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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

~~HISTORIC~~ Harold J. Cook Homestead Cabin

AND/OR COMMON

Bone Cabin IN AGATE Fossil Beds National Monument off NE 29

2 LOCATION

~~Within the boundaries of the Agate Fossil Beds National Monument. 23 miles south of Harrison, Nebraska, on State Highway #29 and three miles east of Agate on county road.~~

STREET & NUMBER

off NE

CITY, TOWN

Agate

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Third

STATE

Nebraska

CODE

31

COUNTY

Sioux

CODE

165

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

United States National Park Service, Midwest Regional Office

STREET & NUMBER

1709 Jackson Street

CITY, TOWN

Omaha

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Nebraska

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

United States National Park Service, Midwest Regional Office

STREET & NUMBER

1709 Jackson Street

CITY, TOWN

Omaha

STATE

Nebraska

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Preservation in Nebraska

DATE

1971

— FEDERAL STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Nebraska State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Lincoln

STATE

Nebraska

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Harold Cook Homestead Cabin, or "Bone Cabin," complex comprises just a few sites and structures set on one acre of flat grassy land in the valley of the Niobrara River and within the boundaries of the Agate Fossil Beds National Monument. The sites and structures are described individually below.

1. BONE CABIN (NO. HS 1)

The original "Bone Cabin," as built in 1904, was a small (15'6" x 11'5"), one-room, wood-frame, rectangular building. Old photographs indicate that it was oriented as it is now with its long axis and the ridge of the gable roof running north-south. The front door was on the east side which was protected by the roof's deep overhang running the length of the building. There was a square, four-light window on both the north and south walls of the cabin. The roof was covered with tar paper. The exterior siding was a crude board and batten. The foundation was loose-laid stone rubble.

Sometime prior to 1910, the rubble foundation was extended under the south side of the front overhang. A board floor was installed, it was enclosed with board and batten siding, and a porch swing was hung under the north half of the overhang.

Old photographs indicate that further alterations were made during the Harold Cook Homestead period, 1910-1914. Three rooms were added.

- 1) A small, wood-frame, gable-roofed room with a stove was added to the south end of the porch, opening on to it. This room had board and batten siding, tar paper roofing, a square four-light window on the south wall, and a loose-laid stone rubble foundation.
- 2) A small, wood-frame, tool shed with a lean-to roof was added in the corner formed by the south wall of the original cabin room and the west wall of the addition noted above. This room had board and batten siding, tar paper roof, and no foundation. This addition was eliminated in the 1930's.
- 3) A larger (11'7" x 12'3"), wood-frame room with a gable roof was added to the west side of the original cabin. The ridge of the gable roof on this addition is oriented on an east-west axis, perpendicular to the gable orientation of the original cabin's roof. This room had horizontal board siding, tar paper roofing, loose-laid stone rubble foundation, a square, four-light window on both the north and south walls, and an exterior door with stoop on its south side. That door and stoop no longer exist.

During this period, the porch swing was removed and the foundation and flooring extended to the rest of the porch.

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TITLE:

List of Classified Structures

DATE:

1975

Federal

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

United States National Park Service, Midwest Regional Office

CITY, TOWN:

Omaha,

STATE:

Nebraska

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In the late 1930s, the "Bone Cabin" was again used as a ranch house and went through several more alterations, achieving its present appearance.

The south addition adjoining the porch was completely rebuilt, with a concrete floor and a new exterior door on the south wall and a square, four-light window flanking the door. The porch was completely enclosed and converted into a kitchen. It had a new exterior door on the east wall and two, new, four-light casement windows on the north wall. The door, on the south wall of the west addition, was blocked up and that room was used strictly as a bedroom. All the roofs were shingled with wood, and the exterior was covered with brown, simulated brick, asphaltic siding paper. Some concrete was poured along the loose stone foundation.

2. WINDMILL (NO. HS 2)

Old photographs indicate that, sometime between 1910 and 1914, Harold Cook erected a windmill several yards south and west of the cabin complex. Although the wooden derrick appears to have been altered, the galvanized metal blades and vane, and the rest of the windmill appear to be original. Stencilled on the vane are the following:

The Aermotor Co., Chicago

and

H. C. Colter, Mitchell, Neb.

3. SHED (NO. HS 3), and STORM CELLAR (SITES)

Historic photographs dated 1904, 1910, and 1914, show a rectangular shed south of the "Bone Cabin." It appears to be larger than the "Bone Cabin" with a tin, gable roof running north-south, board and batten siding, loose rubble foundation, a single four-light window on north and south walls, a metal stove pipe through the roof near the south end, and a narrow opening in the east wall. The 1914 photograph shows a wood shingle roof on the shed.

The 1914 photograph also shows an excavated structure to the south and west of the shed. It appears to be a storm cellar.

Neither of these structures exists today.
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4. DOG TROT SHED (NO. HS 4) (SITE)

An historic photograph, dated circa 1910, shows a rectangular shed east of the shed (No. HS 3). It had a tin, gable roof running north-south, large horizontal siding, and was open through the middle.

This structure no longer exists.

5. PRIVY (NO. HS 5) (SITE)

An historic photograph, dated circa 1904, shows a small privy south and east of the "Bone Cabin." It had board and batten walls, door on its east side and roof that sloped slightly rearward. It appears only large enough to accommodate one person.

This structure no longer exists.

6. FENCES (NO. HS 6)

All the historic photographs of the "Bone Cabin" complex show it surrounded by barb wire-and-post fences. It is presently surrounded by both barb wire-and-post, and wood board fences. The present fence system probably conforms to the original fence system, but is composed of bits and pieces of materials, especially barb wire, from several historic periods.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

1904-1930s

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Harold J. Cook

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bone Cabin complex is intimately associated with the scientific exploration of the Miocene fossil deposits now included within Agate Fossil Beds National Monument. Those fossil deposits have proved of international scientific importance in revealing the paleontological story of the "Age of Mammals," and the Bone Cabin structures represent the most tangible man-made artifact associated with the scientific investigators. Additionally, the structures are the particular handiwork of Harold J. Cook, pioneer paleontologist and son of Captain James H. Cook, noted frontiersman and friend of the Sioux leader Red Cloud.

Although James Cook discovered the first fossil bones at Agate Fossil Beds in 1878, the true importance of the deposits came to light when O. A. Peterson of the Carnegie Museum at Pittsburgh initiated the first scientific excavations at the site in 1904. He was assisted by Harold Cook, then 17, and it was at that time that the Bone Cabin was constructed to serve as headquarters for the investigations. The first year's excavations revealed the existence of a type of two-horned rhinoceros new to science, the Diceratherium. As a result, in 1905 and subsequent years the Carnegie expeditions were joined by those lead by E. H. Barbour of the University of Nebraska, and occasionally by teams from Yale University and Amherst College. Much of today's knowledge of the Diceratherium, the Moropus, the Dinohyus, the Stenomylus and Miocene animal life in general derives from investigations based at and near the Bone Cabin.

In 1910, Harold Cook filed a homestead claim to own and therefore protect the fossil quarries. He improved the property while occupying the cabin and conducting his own studies. After he obtained patented title to his claim in 1914, the structures again became the headquarters for fossil collecting expeditions, which continued until the late 1930s. Thus the structures are associated not only with important scientific endeavors, but represent Cook's imaginative use of the land laws to insure the protection of an important and unique scientific resource. The preservation of the fossil quarries and their incumbent scientific value, symbolized by the Bone Cabin complex, made possible the establishment of Agate Fossil Beds National Monument in 1965, an event facilitated by the interest and generosity of Harold Cook and his family.

In the late 1930s the land surrounding the Bone Cabin was leased for ranching, and the structures were altered to support those operations. The cabin has not been used as a dwelling since 1950.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Roberts, R. J., The History of Agate Springs, Nebraska History,
Volume 47, Number 3, September 1966, p. 287.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Richard I. Ortega, Architectural Historian (Engineer), MWRO

ORGANIZATION

National Park Service, Midwest Regional Office

DATE

March 1, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

1709 Jackson Street

TELEPHONE

(402) 221-3423

CITY OR TOWN

Omaha

STATE

Nebraska

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

MARVIN D. KENNETT
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

Deputy Assistant Secretary

DATE OCT 14 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Low Hunter
Charles [Signature]
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 8/24/77
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
DATE 8-12-77

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Although planning for the development and interpretation of the National Monument is still incomplete and no final decisions have been made as to the treatment of the Bone Cabin complex, it is likely that it will be preserved, perhaps partially restored, and used in the interpretation of the scientific investigations of the fossil quarries.



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Bone Cabin

2 LOCATION

CITY/TOWN Agate

VICINITY OF

COUNTY Sioux

STATE
Nebraska

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Unknown

DATE OF PHOTO Circa 1904

NEGATIVE FILED AT Agate Fossil Beds National Monument

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO 1

View from the northeast of the privy (No. HS 5), in the background, the Shed (No. HS 3), in the middle of the photograph, and the Bone Cabin (No. HS 1), on the right side of the photograph.



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PHOTO CREDIT Unknown

DATE OF PHOTO Circa 1910

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View from the east of the Dog Trot Shed (No. HS 4), on the left, the Bone Cabin (No. HS 1), in the background, and the Shed (No. HS 3), in the center of the photograph.

PHOTO NO

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3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Unknown

DATE OF PHOTO Circa 1914

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View from the northeast of the Bone Cabin (No. HS 1), the Shed (No. HS 3) and the Storm Cellar. Top of the Windmill (No. HS 2) can be seen behind the Bone Cabin. Also note the fences (No. HS 6) around the complex.

PHOTO NO 3



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PHOTO CREDIT Unknown

DATE OF PHOTO Identified as
Circa 1914, but
may be 10 years
later.

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South side of Cabin (No. HS 1) as seen from the south looking north.
Part of the Windmill (No. HS 2) can be seen on the left side of the
photograph.

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3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Roy W. Weaver

DATE OF PHOTO September 12, 1971

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Front (East) and side (South) views of Cabin (No. HS 1) as viewed from the southeast.

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Rear (West) and side (North) views of Cabin (No. HS 1) as seen from the northwest. The Windmill (No. HS 2) can be seen on right side of photograph.

PHOTO NO.

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HAROLD J. COOK HOMESTEAD CABIN

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PHOTO CREDIT Richard I. Ortega

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The Windmill (No. HS 2), as seen from the east.
(New building in background.)

