



The Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway “holds up” Outlaw Trail Rides along the Outlaw Trail in Doc Middleton country. The goals of these rides are to:

Provide riders with experience of discovering first-hand the locations of outlaw and vigilante activities near scenic Highway 12.

Enjoy with fellow riders the beautiful and diverse landscape of Doc Middleton Country.

Gain an appreciation of the history of Doc Middleton Country and the Outlaw Trail.

Acquaint riders with and promote businesses along the Outlaw Trail

Raise funds to:

Create interpretive information for specific outlaw sites.

Develop outlaw trail markers to better identify the byway.

So join our gang and ride with us as we explore Nebraska’s Outlaw Trail.

For further information call Al Brock 402-376-1164.

Completed and proposed ride locations

Valentine - Casterline’s Bar shooting and murder of Lt. Cherry - 2011, 2014

Doc Middleton’s Robber’s Roost hideout

Murder of Trooper Hansen - 2013

Sparks - Hole In The Rock - May 2018

Norden - Boot Scootin’ Boogie at Historic Norden Dance Hall - 2015

Meadville - Doc Middleton hideout

Springview - Kit Murphy hanging, Pony Boys hideout - September 2013

Carns - Doc Middleton arrested

Bassett - Kid Wade hanging

Niobrara Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary (Hutton Ranch) - 2015

Mills - Holden cabin hanging Oak Creek Ranch - June 2014, June 2018

Naper - White Horse Ranch - June 2016

Butte - Kid Wade Canyon - June 2013

Lynch - Horse Thief Canyon - April 2013

Gross - Ed Jones Murder

Scottville - Barrett Scott murder

Verdel - Cave hideout

Mars/Verdigre Valley - Attempted capture of Doc Middleton - May 2014

Niobrara - Desperado Days - July 2015

Lindy/Crofton - Devil’s Nest (James Brothers)

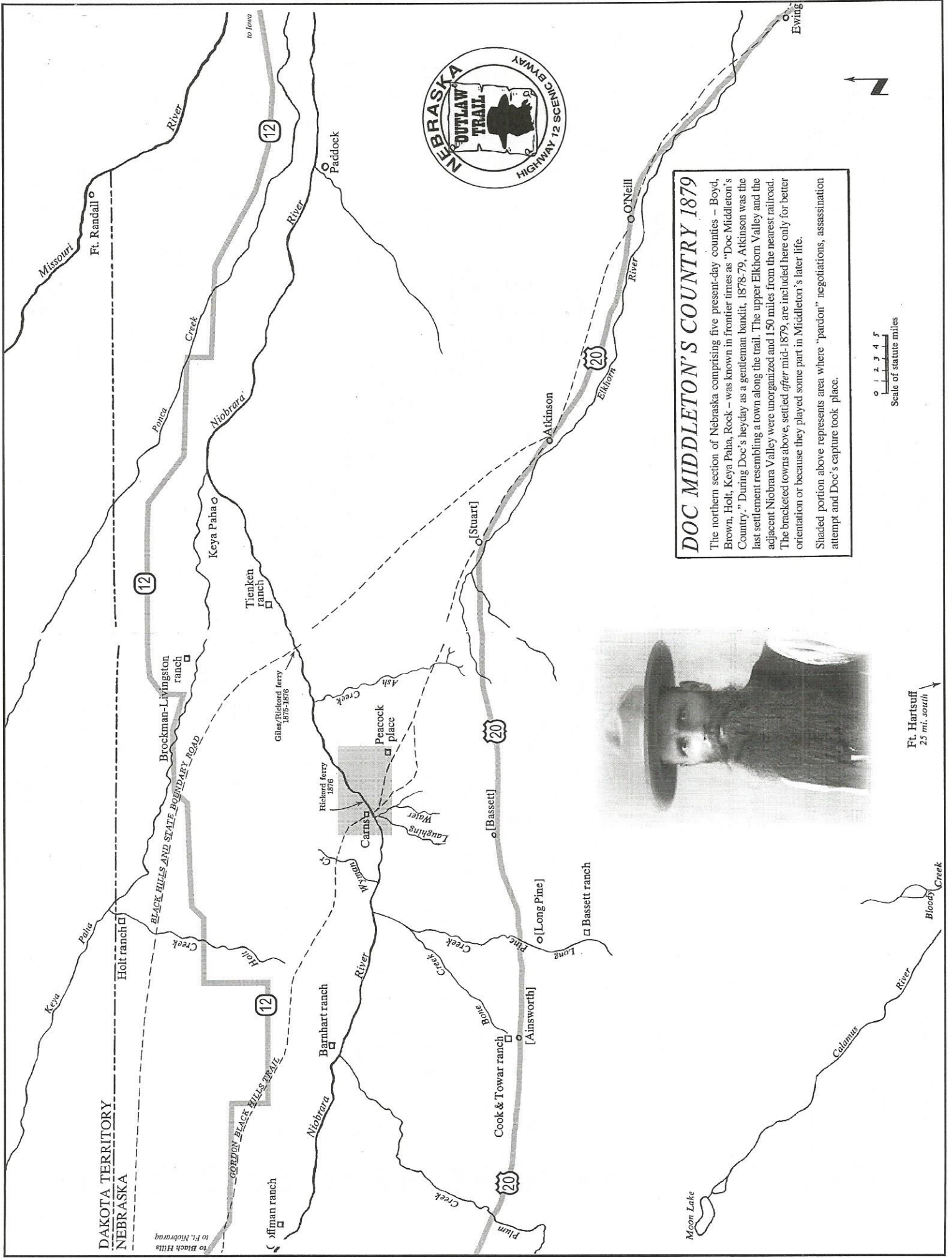
St. Helena - James Jamison and Nick Numhoffer murders

Wynot/St. James - Wiseman Massacre

Obert - James’ Brothers mother’s home

Newcastle - Turkey Creek Ranch - 2012

Ponca - Missing Army payroll escort - June 2015



DOC MIDDLETON'S COUNTRY 1879

The northern section of Nebraska comprising five present-day counties - Boyd, Brown, Holt, Keya Paha, Rock - was known in frontier times as "Doc Middleton's Country." During Doc's heyday as a gentleman bandit, 1878-79, Atkinson was the last settlement resembling a town along the trail. The upper Elkhorn Valley and the adjacent Niobrara Valley were unorganized and 150 miles from the nearest railroad. The bracketed towns above, settled *after* mid-1879, are included here only for better orientation or because they played some part in Middleton's later life.

Shaded portion above represents area where "pardon" negotiations, assassination attempt and Doc's capture took place.



Ft. Hartsuff
2.5 mi. south