

The Ethel S. and Christopher J. Abbott Visitor Center at Chimney Rock was opened in 1994 on eight acres of land donated to the State of Nebraska by the Gordon & Patty Howard family. The Center offers a breathtaking view of the Rock, several outstanding displays and historical artifacts, an excellent gift shop, and several educational components for visitors of all ages and backgrounds.

After 25 great years at one of our state's most important natural monuments, the Ethel S. and Christopher J. Abbott Center is due for an upgrade worthy of the site it honors and the visitors it serves.

The project will increase annual usage of the Center, connect the facility with the local and area communities by its ability to host meetings and groups, and enable the staff to develop more effective and attractive regional school services programs and year-round special events.

**We are seeking the final \$235,000 needed to fully fund this \$1.8 million project. *Will you join us?***

Any and all funds raised in excess of our project's stated goal of \$1.8 million will be allocated by the NSHS Foundation toward physical improvements and/or educational programs at the Ethel S. and Christopher J. Abbott Visitor Center at Chimney Rock.



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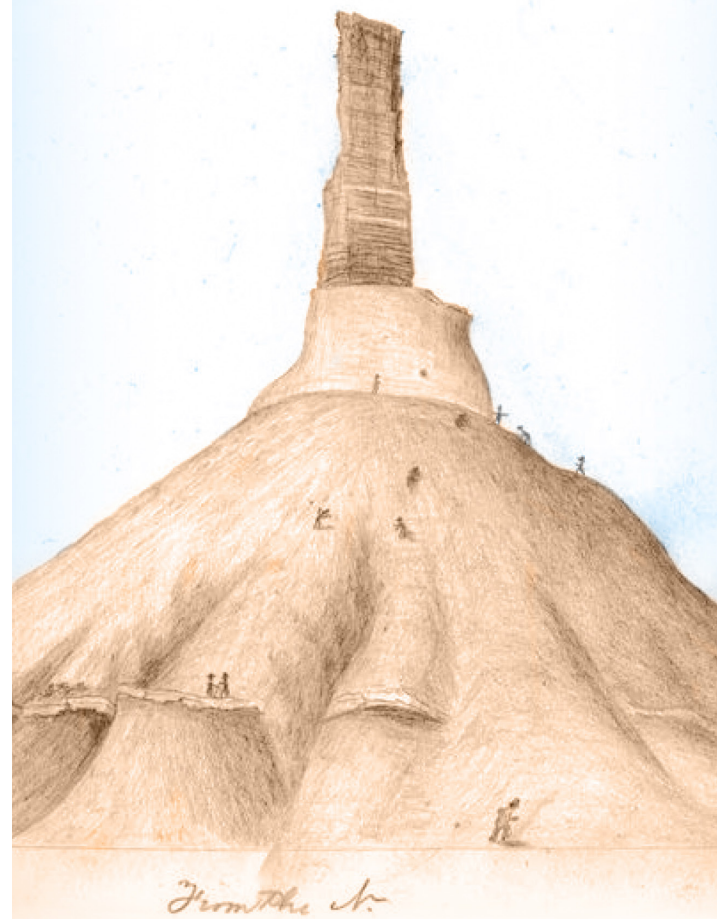
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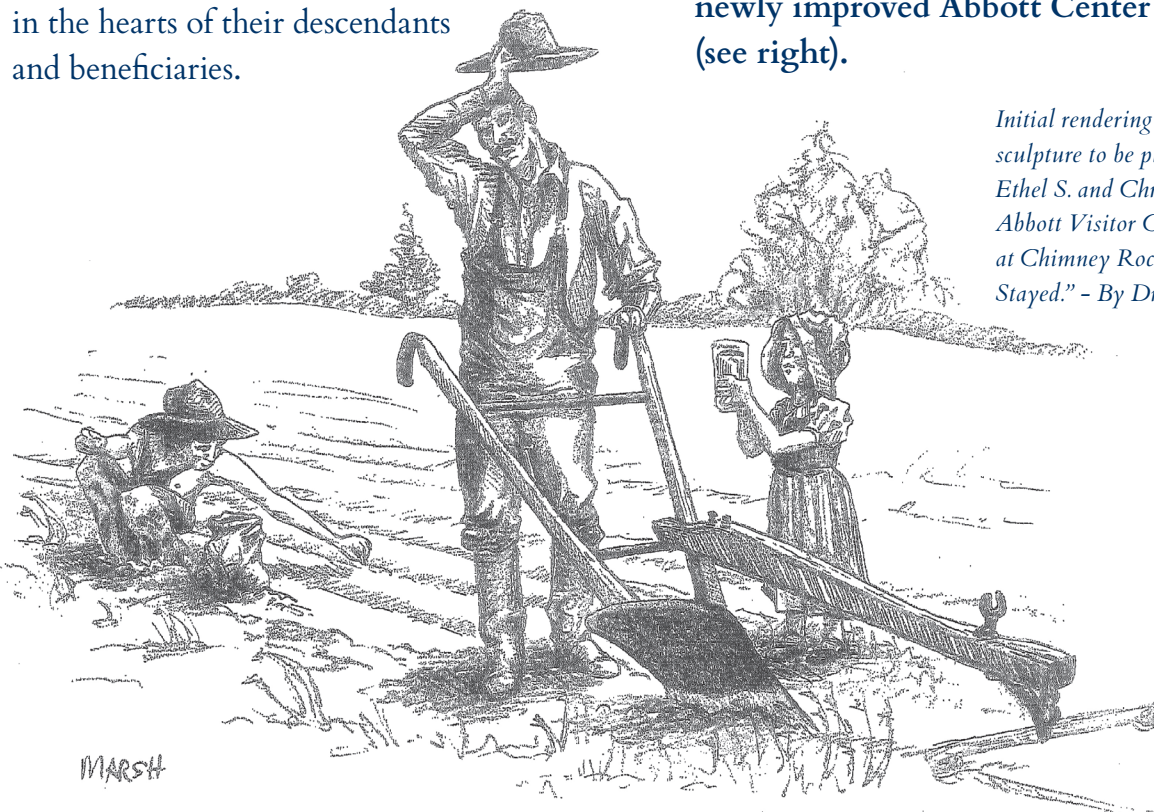