PHOTO NO 7

PHOTO

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AUGUST

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HAROLD J. COOK HOMESTEAD CABIN

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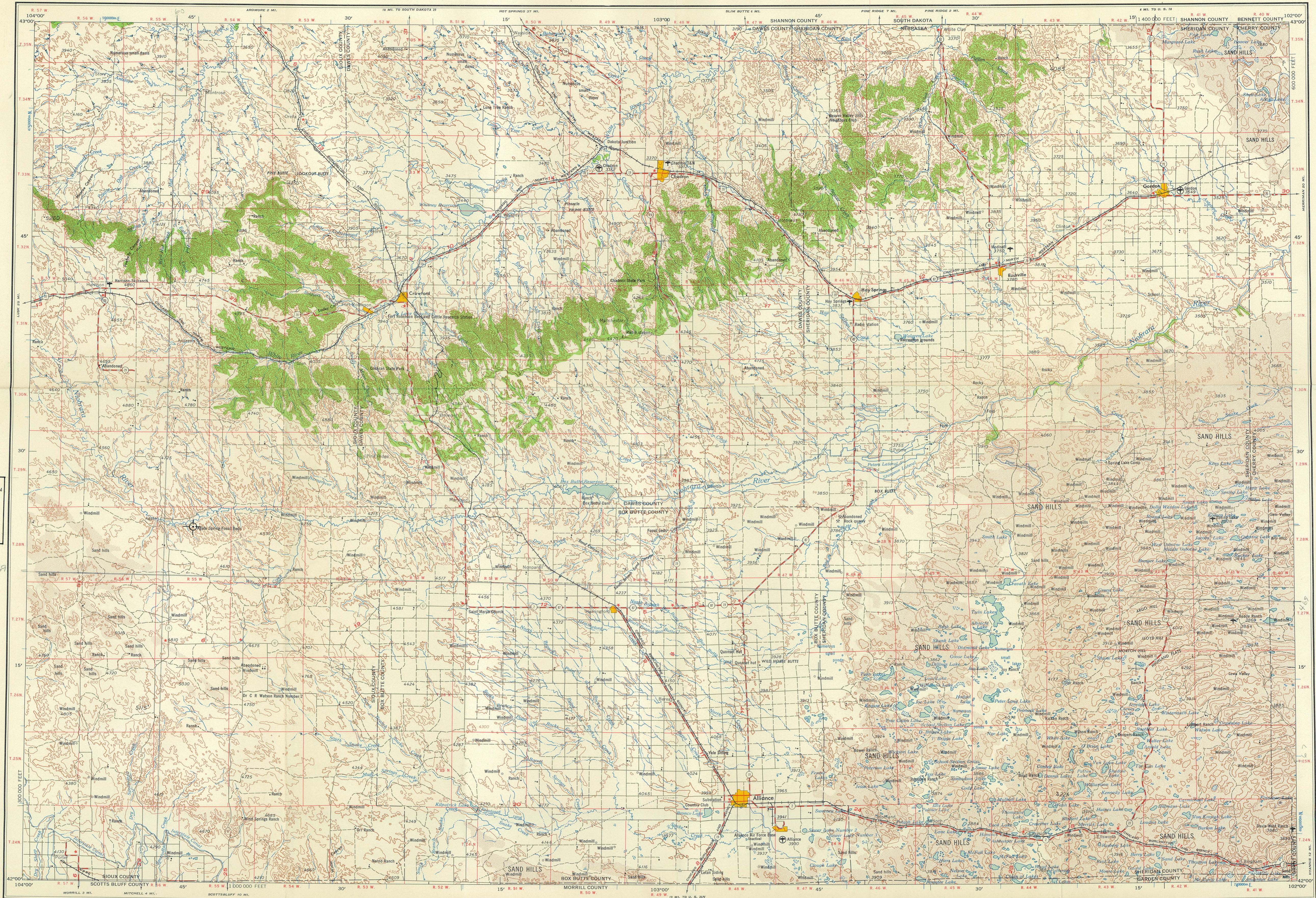
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South side of Cabin (No. HS 1) as seen from the south.

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 NATIONAL MONUMENT
 AGATE, NEBRASKA
 U T M REFERENCE:
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LEGEND
 ROAD DATA 1954
 Figures in red denote approximate distances in miles between stars

POPULATED PLACES
 Over 500,000
 100,000 to 500,000
 25,000 to 100,000
 5,000 to 25,000
 1,000 to 5,000
 Less than 1,000

RAILROADS
 Standard gauge
 Narrow gauge
 International
 State
 County
 Park or reservation

BOUNDARIES
 International
 State
 County
 Park or reservation

LANDMARKS
 School; Church; Other
 Spot elevation in feet
 Marsh or swamp
 Intermittent or dry stream
 Power line

ROADS
 Hard surface, heavy duty
 More than two lanes wide
 Two lanes wide; Federal route marker
 Hard surface, medium duty
 More than two lanes wide
 Two lanes wide; State route marker
 Improved light duty
 Unimproved dirt
 Trail

LANDS
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RELIABILITY DIAGRAM
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 B. Large scale topographic map, photogrammetric, 1946-49.
 1. Stereo-compiled from 1953 aerial photography.
 2. Planimetry revised from 1953 aerial photography.

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 0 5 10 15 20 25 30 Kilometers
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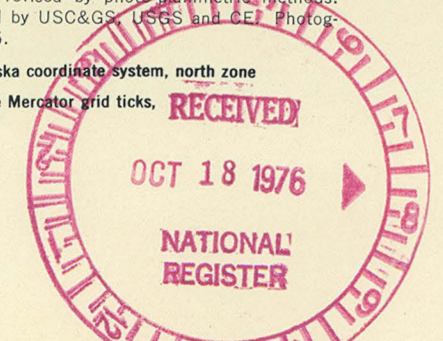
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RELIABILITY DIAGRAM

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TOWNSHIP OR RANGE LINE
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Bone Cabin

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Agate

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COUNTY Sioux

STATE
Nebraska

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE United States Geological Survey

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Harold J. Cook Homestead Cabin

(NeHBS #SX00-28)

AND/OR COMMON

Bone Cabin Complex

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Agate Fossil Beds National Monument

N/A NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Agate

 VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Third

STATE

Nebraska

CODE

31

COUNTY

Sioux

CODE

165

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
N/A BEING CONSIDERED

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 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

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 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
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 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
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 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (if applicable)

United States National Park Service, Midwest Regional Office

STREET & NUMBER

1709 Jackson Street

CITY, TOWN

Omaha

N/A VICINITY OF

STATE

Nebraska

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

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From the mid-1920s through the early 1940s the land around the Bone Cabin was leased by various ranchers and cowboys. By 1942 the south door to the west bedroom was boarded over, the steps by this entrance removed, and the roof covered with wood shingles.

From 1942 through 1948, Edith and Emil "Junior" Murphy leased the property around the Bone Cabin Complex for ranching purposes. They resided in the Bone Cabin and enclosed the porch area thereby creating a combined kitchen and dining area. The Murphys applied simulated-brick, asphalt siding to the exterior walls for insulation purposes.

From 1949 through 1951, George and Margaret Hoffman resided in the Bone Cabin while they awaited the completion of their ranchhouse under construction a short distance to the west. A door was added to the south side of the "summer kitchen" which the Hoffmans used as a storage area. The southside window was moved to the east of the door.

The structure remained vacant and unchanged until 1973 when the National Park Service added an asphalt shingle roof. In 1978, the Service applied wood preservative to both the Windmill (HS-02) and the exposed wood on the Bone Cabin. In 1981, the windows were numbered and removed, and the openings were boarded over.

WINDMILL (HS-02)

Historic photographs indicate sometime between 1911 and 1914, a windmill was erected several yards south and west of the cabin complex. Although the wooden derrick appears to have been altered, the galvanized metal blades and vane appear to be original. Stencilled on the vane are "The Aermotor Co., Chicago" and "H. C. Colter, Mitchell, Neb."

AMERICAN MUSEUM SHACK (HS-03) [formerly SHED NO. HS-03], and STORM CELLAR (SITES)

5
In 1911, the American Museum of Natural History in New York provided funds to build a twelve by twenty-four-foot cook shack for the paleontologists working the Agate Springs Fossil Quarries. Used both as a cooking facility and sleeping quarters, the shack was east of the Bone Cabin and had a metal, gable roof with its long axis running north-south. It had two square four-light windows on the north and south walls and an open doorway on the east wall. In 1913, a heat-absorbing sod roof was applied to the American Museum Shack. A historic photograph indicates an excavated structure to the south of the American Museum Shack. It appears to be a storm cellar. Neither of these structures is extant. The shack was removed sometime in the 1950s.

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BARN A (HS-04) (SITE)

13 Between 1910 and 1911, Harold Cook constructed a wood frame, metal-sided barn to the southeast of the Bone Cabin. It had a tin shed roof which sloped to the east, large horizontal siding, and a wide opening on the east wall. The barn also had a wire-and-post corral connected to the east side. This structure is not extant.

PRIVY (HS-05) (SITE)

13 By 1910 Harold Cook constructed a privy to the south and east of the Bone Cabin. It had board and batten siding, a westward sloping shed roof, and a door on the east wall. This structure is not extant.

FENCES (HS-06)

10 Historic photographs show the Bone Cabin Complex surrounded by barbed wire and wood post fences. It is presently surrounded by both barbed wire and wood post, and wood board fences. The present fence system conforms to the north and south portions of the original fence, but the east portion has been altered to accommodate the Bone Cabin, the only extant building. It also contains materials from several periods.

BARN B (HS-07) (SITE)

13 Sometime after 1920, another barn was built. It appeared smaller than the Bone Cabin and had a gable roof with its long axis running east-west. A post-and-board fence system was connected to the north side of the barn. This structure is not extant.

NON-CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE

14 A stock tank which supplied water for livestock was built in the 1950s. This structure stands immediately west of the Windmill (HS-02) and adjoins the existing fence which surrounds the Bone Cabin (HS-01).

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SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1904-1920s

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Harold J. Cook

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Harold J. Cook Homestead Cabin (Bone Cabin Complex) is within the Agate Fossil Beds National Monument in Sioux County, Nebraska. Harold J. Cook was a rancher, paleontologist, and son of James H. Cook, the famed frontiersman and Indian advocate. The Bone Cabin Complex is significant because of its utilization by the Cooks and other paleontologists during their excavations at the Agate Springs Fossil Quarries. The fossil deposits are of international scientific importance in revealing the paleontological story of the "Age of Mammals." The Bone Cabin Complex represents the most tangible man made artifact associated with the scientific investigations, and is, therefore, eligible for nomination under National Register Criterion A.¹ Among the institutions represented at Agate were the Carnegie Museum, Pennsylvania; University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Nebraska; American Museum of Natural History, New York; Yale University, Connecticut; Amherst College, Massachusetts; and others.

The Bone Cabin Complex is intimately associated with the scientific exploration of the Agate Springs Fossil Quarries. The fossil deposits are found in the 21,000,000-year-old Harrison formation of the Arikoo Group, Miocene Epoch. The sediments of this group are principally sandstone. An abundant concentration of Miocene fossil mammal bones are found in a two- to three-foot thick layer running through four principal fossil hills: University, Carnegie, Bear Dog, and Quarry A. The most common mammals are the Menocerus, a two-horned rhinoceros, the unusual-looking Moropus with its large claws, and the seven-foot tall pig, Dinohyus. One of the largest known carnivore den systems was found in Bear Dog Hill along with the fossil remains of the Bear Dogs, Daphaenodon and Temnocyon. The detached Stenomylus Quarry is known for its yield of the gazelle-like camel Stenomylus fossil bones.²

The date of construction of the Bone Cabin is not clear. One theory is that it was built by Harold Cook as early as 1904, when O. A. Peterson of the Carnegie Museum at Pittsburgh initiated the first scientific excavations at the site. A later date is more probable. There is no reliable documentation to support the 1904 date.³

The Cooks were concerned with the legal ownership of the Agate Springs Fossil Quarries.⁴ In 1908, Harold Cook filed a homestead claim for the land. By February 1909, Harold Cook began his residence on the land in a one-room

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structure. Whether the structure was moved from another location or built by Harold Cook between 1904 and 1909 is not known. He did, however, add three rooms during his tenure on the homestead claim.⁵

In 1910, Harold Cook married Eleanor Barbour, daughter of paleontologist E. H. Barbour from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. By 1914, the Cooks "proved up" (fulfilled the homesteading law requirements) on the property and received a United States Patent for the land and moved to the main ranch house at the Agate Springs Ranch, three miles west.⁶

