

Query 1

Before the Interstate Highway System linked America together after WWII, the main overland route for those heading west until the middle of the 19th century was the Great Platte River Road across the Great Plains of Western Nebraska. The Oregon Trail, Mormon Trail, California Gold Rush Trail, Pony Express Trail, and first Transcontinental Railroad and the Lincoln Highway - the nation's first transcontinental road - all followed the Platte through Nebraska.

I'll visit landmarks on the Oregon Trail including Windlass Hill, Courthouse and Jail Rocks, Chimney Rock, and Scotts Bluff and Mitchell Pass at the western end. I'll also be covering the Sandhills - a vast, rolling prairie covering nearly a third of the state and one of America's 10 most beautiful highways.

I offer FNASR for a 1,750 word feature titled, "Where the West came together: The Great Platte River Road." I will have high-res images from my Nikon D-7000 and Nikon D-610 to illustrate the article.

As an award-winning writer and photographer who will be traversing this piece of Americana in June 2014, I am best positioned to write this article for you. This will also help round out your archives and coverage of Nebraska, which has been minimal.

Query 2

Chances are petting bees will not be on your "honey-do list", that is until after you visit the home of Master Beekeeper, Julia Mahood.

Recently my husband and I booked a beekeeping experience with Ms. Mahood and enjoyed every minute of it. I would like to share this experience with your readers.

I am offering you the 824-word article, about our experience for your fine publication. If you are interested, I could send you the completed manuscript immediately.

I am a published author of six books as well as countless magazine articles. I would be happy to send you my professional resume upon request.

Attached you will find pictures and descriptions. Please note that the pictures are diminished in size in order for transmission. Upon acceptance, I can send you full resolution pictures.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope to hear from you soon regarding the "Honey-Do List"