was sent to retrieve Washington's defeat, and was mortally wounded in battle. It was upon the Old National Pike between Cumberland, Md. and Wheeling, then in Virginia that the first extensive program of road improvement at the expense of the Federal Government was begun, in 1806. The completed road as far as Wheeling. W. Va., was thrown open to travel in 1818, and in that year United States mail coaches began operating between the National Capitol and the Ohio River at Wheeling. The freight over the road in the early days was carried in Conestoga wagons. The drivers wanted a cheaper smoke, and in order to satisfy the demand, George Black, an enterprising tobacconist of Washington, Pa., is said to have produced an elongated cigar which the drivers carried in the tops of their boots and which came to be known as a conestoga or stoga. The same kind of cigar is now known as a "Pittsburgh Stogie." After the Government completed the construction of the road it was maintained

by turnpike companies and fin-

anced by the collection of toils. This method of highway finance, vesur, was never a success and

in Pennsylvania is paved.

headquarters of Virginians op- National Pike. posed to secession. It was the capital of the new State of West

Experimental Concrete Road monotonous to hold the steering tolls. wheel of the car to the same course. The road is paved for

in the United States.

fice of Public Roads, now the Bu- streets. reau of Public Roads of the Unitconstruction was still in its in- reaches Booneville, 151 miles worth and Pike's Peak Express.

and Springfield, the traveler his two sons Nathan and Daniel,

from Baltimore over mond, Ind., a town in the midst

ander Route 40 crosses the State 20 miles farther on, in Indiana- attract the motoring visitor.

Free Bridge Over Mississippi straightaway road across Ohio the of the sessions of the State legis- drained road. traveler is impressed with the di- lature. After driving over conrectness with which the early tinuous pavement through Illinois of practically straight road in the 40 passes over the Father of Wa- or May. United States. It becomes almost ters upon the structure free from Beginning at little above sea entrance to Daniel's Canyon. The

section of experimental concrete there were only two American

Continuing westward over a

Paved for 1,234 Miles Kansas - Kansas City is the and forest-road projects. land Road—after the town of that region. Richmond was settled by world's largest hay market. Its

The entire 81 miles of the route Whitcomb Riley — the Hoosier has now an elaborate system of miles west of Denver—at an eleva-

line into West Virginia, and from polis, the State capital, the poet From Kansas City the paved Berthoud-at an elevation of 8,this point sixteen miles of road made his home. At the inter- road continues for 101 miles 772 feet; and for the third time have been paved across the north- section of United States routes 40 through Lawrence and Topeka to via the Rabbit Ears Pass-7 miles Summary of Types of Surfacing ern section of the State to Wheel- and 31, a concrete monument St. Mary's. This is the end of northwest of the Muddy Pass-at ing. This is the oldest town on marks this location as the point the 1234-mile paved section which an altitude of 9,808 feet above sea the Ohio River, and when the where the historic old Michigan begins at Wilmington, Del. Thir-level. Thus, the Continental Di-Miles cent Civil War broke out, was the Road branched off from the Old ty-six miles farther on is Manhat-vide is crossed three times within tan, where the route divides into 163 miles of Denver. 40-north and 40-south, and con-Illinois — After crossing the tinues as two branches of the ed States route 40 across Colorado; Virginia from 1863 to 1885. On a Wabash River, the State line is same road as far as Limon, Colo. there are 20 miles of concrete rocky precipice, just east of passed between Terre Haute, Ind., It was the discovery of gold in

Wheeling, is a monument mark-ing the spot from which the dar-ing Indian scout Valor Camual ing Indian scout Major Samuel permitted in the streets of this direct westward extension of the drained earth road, and 167 miles Unimproved ...... 444 13.9 McCollock, in 1777, escaped by town and is reminded of the dif- original road across Kansas, over of unimproved road. forcing his horse over the cliffs, ficulty of keeping in rmed of the practically the same location as while attempting the relief of Fort varying traffic rules in the differ- the present route. The Overland Utah After crossing the Utah ent municipalities. Passing stages traveled over the road State line 20 miles east of Jensen. through Effingham, the road branching off at Junction City the traveler soon arrives at Vernal, Ohio-Two bridges cross the leads on to Vandalia, the capital onto the divide between the 17 miles farther on Twenty-two Ohio River. The toll from east- of Illinois, from 1819 to 1839, Smoky Hill and Republican Rivers. miles to the southeast is the Dinobound travelers is collected on the and in the courthouse beside the Of the 486-mile distance across saur National Monument, where Wheeling side and from the west- route may be seen the window Kansas, 101 miles is paved, 73 there are extraordinary fossil rebound travelers on the Bridge- from which Abraham Lincoln is miles is gravel surfaced, and 292 mains of the dinosaur, and other port end. Entering upon the said to have jumped during one miles is earth, or graded and gigantic reptiles of the early geo-

> Route 40 Blocked by Snow pioneers selected the route for for a distance of 161 miles, the States, the passes over the Rocky miles of the route is at an elevathe Old National Pike. Passing traveler reaches the Mississippi Mountains and the Sierra Nevada tion of 7,000 feet. Included in this the Old National Pike. Passing traveler reactes the masses are range may be expected to be section, there are 22 miles at an and Indiana, and through Van- three bridges across the river at blocked by snow at any time after altitude greater than 7,500 feet dalia, capital of Illinois in 1839, this location — the Eads, the Mc- October 15, and remain closed to above sea level, with an 8,000-foot this highway is the longest stretch Kinley, and the Free — but route travel until the following April summit at Berthar's Ranch, at the