During their homesteading period, the Cooks became close friends with the internationally known paleontologist, Albert "Bill" Thomson of the American Museum of Natural History. By 1914 the Bone Cabin was vacant and Thomson moved his excavation headquarters from the American Museum Shack to the Bone Cabin. Thompson subsequently spent many years at what was called "East Agate." Thomson likely filled out his field notebooks and planned the next day's work during his many evenings in the Bone Cabin.⁷

From the mid-1920s to the early 1940s various ranchers leased the land surrounding the Bone Cabin, added wood shingles to the roof and made a few alterations to the building. From 1942 to 1948, Edith and Emil "Junior" Murphy leased the property and enclosed the front porch to create a kitchen and dining area. They also covered the exterior walls with simulated brick asphalt siding.⁸

Cook relatives George and Margaret Hoffman resided in the Bone Cabin from 1949 to 1951 while they awaited the completion of their new ranch house built west of the Bone Cabin.⁹

The Bone Cabin has been vacant since the 1950s. It has naturally weathered and deteriorated, but exhibits a high degree of integrity: location, setting, materials, feeling, and association. Since the June 5, 1965, authorization of Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, the National Park Service has applied a minimum of preservation and maintenance to the Bone Cabin. The Bone Cabin and its related structures and sites represent significant physical evidence of the paleontological excavations at the nearby fossil hills. There was an intimate interrelationship between the Bone Cabin Complex and noted American paleontologists representing a wide range of prestigious institutions. Of state and national importance, the property was entered on the Nebraska Historic Sites Survey, the National Park Service's List of Classified Structures, and the National Register of Historic Places (1977). This represents an amendment to the original 1977 nomination.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Harold J. Cook Homestead Cabin (Bone Cabin Complex of Agate Fossil Beds National Monument) is in the northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 28 north, Range 55 west, 6th Principal Meridian, Sioux County, Nebraska. It is three miles east of the Agate Springs Ranch and the intersection of Nebraska Highway 29 and Sioux County Road. Situated at the base of the two principal fossil quarry-hills in the Niobrara River Valley, the bone Cabin is 3,000 feet due west of the peak of Amherst Point. With the Bone Cabin the center, the nominated boundary is one acre and includes all its contributing support structures.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Richard I. Ortega, Architectural Historian (Engineer), MWRO

ORGANIZATION

National Park Service, Midwest Regional Office

STREET & NUMBER

1709 Jackson Street

CITY OR TOWN

Omaha

REVISED BY: Charles M. Trupia, Historian
Midwest Regional Office,
August 16, 1985

DATE

March 1, 1976

TELEPHONE

(402) 221-3426

STATE

Nebraska

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

James A. Hanson
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Edwin C. Brown

TITLE

Chief Historian, NPS

DATE

Oct. 29, 1986

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

10/29/86

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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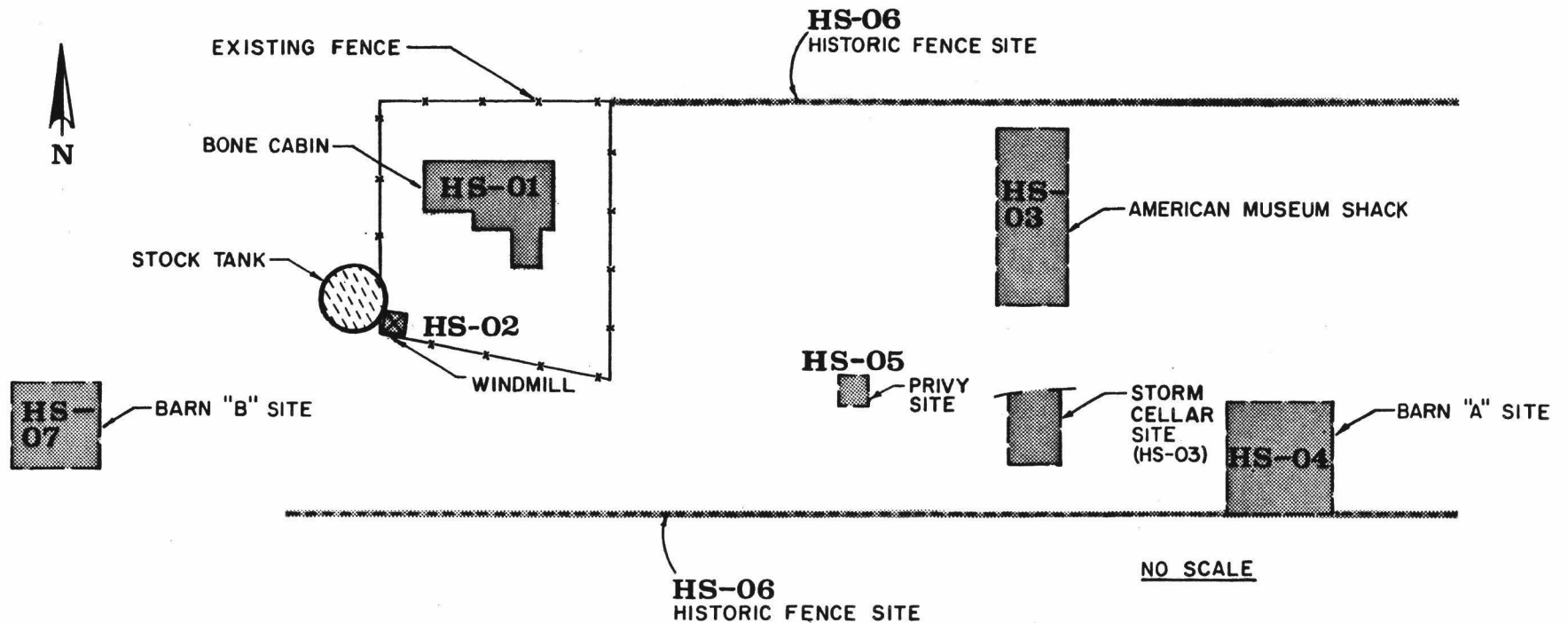
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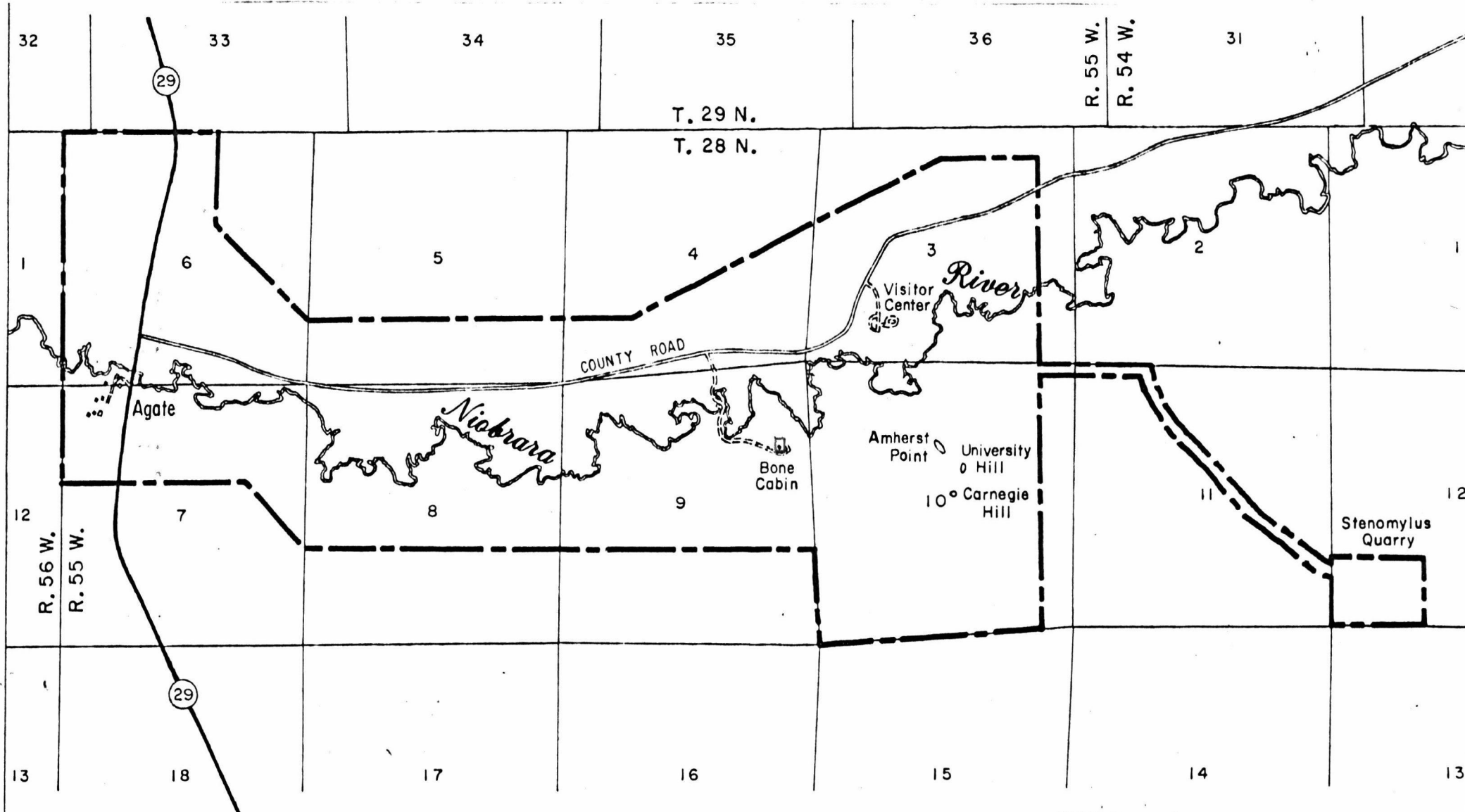
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Harold J. Cook Homestead Cabin
Bone Cabin Complex,
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Sioux County, Nebraska



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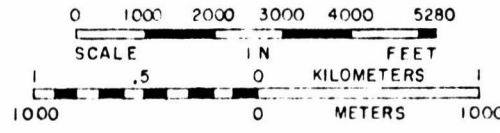
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SIOUX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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Source: Agate Fossil Beds National Monument Collection, History file,
number A-238

Date: 1911

Photographer: Unknown

Description: View of northeast side of Bone Cabin (HS-01) in right background.
Northeast view of American Museum Shack (HS-03) in left foreground. Privy
(HS-05) in left background. Fences (HS-06) around the perimeter of complex.



Source: Agate Fossil Beds National Monument Collection, History file,
number A-239

Date: ca. 1911

Photographer: Unknown

Description: View of east side of Bone Cabin (HS-01) in left background. East
view of American Museum Shack (HS-03) in center. Barn A (HS-04) in left
foreground.



Source: E. H. Barbour Collection, University of Nebraska State Museum, Archives, number 85-507-2.

Date: October 12, 1912

Photographer: E. F. Schramm, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Description: View of southeast side of Bone Cabin (HS-01) in left background. Southeast view of American Museum Shack (HS-03) in center. Barn A (HS-04) in center foreground.

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Source: Agate Fossil Beds National Monument Collection, History file,
number A-240

Date: ca. 1913-1914

Photographer: Unknown

Description: View of northeast side of Bone Cabin (HS-01) with alterations in
right background. Northeast view of American Museum Shack (HS-03) with sod roof
in center foreground. Storm Cellar (HS-03) in left background. Fences (HS-06)
around perimeter of complex.

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Source: Agate Fossil Beds National Monument Collection, History file,
number A-241

Date: ca. 1914

Photographer: Unknown

Description: View of south side of Bone Cabin (HS-01). Portion of Windmill
(HS-02) in left foreground.

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Source: Cook Collection, Scotts Bluff National Monument, Box K, file "Misc."