Sketch by: William Quesenbury, 1851

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A generous donor has recently commissioned a beautiful bronze sculpture to be placed on the grounds of the Ethel S. and Christopher J. Abbott Visitor Center at Chimney Rock. This work of art will pay special tribute to the settlers of Nebraska.

We all know Chimney Rock stood as a beacon and a sign of geographic transition to the migrants of the great western trails of the 1840's and 1850's. But to many Nebraskans, the Rock also pays tribute to those who stayed. These were, after all, the first non-native Nebraskans. And their courage and resilience in the face of a very hard land stands just as tall to this day in the hearts of their descendants and beneficiaries.



*We need your support* to help us complete a renovation and expansion of the Ethel S. and Christopher J. Abbott Visitor Center at Chimney Rock. Your generous tax-deductible donation *of any amount* will be greatly appreciated, and your name(s) will be recognized in the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation's Annual Report, website, and other media. *Donors of \$100 or more will receive two tickets to the Abbott Center dedication event in the Spring of 2020.* Donors of \$1,000 or more will be further recognized, in perpetuity, on a beautiful donor wall display to be installed at the newly improved Abbott Center (see right).

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## DONOR WALL DISPLAY RECOGNITION LEVELS

*Plaques bearing donor names and memorials will be sized in descending order based upon the following gift-amount categories.*

**SUMMIT - \$25,000** *(largest sized plaque)*

**MONUMENT - \$15,000**

**LANDMARK - \$5,000**

**SANDHILLS - \$2,500**

**PRAIRIE - \$1,000** *(smallest sized plaque)*

All donors of \$1,000 or more will have their individual, family, or organizational name permanently recognized on a plaque to be placed upon the donor wall display.

All donors of \$2,500 or more will also receive a special limited edition desktop bronze sculpture (9"-12" tall, 9-12 lbs.) of Chimney Rock by Dr. David L. Biehl.

All donor plaques at the \$5,000 and higher levels will have space to accommodate appropriate memorial or other messages at the donor's request and state approval.

Gifts of all amounts to this project will be gratefully recognized by the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation in our publications and on our website.