Missouri - At the west end of ing topography of Kansas and has Salt Lake City-at an elevation of the entire 225-mile distance across the bridge is St. Louis, the his- climbed gradually to an elevation 7,100 feet. From here the road toric city named after Louis XV of a mile above sea level at Den- decends rapidly to an altitude of About 6 miles west of Zanes- of France, and built on a site once ver, Colo. Many scenic drives 4,200 feet at Salt Lake City, ville, there is a tablet in a Fed- peopled by the mound builders, adjacent to the city afford ineral-built bridge, the inscription a race whose habits have been disof which bears the date 1830, (in covered from the excavations of the entrance to Rocky Mountain founded by the Mormons, in 1847 Jackson's term) and the phrase archaeologists. It is interesting William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) under the leadership of Brigham William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) procity at home and abroad." This house, on the east steps of which situated on Lockout Mountain, interest are the Temple and the is only one of the many bridges slaves were auctioned, in the days 14 miles west of the city. The Tabernacle both situated in Temalong the route in Ohio which are before the Civil War. This old traveler finds it difficult to be- ple Block-the local civic center relics of the days of the Old Na- landmark was mentioned by Win- lieve that this bustling American The sacred rituals and ceremonies tional Pike of a century ago. East ston Churchill in his novel. "The city was a rude mining camp only of the Mormon Church are carried 2 Zanesville is the famous Y Crisis." Passing through the 70 years ago. But, when fortune on in the Temple, and only membridge over the Muskingum River, streets of the city, and observing hunters swarmed westward to bers of the Church are permitted said to be the only one of its kind its typical American character, seek the gold that had been disto enter, but the Tabernacle is one is surprised to learn that in covered on a stream tributary to open to visitors, and free organ Between Zanesville and Heb- 1803, when Louisiana was pur- the South Platte, the trail to the recitals are given daily at noon ron, a distance of 24 miles, is a chased from Napoleon Bonaparta new Eldorado developed into a from the middle of April until pavement built in 1915 by the Of- families here and only three what was said to be one of the the supervision of Brigham proudest days in the history of Young, contains 5,500 pipes. ed States Department of Agricul- paved road, the traveler passes arrived the first two horse-drawn be an evaporated remnant of pre-The first view of Chesa- ture. At that time concrete road through St. Charles, and then Concord coaches of the Leaven- historic Lake Bonneville, lies to

Lick Road, that the redoubtable ward connection from Denver to known as the Great Salt Desert in Continuing through Columbus, pioneer Daniel Boone himself, and Salt Lake City, a civil engineer which, under the blazing sun, so Between this transported supplies of salt to the ployed by W. H. Russell and Pen ished. banks of the Patapsco, and named point and the State line, the di- little French village of St. Louis, Holladay - the overland trans- transcontinental travel has recent after Lord Baltimore, the first rect route of the numbered high- in 1800. It was also from Boone- portation magnates—to examine ly been overcome by a Federalroyal proprietor of the Maryland way is under construction to the ville in the early part of the nine- the country in search of such a aid road which may be traversed colony. It is worth while to drive Indiana boundary. It was at Day- teenth century, that great wagon route. The survey proved that a easily at a 40-mile speed by autoto the foot of Fort Avenue and ton, on the detour road, that the trains started over the Sante Fe road could be constructed which mobile. This is known as the view Fort McHenry, during the disastrous flood occurred in 1913. trail for the Southwestern coun-would shorten the distance from Wendover Cut-off. Of the 371bombardment of which, in 1814. Dayton is also the home of Orville try. From Booneville the driv- the Missouri to the Pacific by 250 mile length of the route across Francis Scott Key, temporarily Wright, who with his brother Wil- ing is easy to Kansas City on the miles. It has only been within the Utah, 81 miles is paved, 107 miles State boundary. The entire dis- last few years, however, that the Indiana — The highway crosses tance of 256 miles through Mis- State and Federal Governments have been active in constructing

this road largely as Federal aid Proceeding by circuitous moun-

is paved. The birthplace of James this market town of the Southwest through the Berthoud Pass-62 183 miles is unimproved. poet — may be seen at Greenfield, five boulevards connecting beau tion of 11,313 feet. Again it

Of the 512-mile length of Unit-

Engineers Abolish Terrors

West of Fruitland - 93 miles Colorado - In the Western west of Vernal-approximately 29 toils.

Daniel Boone Helped Establish

level at St. Louis, the traveler has now motored over the gently-ris
Parley's Canyon, 18 miles east of

well-worn road over which, on August 1. The organ, built under

Denver - June 7, 1859 - there The Great Salt Lake, said to the northwest of Salt Lake City. In 1861, wishing to gain a west- the southern extension being named E. L. Berthoud, was em- many of the early pioneers per-

Federal-aid Funds

the road gradually fell in- 151-mile distance across the State Long famed as a railroad center, across the Continental Divide, consists of gravel surfacing, and the ascent is rather rapid through, Ruby Mountains, follows the val Silver Zone Pass-elevation 5 .- ley of the Humboldt river through 800 feet-to the summit of the a sparsely-settled cattle-raising Nevada - The Nevada State Pequop range-elevation 7,000 country, and skirts the Carson West Virginia — At West Alex- 44 miles west of Richmond, and tiful residence sections which will crosses the Rocky Mountains at line is passed, 0.4 mile west of feet above sea level. West of Sink, another one of the salty Muddy Pass—94 miles north of the Wendover, Utah, and from here Wells the road passes around the remnants of ancient Lake Ronne-

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