Date: ca. 1920-1925

Photographer: Unknown

Description: View of east side of Bone Cabin Complex. Barn B (HS-07) in foreground.

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Source: National Park Service, Midwest Regional Office, Omaha, Nebraska.

Date: June 13, 1985

Photographer: Charles Trupia, Historian, National Park Service.

Description: View of northeast side of Bone Cabin (HS-01).

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Source: National Park Service, Midwest Regional Office, Omaha, Nebraska.

Date: June 13, 1985

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Description: View of southwest side of Bone Cabin (HS-01).

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Date: June 13, 1985

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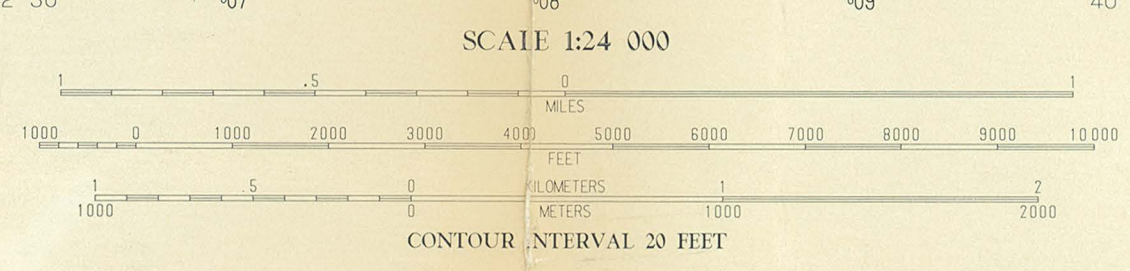
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NEBRASKA

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4		6	Agate
		7	Whistle Creek NE
		8	Mount Edna
6	7	8	Whistle Creek SW
			Whistle Creek SE

ADJOINING 7.5' QUADRANGLE NAMES

ROAD LEGEND

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Unimproved Road

Trail

Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

WHISTLE CREEK NW, NEBRASKA
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PROPERTY NAME: Cook, Harold J., Homestead Cabin

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEBRASKA, Sioux

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Name	Harold J. Cook
Homestead/Bone Cabin	
Name of Property	Sioux County, Nebraska
County and State	N/A
Name of multiple listing (if applicable)	

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The Harold Cook Homestead Cabin/Bone Cabin (25SX290/ SX00-28 NRHP listed 1977) was built in 1911 and is located west of Carnegie and University Hills and is directly associated with twenty-five years of fossil excavations there. It is a one-story, wood-frame building with a shallow gable roof over the central portion and shallow gables capping two smaller additions. A shed roof porch, partially enclosed, extends across the main façade on the east. All portions are sheathed with composition rolled roofing. Exterior walls are wood, both vertical board and batten and horizontal flush boards. The windows vary in size and are predominantly multi-pane, louvered or fixed sash. The entire structure now rests on a concrete and stone foundation. Several historic landscape features are within close proximity of the cabin. The fence lines and fence materials date from several different periods, but represent the wood post and barbed wire enclosure that has been historically associated with the cabin since its arrival at the site. The windmill, built in 1942, stands in the same location as the original homestead windmill.

The sites of several outbuildings associated with fossil excavations are included in the existing 1977 National Register nomination for the Bone cabin and they include: American Museum of Natural History shack (museum shack), east of the cabin; storm cellar, southeast of the cabin; larger barn (barn A), southeast of the cabin; privy, southeast of the cabin; and smaller barn (barn B), southwest of the cabin. These five sites were not extant at the time the nomination was written in 1977 and then amended in 1985. The sites were identified through the historical record; however, no surface remains are present to identify the sites or their precise locations. These sites were reevaluated during the research and writing phase of the Agate Fossil Beds National Monument historic district nomination. The 1985 nomination recognizes that by about 1950 these five resources were no longer extant. These sites do not currently provide any potential to yield information under Criterion D, and as such this amendment to the Bone Cabin nomination documents that these properties do not contribute to the site.

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Name	Harold J. Cook
Homestead/Bone Cabin	
Name of Property	
County and State	Sioux County, Nebraska
County and State	
	N/A
Name of multiple listing (if applicable)	

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Because there are no longer any surface remains of these sites, and no sub-surface archeological testing is planned for these locations, they are not recommended as contributing resources to the Agate Fossil Beds National Monument historic district nomination, and this amendment form to the 1985 nomination recommends removing them from the resource count of the Harold Cook Homestead Cabin/Bone Cabin National Register nomination. However, future archeological efforts such as ground penetrating radar or subsurface testing may identify features that could contribute to the historic archeology of the site. The existing nomination also identifies the stock tank that was added in the 1950s as a noncontributing resource because of its date of construction. This amendment recommends the stock tank as a contributing feature because it has reached the 50 year age recommendation, and contributes to the function of the Bone Cabin as a ranch and homestead property.

This document includes adding the stock tank as a contributing resource to the Bone Cabin nomination, and removes the American Museum of Natural History shack (museum shack), east of the cabin; storm cellar, southeast of the cabin; larger barn (barn A), southeast of the cabin; privy, southeast of the cabin; and smaller barn (barn B), southwest of the cabin.



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Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

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Mr. Merrill D. Beal
 Regional Director
 United States Department of the Interior
 National Park Service, Midwest Region
 1709 Jackson Street
 Omaha, Nebraska 68102

Dear Mr. Beal:

We have reviewed and signed the nomination for the Harold J. Cook Homestead Cabin to the National Register of Historic Places.

Our only comment is that we believe the evaluated level of significance to be "National" rather than "State." This is a matter, however, for your determination. Enclosed is your nomination.

Sincerely,

Marvin F. Kivett
 Marvin F. Kivett
 Director

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 enclosures
 cc: Historic Preservation Section



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Memorandum

To: Associate Director, Professional Services, WASO
 To Attention of: Assistant Director, Park Historic Preservation

From: Regional Director, Midwest Region

Subject: National Register Nomination, Harold J. Cook
 Homestead Cabin, Agate Fossil Beds National Monument

We are enclosing Forms 10-306, National Register of Historic Places Inventory/Nomination Forms, for the Harold J. Cook Homestead Cabin ("Bone Cabin") in Agate Fossil Beds National Monument. We request that you nominate this property to the National Register in compliance with Executive Order 11593. The property was nominated a few years ago, but the forms were returned for technical revision. The enclosed forms were reviewed by the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Officer, who recommends the nomination and has signed the forms as requested.

We are also enclosing a copy of the State Historic Preservation Officer's letter to us. You will note that he believes the property to meet the criteria of national significance. Comparing it with other properties designated national historic landmarks, we are inclined to believe that the association of this property with the history of science and conservation may qualify it for equal note. Accordingly, we request that you review the nomination and, if you agree that the possibility of national significance may exist, seek a review of the nomination by the National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings for landmark purposes. You

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may identify the authors of the "special study" required for the landmark program as Architectural Historian (Engineer) Richard I. Ortega and Regional Historian David A. Clary. Please refer any questions to them.

Wm. A. Beal

Regional Director

Enclosures

cc:

Manager, Denver Service Center
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Attention: Assistant Manager, Midwest/
Rocky Mountain Team
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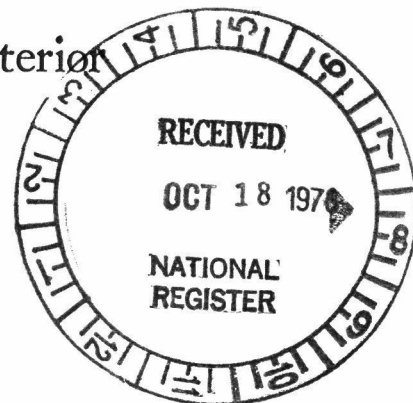
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Memorandum

To: Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Through: Federal Representative to the National Register
Department of the Interior

From: Federal Representative, National Park Service

Subject: Nomination of Harold J. Cook Homestead Cabin, Agate
Fossil Beds National Monument to the National Register

Enclosed is the subject nomination from the Midwest Region of the National Park Service, submitted for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, in compliance with Executive Order No. 11593.

The nomination includes the recommendation that the Cook Cabin be considered for National Historic Landmark status, probably within the subtheme "Science and Invention." Although we have mixed feelings about it, we believe that it should be considered when a study of sites within the subtheme is undertaken.

Henry A. Judd
for Robert M. Utley

Enclosure



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE NEBRASKA

Date Entered AUG 24 1977

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Cook, Harold J., Homestead Cabin	Agate vicinity Sioux County

Also Notified

Hon. Carl T. Curtis
Hon. Edward Zorinsky
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Mr. David F. Hales, Deputy Asst.
Secretary for Fish and Wildlife
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Regional Director, Midwest Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Marvin F. Kivett
Director, Nebraska State
Historical Society
1500 R Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Property Cook, Harold J., Homestead Cabin

State Nebraska

Working Number 10.18.76.4327

Sioux

TECHNICAL

Photos 8
Maps 2

CONTROL

KP

OK 10.20.76

Probably of national significance. Very
interesting property.

HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
L. Engstrom
12 N 76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

This is certainly a very important site (the cabin complex) in the history of paleontology & conservation since it functioned as the center for the exploratory and protection activities. Is the monument a Natural Landmark?

ARCHEOLOGIST

Accept
4/15/77
S. Bridges

In this case I think we should accept - LANDMARKS
Important discovery. Cabin more than where they were when they discovered the fossils - structure important in effort to secure land to protect fossil bed.

OTHER

Accept
W. P. Luce
4/14/77

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

I have a philosophical problem in this one: if we recognize the importance of the scientific discovery & any of the resources which was discovered then how representative is it? Archeologists + Historians pls comment.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Cole
2/21/77

BRANCH CHIEF

Convinced
Cole 4/26/77
Wright
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Dr. James A. Hanson
Director, Nebraska State
Historical Society
1500 R Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68501

Dear Dr. Hanson:

Enclosed for your review is the National Register of Historic Places Inventory/Nomination Form for the Harold J. Cook Homestead Cabin (Rone Cabin Complex) at Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, Sioux County, Nebraska. Although this property was listed on the National Register on August 24, 1977, the current nomination has been revised to reflect additional historical information.

Please sign the form in the appropriate place and return it to us so that we may forward it to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places. Please retain the second copy for your files. If you have any questions concerning the nomination, please call Research Historian Ron Cockrell at (402) 221-3426.

Sincerely,

Sgd) Charles H. Odgaard

Charles H. Odgaard
Regional Director

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bcc:
Superintendent, Scotts Bluff
Chief, Midwest Archeological Center
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Memorandum

To: Chief of Registration Shull, Interagency Resources Division
From: Chief Historian Bearss
Subject: National Register of Historic Places Inventory/Nomination Form,
Harold J. Cook Homestead Cabin (Bone Cabin Complex), Agate
Fossil Beds National Monument, Nebraska

Attached you will find a form updating the documentation for the subject property listed in the National Register on August 24, 1977. Recent historical research primarily in the form of an historic structure report has necessitated the revision of the original documentation.

The revised form has been reviewed and approved by the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Officer.

I have also reviewed the updated form and, as Federal Historic Preservation Officer, have signed it.

*Ben Levy
for EC Bearss*

Attachment

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
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1 NAME

HISTORIC

Harold J. Cook Homestead Cabin

AND/OR COMMON

Bone Cabin Complex

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Agate Fossil Beds National Monument

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Agate

VICINITY OF

Third

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Nebraska

31

Sioux

165

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4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

United States National Park Service, Midwest Regional Office

STREET & NUMBER

1709 Jackson Street

CITY, TOWN

Omaha

VICINITY OF

STATE

Nebraska

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

United States National Park Service, Midwest Regional Office

STREET & NUMBER

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STATE

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6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

National Register of Historic Places

DATE

August 24, 1977

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

United States Department of the Interior,
National Park Service

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

D.C.

