

GEM FIELDS IN EASTERN NEBRASKA

AGATES: Fairbury--Jefferson County; Steel City--Jefferson County: Found in the many sand pits in this area. This type of rock, while not noted for bright colors, should not be sold short as it takes a very nice polish.

PETRIFIED WOOD: Fairbury, Steele City, Cozad, Holdrege, and Kearney. Found in Sand Pits.

MOSS AGATE: Same as petrified wood.

GEODES: Some with blue calcite crystals.

Gage County. Road Dept. Rock Quarry at Wymore, Nebr. (near Beatrice). Go 2 miles downstream and across the Blue River east of Wymore. Also you will find quartz-lined geodes, flint, five miles south of Blue Springs, Nebr. on the east bank of the river.

WHITE GEODES: Quarry southwest of Homesville on the west side of the Blue River. You can take a little time and find some very choice specimens. (Please leave area as you found it.)

JASPER: Found at Fairbury in the sand pits.

AGATES, PETRIFIED WOOD, and JASPER: Asnland, Saunders County. Found in all sand pits along both sides of the Platte River. Also can be found at Plattsmouth, La Platte, Fremont, Morse Bluff, and Louisville. Stop in any of these pits and look. (Don't forget to use common sense with other people's property).

FOSSILS: Found at Weeping Water, Nebr., Cass County. Take Highway 50 north from Highway 34 and go to Weeping Water corner, then go east till you are almost into town. You will see a large quarry on the north side of the road. Please be considerate of the other fellow.

NOTE: There are lots of folks in this world today who ruin good "Gem Fields" for the other fellow by being "Rock-hogs" instead of Rockhounds. I have seen and read of many more places being close because someone didn't think of the other fellow's property. Please be considerate.

GEMFIELDS IN WESTERN NEBRASKA

CHALCEDONY: (Some Iris Agate) Found in little Bad Lands, 20 miles north of Crawford (Large beds)

FAIRBURN AGATES: Little Bad Lands, Orella. Also Jasper, petrified wood and other materials here at Orella.

PETRIFIED WOOD: Orella, Sioux County. Found as brought in by glacier deposits. Some very colorful, and all takes a nice polish.

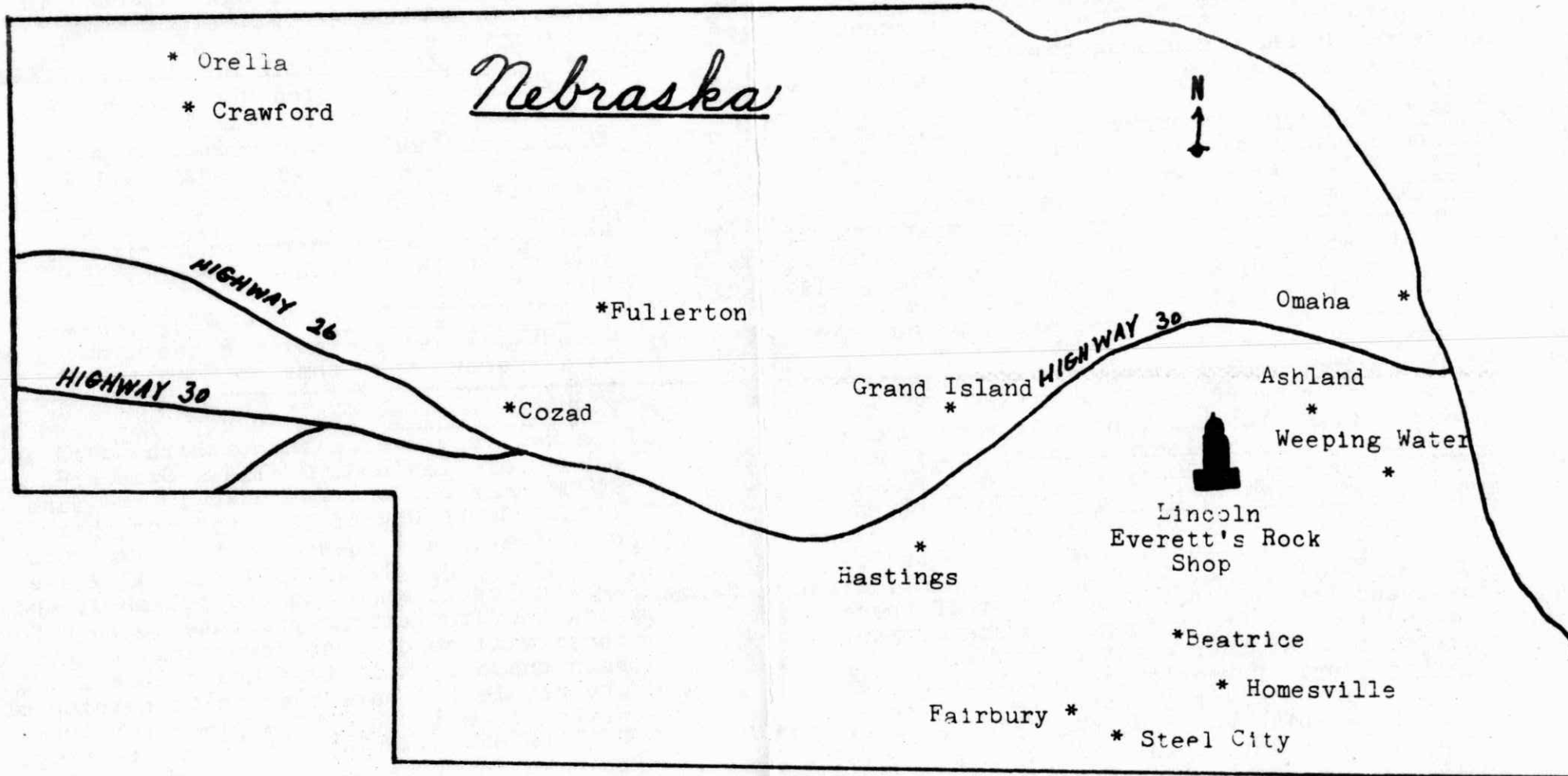
MOSS AGATE: Agate, Nebraska, Ceith County. Also found in Scottsbluff County and Sioux County.

QUARTZ CONCRECTIONS: Pine Ridge, Dawes County. These are not the best, but are so different that they go good in all collections.

FAIRBURN AGATES: Lane Johnny Creek and in the Red Canyon Area in northern Nebraska. Also near Crawford, Orella. Some are found near Gordon, Nebraska in the sand pits. South Dakota is noted for their Fairburn Agates and these are the same ones brought in by glacier drifts. They are very colorful when cut and polished, and I know that the effort you take to look for these will be ever so rewarding. I have seen these in all sizes and colors and the people who have them think nothing of asking from \$5 to \$350 a piece for them. So I think it would be to your advantage to take the time to look if you are in northwestern Nebraska.

AGATES, WOOD AND JASPERS: Found in sand pits all along the Republican River in southwestern Nebraska. Stop at these small towns and ask for directions. Sanborn--Dundy County, Haigler--Dundy County. Doane and Benkelman.

INDIAN ARTIFACTS: Go to Stratton in Hitchcock County and also Trenton. This is the place of the famous Indian battle and there is a monument there called Massacre Canyon Monument.



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