7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

[The Harold J. Cook Homestead Cabin (Bone Cabin Complex) was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on August 24, 1977. Subsequent research has revealed a number of errors in the original nomination form.]

The Harold J. Cook Homestead Cabin (Bone Cabin Complex) comprises a few sites and structures set on one acre of flat grassy land in the Niobrara River Valley, within the boundaries of the Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, Nebraska. The structures and sites are described individually below.

BONE CABIN (HS-01)

As it existed in 1909, the original one-room structure was fifteen feet, six inches by eleven feet, five inches and was oriented as it is now with its long axis and the ridge of the tar-papered, gable roof running north-south. The overhanging east slope of the roof created a porch area. The front door was on the east side. There were square four-light windows on both the north and south walls of the cabin. The exterior siding was crude board and batten. The foundation was loose-laid stone rubble.

During the Harold and Eleanor Cook homestead period in 1912, Harold Cook added three rooms. The first was a "summer kitchen." Cook extended the rubble and cement foundation approximately four feet to the east running the length of the structure and extending south approximately six feet past the same. The foundation was nine feet wide at the southern end and formed the base upon which the eight by six feet kitchen was built. A square four-light window was placed in the center of the south wall. The kitchen had a gable roof with its long axis running north-south and was tarpapered. A stove pipe protruded through the east roof's center. The walls were board and batten siding. The east wall continued north under the original overhang which created a protected north entrance.

Also in 1912, a second room was added to the west side of the original structure. This thirteen feet, one inch by twelve feet, two inch wood-framed bedroom featured a tarpapered gable roof whose long axis ran east-west. The walls were covered with horizontal wood siding and rested on a foundation of loose laid rubble. The interior bedroom door is located on the north side of the shared wall and an exterior door is on the east side of the south wall with a small platform and three riser step. The bedroom also has two square four-light windows in the center of the north and south walls.

The woodshed was the third room added in 1912. It was located in the corner created by the west wall of the "summer kitchen" and the south wall of the original structure. It had a tarpapered lean-to roof that sloped away from the "summer kitchen." The woodshed was removed by the early 1940s.

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From the mid-1920s through the early 1940s the land around the Bone Cabin was leased by various ranchers and cowboys. By 1942 the south door to the west bedroom was boarded over, the steps by this entrance removed, and the roof covered with wood shingles.

From 1942 through 1948, Edith and Emil "Junior" Murphy leased the property around the Bone Cabin Complex for ranching purposes. They resided in the Bone Cabin and enclosed the porch area thereby creating a combined kitchen and dining area. The Murphys applied simulated-brick, asphalt siding to the exterior walls for insulation purposes.

From 1949 through 1951, George and Margaret Hoffman resided in the Bone Cabin while they awaited the completion of their ranchhouse under construction a short distance to the west. A door was added to the south side of the "summer kitchen" which the Hoffmans used as a storage area. The southside window was moved to the east of the door.

The structure remained vacant and unchanged until 1973 when the National Park Service added an asphalt shingle roof. In 1978, the Service applied wood preservative to both the windmill (HS-02) and the exposed wood on the Bone Cabin. In 1981, the windows were numbered and removed, and the openings were boarded over.

WINDMILL (HS-02)

Historic photographs indicate sometime between 1911 and 1914, a windmill was erected several yards south and west of the cabin complex. Although the wooden derrick appears to have been altered, the galvanized metal blades and vane appear to be original. Stenciled on the vane are "The Aermotor Co., Chicago" and "H. C. Colter, Mitchell, Neb."

AMERICAN MUSEUM SHACK (HS-03) [formerly SHED NO. HS-03], and STORM CELLAR (SITES)

In 1911, the American Museum of Natural History in New York provided funds to build a twelve by twenty-four-foot cook shack for the paleontologists working the Agate Springs Fossil Quarries. Used both as a cooking facility and sleeping quarters, the shack was east of the Bone Cabin and had a metal, gable roof with its long axis running north-south. It had two square four-light windows on the north and south walls and an open doorway on the east wall. In 1913, a heat-absorbing sod roof was applied to the American Museum Shack. A historic photograph indicates an excavated structure to the south of the American Museum Shack. It appears to be a storm cellar. Neither of these structures is extant. The shack was removed sometime in the 1950s.

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BARN A (HS-04) (SITE)

Between 1910 and 1911, Harold Cook constructed a wood frame, metal-sided barn to the southeast of the Bone Cabin. It had a tin shed roof which sloped to the east, large horizontal siding, and a wide opening on the east wall. The barn also had a wire-and-post corral connected to the east side. This structure is not extant.

PRIVY (HS-05) (SITE)

By 1910 Harold Cook constructed a privy to the south and east of the Bone Cabin. It had board and batten siding, a westward sloping shed roof, and a door on the east wall. This structure is not extant.

FENCES (HS-06)

Historic photographs show the Bone Cabin complex surrounded by barbed wire and wood post fences. It is presently surrounded by both barbed wire and wood post, and wood board fences. The present fence system conforms to the north and south portions of the original fence but the east portion has been altered to accommodate the Bone Cabin, the extant building. It also contains materials from several periods.

BARN B (HS-07) (SITE)

Sometime after 1920 another barn was built. It appeared smaller than the Bone Cabin and had a gambrel roof with its long axis running east-west. A post-and-board fence system was connected to the north side of the barn. This structure is not extant.

NON-CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE

A stock tank which supplied water for livestock was built in the 1950s. This structure stands immediately west of the Windmill (HS-02) and adjoins the existing fence which surrounds the Bone Cabin (HS-01).

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1904-1920s BUILDER/ARCHITECT Harold J. Cook

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Harold J. Cook Homestead Cabin (Bone Cabin Complex) is within the Agate Fossil Beds National Monument in Sioux County, Nebraska. Harold J. Cook was a rancher, paleontologist, and son of James H. Cook, the famed frontiersman and Indian advocate. The Bone Cabin Complex is significant because of its utilization by the Cooks and other paleontologists during their excavations at the Agate Springs Fossil Quarries. The fossil deposits are of international scientific importance in revealing the paleontological story of the "Age of Mammals." The Bone Cabin Complex represents the most tangible man made artifact associated with the scientific investigations, and is, therefore, eligible for nomination under National Register criteria A.² Among the institutions represented at Agate were the Carnegie Museum, Pennsylvania; University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Nebraska; American Museum of Natural History, New York; Yale University, Connecticut; Amherst College, Massachusetts; and others.

The Bone Cabin Complex is intimately associated with the scientific exploration of the Agate Springs Fossil Quarries. The fossil deposits are found in the 21,000,000-year-old Harrison formation of the Arikoo Group, Miocene Epoch. The sediments of this group are principally sandstone. An abundant concentration of Miocene fossil mammal bones are found in a two- to three-foot thick layer running through four principal fossil hills: University, Carnegie, Bear Dog, and Quarry A. The most common mammals are the Menocerus, a two-horned rhinoceros, the unusual-looking Moropus with its large claws, and the seven-foot tall pig, Dinohyus. One of the largest known carnivore den systems was found in Bear Dog Hill along with the fossil remains of the Bear Dogs, Daphaenodon and Temnocyon. The detached Stenomylus Quarry is known for its yield of the gazelle-like camel Stenomylus fossil bones.¹

The date of construction of the Bone Cabin is not clear. One theory is that it was built by Harold Cook as early as 1904, when O. A. Peterson of the Carnegie Museum at Pittsburgh initiated the first scientific excavations at the site. A later date is more probable. There is no reliable documentation to support the 1904 date.³

The Cooks were concerned with the legal ownership of the Agate Springs Fossil Quarries.⁴ In 1908, Harold Cook filed a homestead claim for the land. By February 1909, Harold Cook began his residence on the land in a one-room

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structure. Whether the structure was moved from another location or built by Harold Cook between 1904 and 1909 is not known. He did, however, add three rooms during his tenure on the homestead claim.⁵

In 1910, Harold Cook married Eleanor Barbour, daughter of paleontologist E. H. Barbour from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. By 1914, the Cooks "proved up" (fulfilled the homesteading law requirements) on the property and received a United States Patent for the land and moved to the main ranch house at the Agate Springs Ranch, three miles west.⁶

During their homesteading period, the Cooks became close friends with the internationally known paleontologist, Albert "Bill" Thomson of the American Museum of Natural History. By 1914 the Bone Cabin was vacant and Thomson moved his excavation headquarters from the American Museum shack to the Bone Cabin. Thomson subsequently spent many years at what was called "East Agate." Thomson likely filled out his field notebooks and planned the next day's work during his many evenings in the Bone Cabin.

From the mid-1920s to the early 1940s various ranchers leased the land surrounding the Bone Cabin, added wood shingles to the roof and made a few alterations to the building. From 1942 to 1948, Edith and Emil "Junior" Murphy leased the property and enclosed the front porch to create a kitchen and dining area. They also covered the exterior walls with simulated brick asphalt siding.⁸

Cook relatives George and Margaret Hoffman resided in the Bone Cabin from 1949 to 1951 while they waited for the completion of their new ranch house built west of the Bone Cabin.⁹

The Bone Cabin has been vacant since the 1950s. It has naturally weathered and deteriorated, but exhibits a high degree of integrity: location, setting, materials, feeling, and association. Since the June 5, 1965, authorization of Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, the National Park Service has applied a minimum of preservation and maintenance to the Bone Cabin.

Endnotes

1. Richard Ortega, "The Harold J. Cook Homestead Cabin, National Register of Historic Places Inventory/Nomination Form," (Omaha: National Park Service, Midwest Regional Office, 1977).

2. Dr. Robert Hunt, The Agate Hills: History of Paleontological Excavations, 1904-1925, Prepared for the National Park Service, Midwest Regional Office (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1984).

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3. Ortega, "The Harold J. Cook Homestead Cabin." The photographs used by Richard Ortega were not adequately documented and are, therefore, not reliable.

4. Charles Trupia, Historic Structure Report: History and Significance, The Harold J. Cook Homestead Cabin, (Bone Cabin Complex), Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, Nebraska (Omaha: Midwest Regional Office, National Park Service, Nebraska, 1985), pp.25-31.

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7. Ibid., pp. 81-90.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Please see attached sheet.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING					ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C							D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Harold J. Cook Homestead Cabin (Bone Cabin Complex of Agate Fossil Beds National Monument) is in the northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 28 north, Range 55 west, 6th Principal Meridian, Sioux County, Nebraska. It is three miles east of the Agate Springs Ranch and the intersection of Nebraska Highway 29 and Sioux County Road. Situated at the base of the two principal fossil quarry hills in the Niobrara River Valley, the Bone Cabin is 3,000 feet due west of the peak of Amherst Point. With the Bone Cabin the center, the nominated boundary is one acre and includes all its contributing support structures.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Richard I. Ortega, Architect

REVISED BY: Charles M. Trupia, Historian,
Midwest Regional Office, August 16,
1985

ORGANIZATION

National Park Service, Midwest Regional Office

DATE

March 1, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

1709 Jackson Street

TELEPHONE

(402) 221-3426

CITY OR TOWN

Omaha

STATE

Nebraska

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES___ NO___ NONE___

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is ___National ___State ___Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number 9

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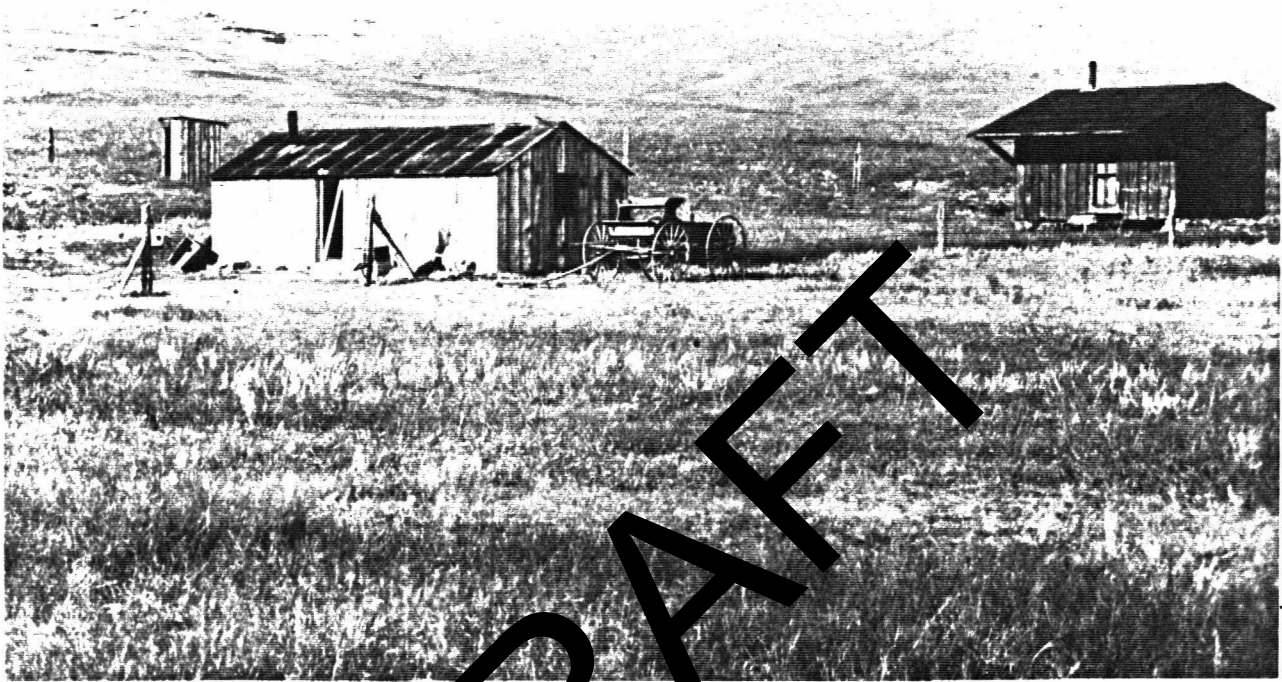
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Source: Agate Fossil Beds National Monument Collection, History file,
number A-238

Date: 1911

Photographer: Unknown

Description: View of northeast side of Bone Cabin (HS-01) in right background.
Northeast view of American Museum Shack (HS-03) in left foreground. Privy
(HS-05) in left background. Fences (HS-06) around the perimeter of complex.

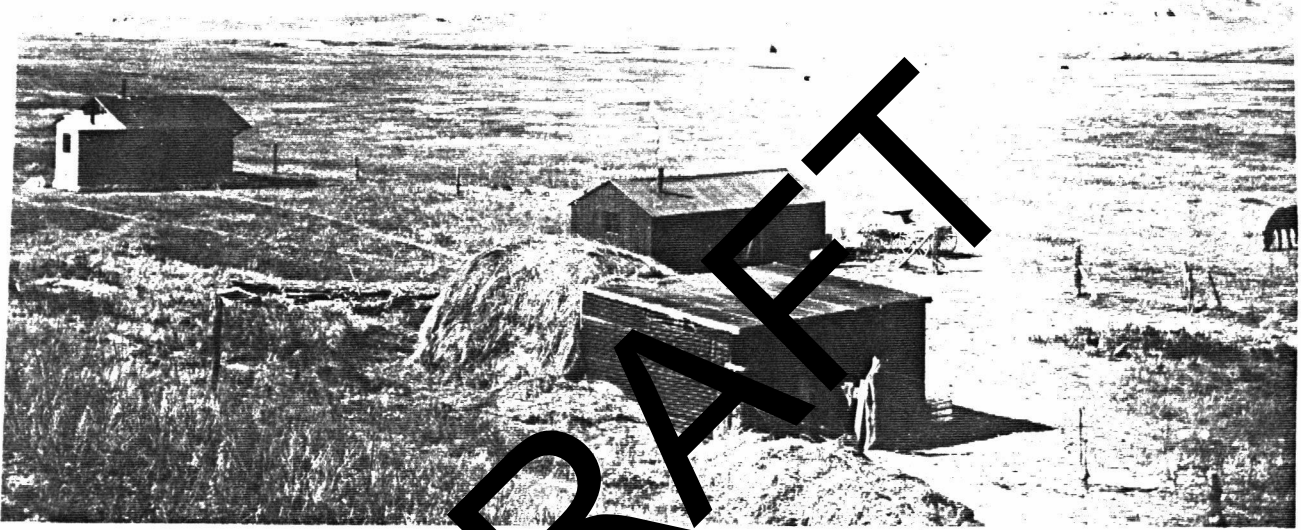


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Date: ca. 1913-1914

Photographer: Unknown

Description: View of northeast side of Bone Cabin (HS-01) with alterations in right background. Northeast view of American Museum Shack (HS-03) with sod roof in center foreground. Storm Cellar (HS-03) in left background. Fences (HS-06) around perimeter of complex.

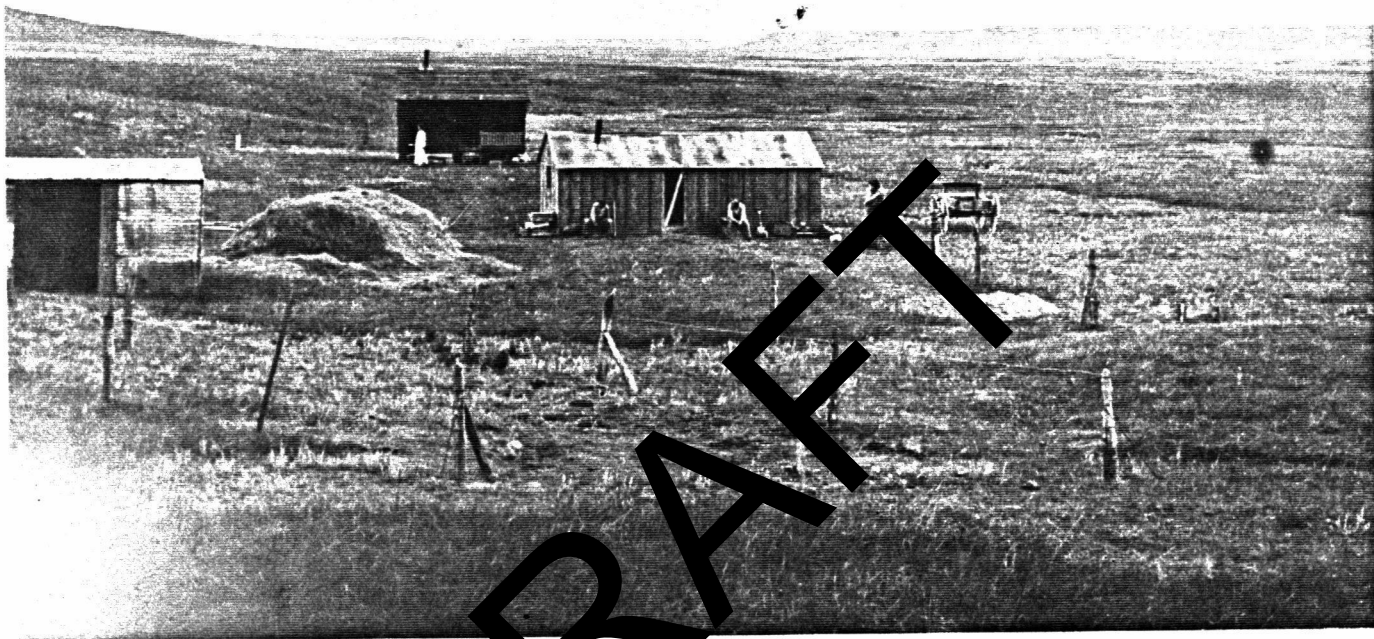


Source: E. H. Barbour Collection, University of Nebraska State Museum, Archives, number 85-507-2.

Date: October 12, 1912

Photographer: E. F. Schramm, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Description: View of southeast side of Bone Cabin (HS-01) in left background. Southeast view of American Museum Shack (HS-03) in center. Barn A (HS-04) in center foreground.



Source: Agate Fossil Beds National Monument Collection, History file,
number A-239

Date: ca. 1911

Photographer: Unknown

Description: View of east side of Bone Cabin (HS-01) in left background. East
view of American Museum Shack (HS-03) in center. Barn A (HS-04) in left
foreground.



Source: Agate Fossil Beds National Monument Collection, History file,
number A-241

Date: ca. 1914

Photographer: Unknown

Description: View of south side of Bone Cabin (HS-01). Portion of Windmill
(HS-02) in left foreground.



DRAFT

Source: Cook Collection, Scotts Bluff National Monument, Box K, file "Misc."

Date: ca. 1920-1925

Photographer: Unknown

Description: View of east side of Bone Cabin Complex. Barn B (HS-07) in foreground.



DRAFT

Source: National Park Service, Midwest Regional Office, Omaha, Nebraska.

Date: June 13, 1985

Photographer: Charles Trupia, Historian, National Park Service.

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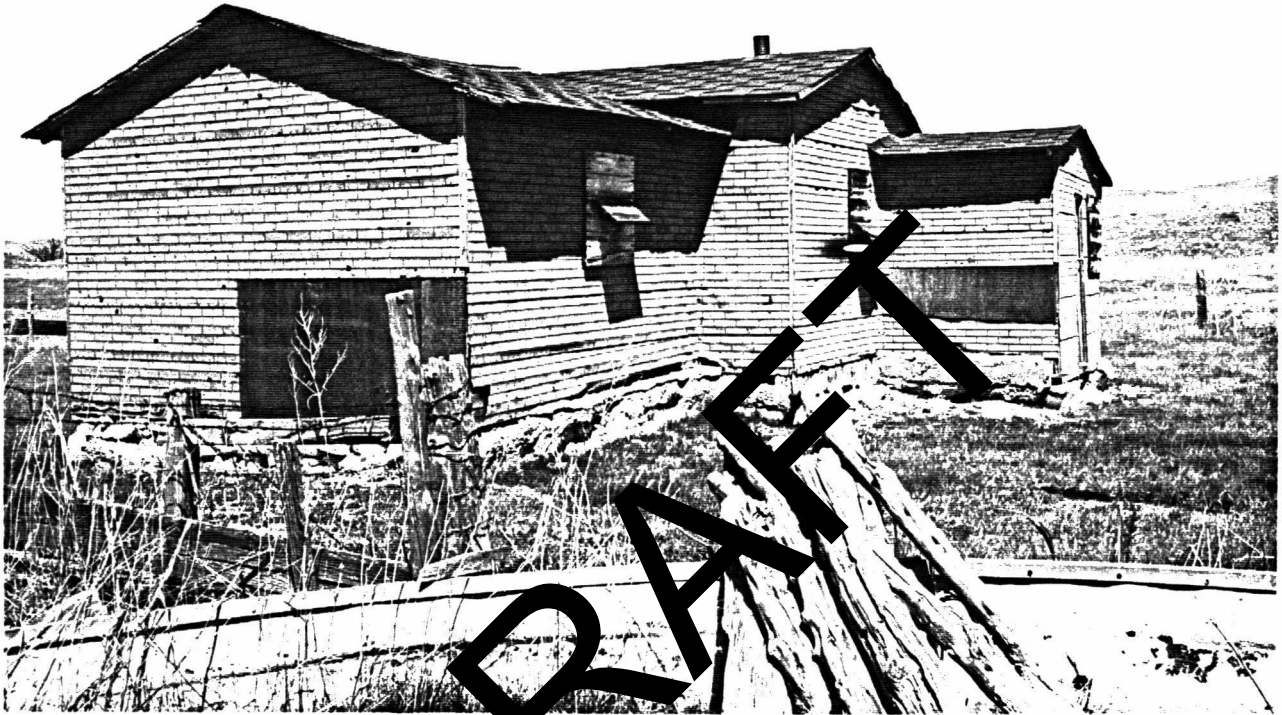


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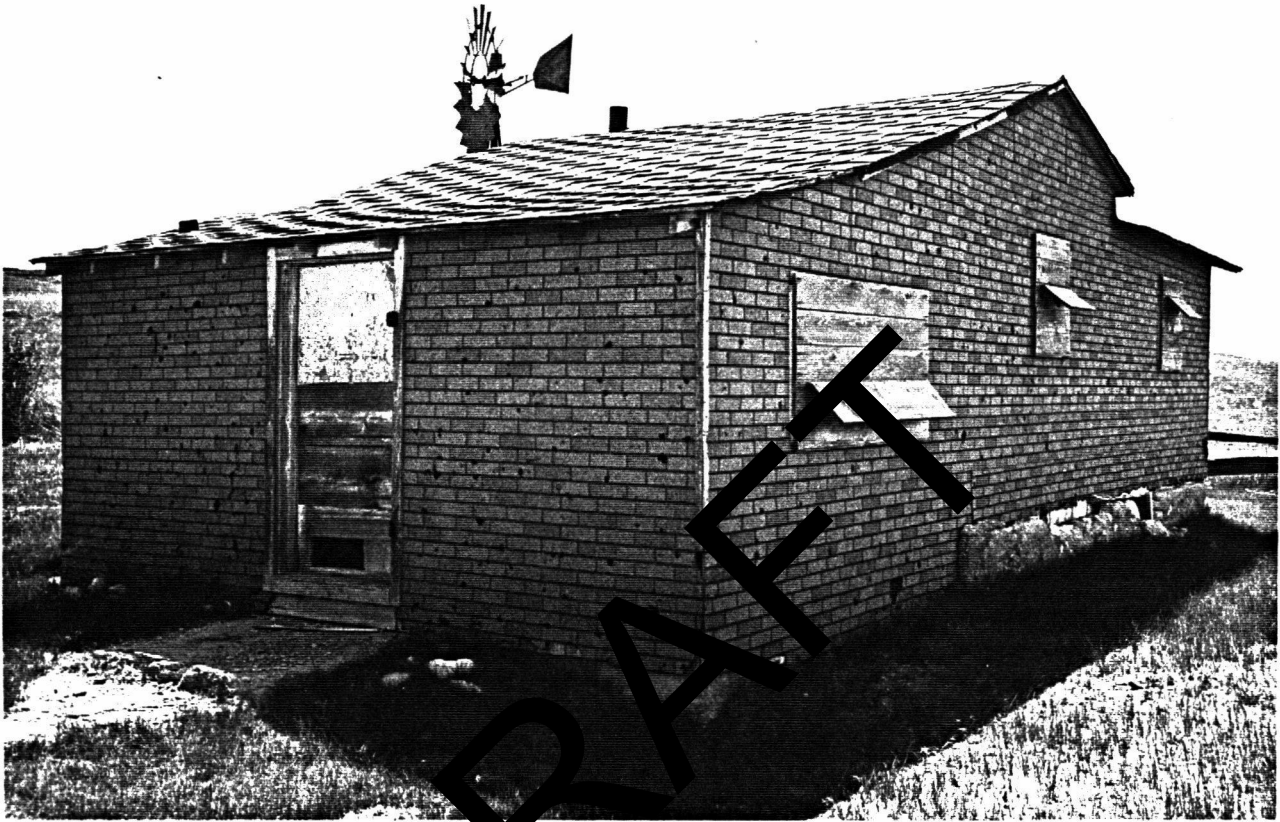


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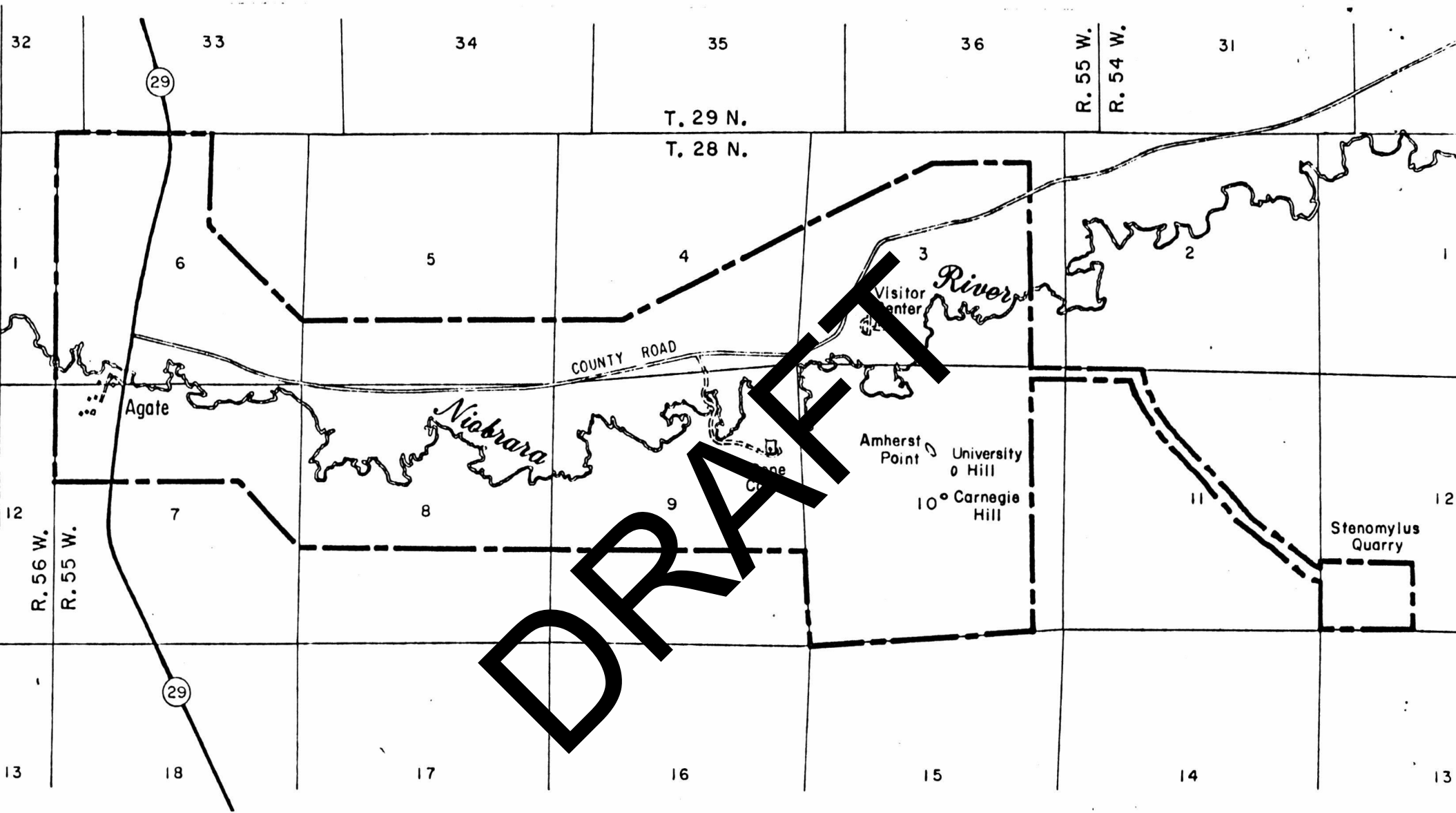


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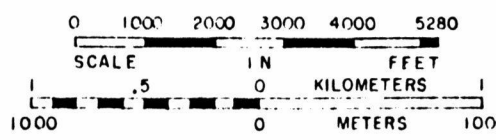
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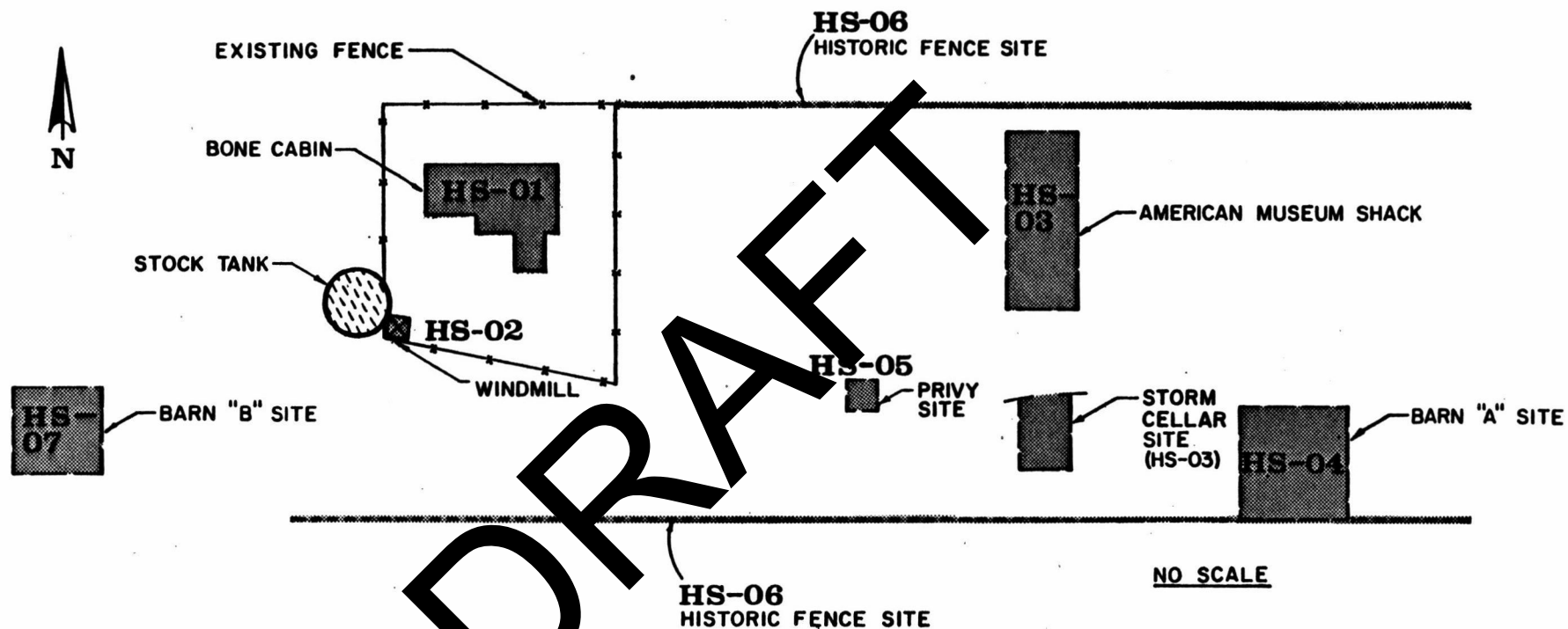
Description: View of northeast side of Bone Cabin (HS-01).



NPS boundary: - - - -
 nominated boundary, 1 acre vicinity.

AGATE FOSSIL BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT
SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN
SIoux COUNTY, NEBRASKA

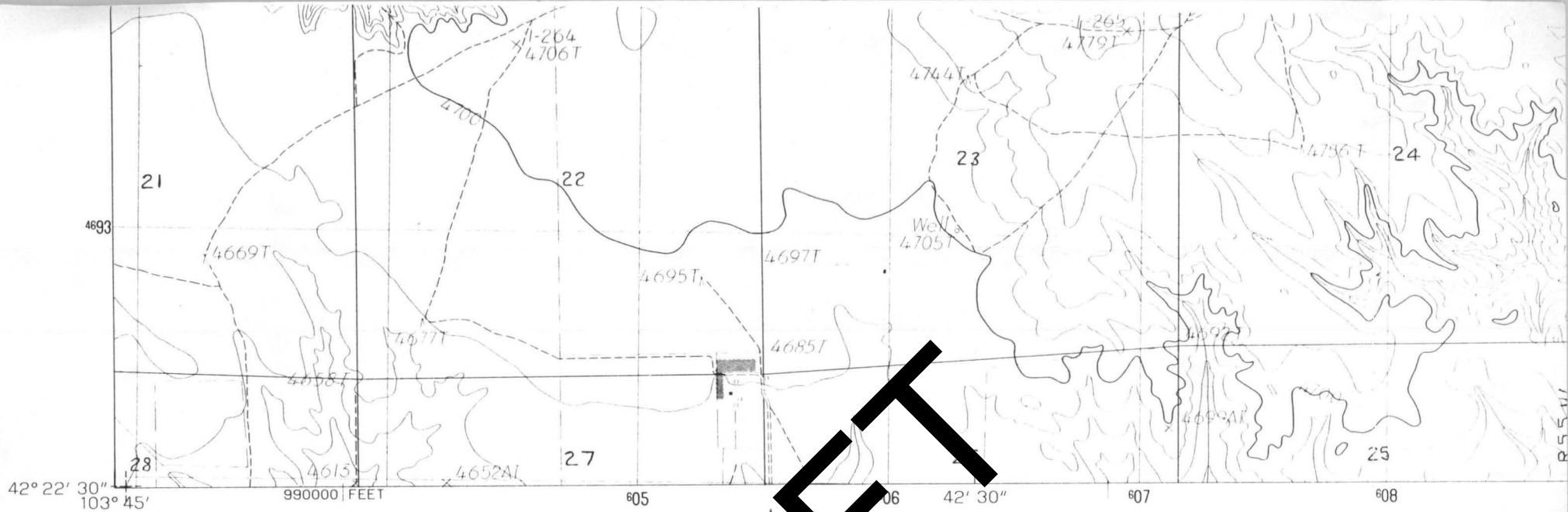




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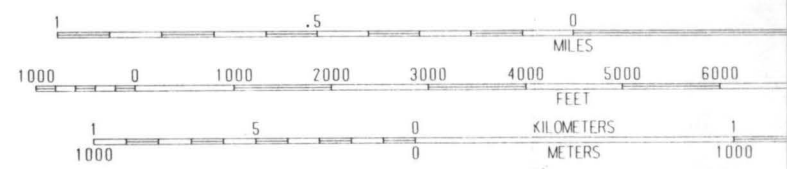
Harold J. Cook Homestead Cabin
Bone Cabin Complex,
Agate Fossil Beds National Monument
Sioux County, Nebraska



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 COMPILED FROM AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN..... 1975
 FIELD CHECKED..... 1981. MAP EDITED..... 1983
 PROJECTION..... LAMBERT CONFORMAL CONIC
 GRID: 1000-METER UNIVERSAL TRANSVERSE MERCATOR.....ZONE 13
 10,000-FOOT STATE GRID TICKS..... NEBRASKA, NORTH ZONE
 UTM GRID DECLINATION..... 0°53' EAST
 1983 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION..... 12°00' EAST
 VERTICAL DATUM..... NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
 HORIZONTAL DATUM..... 1927 NORTH AMERICAN DATUM
 To place on the predicted North American Datum of 1983,
 move the projection lines as shown by dashed corner ticks
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 There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of any
 Federal and State Reservations shown on this map

PROVISIONAL MAP
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 field check. 2

SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET

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Agate Hill

AGATE FOSSIL BEDS
NATIONAL MONUMENT

DRAFT

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NR Data Sheet

DATE: 12 N 76
Reviewer INITIALS: [Signature]
NR DOE AUG 24 1977

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Cook, Harold J., Homestead Cabin

OTHER NAMES: Bone Cabin

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 3 mi. E of Agate off NE 29 ~~km~~ on Agate Fossil Beds National Monument

CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3rd

STATE Nebraska 31 VICINITY OF Agate COUNTY code
Sioux 165

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline) FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME): NPS

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST
SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR EXTERIOR ENVIRONS
- Substantially intact-1 Substantially intact-2 Substantially intact-3
- unknown - 4 - unknown -5 - unknown -6
- not applicable - 7 - not applicable - 8 - Not applicable-9

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT DETERIORATED UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE
- GOOD RUINS ALTERED MOVED
- FAIR UNEXPOSED Reconstructed Unknown
Unexcavated Excavated

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- QUARTERS, OUTBUILDINGS

now- NATIONAL PARK

SIGNIFICANCE:

- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION
- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW/Gov't/politics
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER (SPECIFY)
- entertainment
- health
- recreation
- settlement
- socio/cultural
- urban & commun planning

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor: Harold J. Cook

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal Harold J. Cook - paleontologist

(label role & appropriate date)

events

institutional Carnegie Museum of Pittsburgh

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1904

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: 19

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): 1930 excavation ceased.

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

NPS

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

1

COMMENTS:

(include architectural information here)

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

The cabin was constructed and used as headquarters for early scientific investigations of the agate fossil beds. Harold Cook filed a homestead claim here to protect the fossil deposits.

already listed

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Cook, Harold J., Homestead Cabin
Sioux County
NEBRASKA

NOV 5 1986

Substantive Review

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88
Date Due: 12/20/86
Action: ACCEPT 12-19-86
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: NPS

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria Accept info
Reviewer Grove
Discipline Historian
Date 12/19/86
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed |

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

National Register of Historic Places

Archivist note to the record

Correspondence associated with 2013 additional documentation



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240



September 10, 2013

Memorandum

To: Acting Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

From: Deputy Federal Preservation Officer, National Park Service *Adriana Nicks*

Subject: Additional Documentation for Harold J. Cook Homestead Cabin/Bone Cabin, Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, Sioux County, Nebraska

77 000 156

I am forwarding Additional Documentation for the Harold J. Cook Homestead Cabin/Bone Cabin at Agate Fossil Beds National Monument. The property was listed in 1977 and amended in 1985. This document makes a technical adjustment to the resource count, to remove five resources from the count that were no longer extant at the time of the 1985 amendment.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL
National Park Service
Midwest Region
601 Riverfront Drive
Omaha, Nebraska 68102

NO HARD COPY TO FOLLOW

1.A.2.(H32 MWR-CR/HNRP)

September 9, 2013

To: Associate Director, Cultural Resources, WASO
Attention: Chief Historian, Park History WASO (2261)

From: Regional Director, Midwest Region

Subject: Approval of Additional Documentation for Bone Cabin, Harold Cook
Homestead Cabin and Agate Fossil Beds National Monument

The Midwest Region contracted for the completion of an updated National Register of Historic Places nomination for Agate Fossil Beds, Nebraska. As part of that process, the contractor prepared additional documentation for the Bone Cabin, Harold Cook Homestead Cabin, which is within the boundaries of this park and previously listed (1985).

I support the additional documentation for the Bone Cabin listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

I also support listing the amendment and additional documentation for Agate Fossil Beds.

Should you have any questions, please call Senior Historian Ron Cockrell at 402-661-1922.

Martin A. Sterkel [Acting]

cc:
Superintendent, Agate Fossil Beds



Spradley-Kurowski, Kelly <kelly_spradley-kurowski@nps.gov>

FW: AGFO

4 messages

Dan Worth <dworth@bvh.com>

Thu, Jun 13, 2013 at 11:52 AM

To: "Spradley-Kurowski, Kelly" <kelly_spradley-kurowski@nps.gov>

Cc: "Cockrell, Ronald" <ron_cockrell@nps.gov>, Melissa Dirr Gengler <melissa@hrg-nebraska.com>

Hello Kelly—please see email below from NeSHPO on the Bone Cabin amendment. Hope this will be what you need. I had a hard copy for you but it was misplaced as we assembled the mailing.

Thanks.

Dan

DAN M. WORTH AIA FAPT

Sr. Principal

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From: Mohr, Audrey [mailto:audrey.mohr@nebraska.gov]

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 1:03 PM

To: Melissa

Subject: RE: AGFO

Yes, this is pretty straight-forward, so we have no comment. Let me know if you need a letter or something more official.

Thanks,

Audrey

From: Melissa [mailto:melissa@hrg-nebraska.com]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 12:03 PM
To: Mohr, Audrey
Subject: RE: AGFO

One more thing...NPS wanted to know if you had any comments on the Bone Cabin amendment? Pretty straight forward, but that is what NPS was looking for.

I am attaching so you don't have to search!

Melissa Dirr Gengler

Architectural Historian

Historic Resources Group, Inc.

402-770-5877

Melissa@hrg-nebraska.com

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HISTORIC RESOURCES GROUP, INC.

From: Mohr, Audrey [mailto:audrey.mohr@nebraska.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 11:42 AM
To: Melissa
Subject: RE: AGFO

Yes, I have it, and just let me know when you will stop by so I can make sure someone is here to give it to you.

Audrey

From: Melissa [mailto:melissa@hrg-nebraska.com]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 11:39 AM
To: Mohr, Audrey
Subject: AGFO

Audrey,

Do you have the original signed copy of the AGFO cover page? If so, can I stop by and pick it up in the next day or two.

Melissa Dirr Gengler

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HISTORIC RESOURCES GROUP, INC.

Spradley-Kurowski, Kelly <kelly_spradley-kurowski@nps.gov>
To: James Gabbert <james_gabbert@nps.gov>

Mon, Jun 24, 2013 at 10:57 AM

Nebraska and the park are getting everything together so they can resubmit the Agate Fossil Beds NM nomination amendment, as well as an amendment to the Bone Cabin listing, which you and Erika recommended after the first submission of the AGFO nomination. I asked for something showing the SHPO had reviewed the Bone cabin amendment, and below is what I received—they misplaced a hard copy of some sort and sent this e-mail in its place. Do you need something more official?

Kelly Spradley-Kurowski, PhD
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Gabbert, James <james_gabbert@nps.gov>
To: "Spradley-Kurowski, Kelly" <kelly_spradley-kurowski@nps.gov>

Mon, Jun 24, 2013 at 11:13 AM

If this Bone Cabin amendment does not change the boundaries of that listing, then I do not think we need anything else.

[Quoted text hidden]

—
Jim Gabbert
Historian
National Register of Historic Places/National Historic Landmarks
(202) 354-2275

Spradley-Kurowski, Kelly <kelly_spradley-kurowski@nps.gov>
To: "Gabbert, James" <james_gabbert@nps.gov>

Mon, Jun 24, 2013 at 1:20 PM

Thanks

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