

# **Community**

**3rd grade exterior  
walking tour of the  
Nebraska State Capitol**

# Capitol Front Entrance



**US Seal**

**Nebraska Seal**

# Seals of US and Nebraska

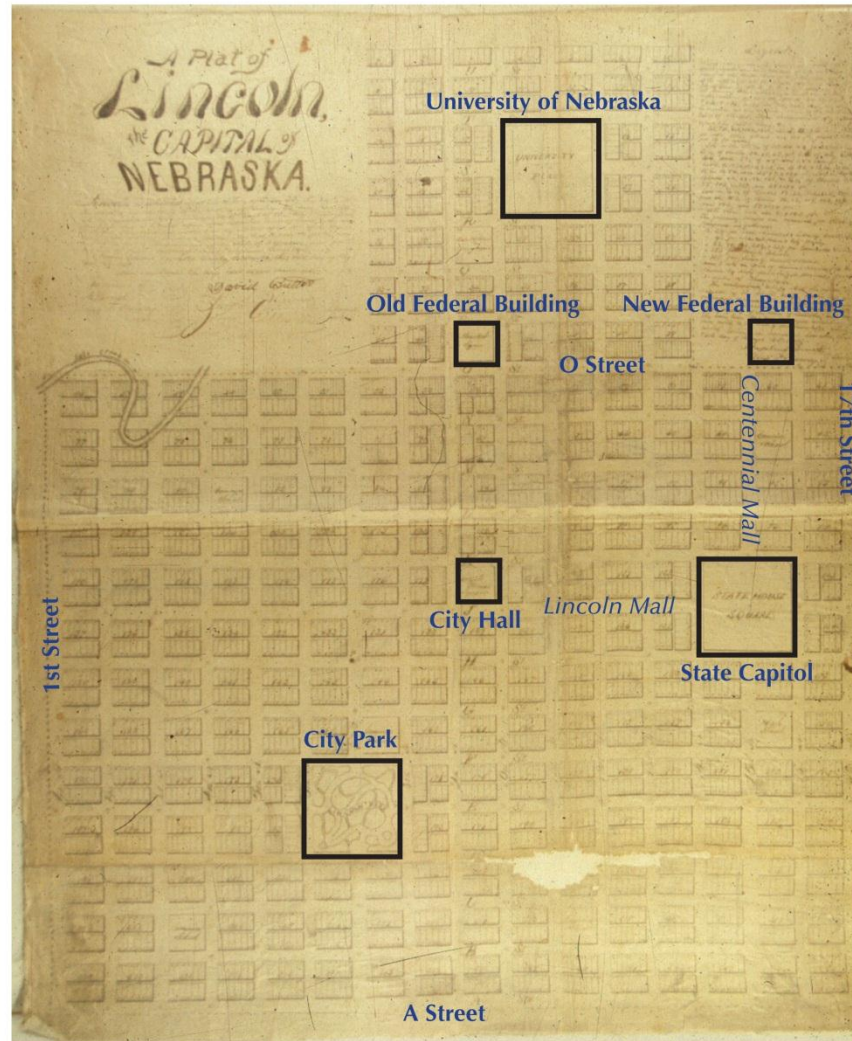


**Nebraska's many communities are represented by the 93 county names  
around the outside of the Capitol**





# Original Plat of Lincoln 1867



**Buildings in downtown copy the Capitol's limestone or beige color**







**View of St. Mary's Church  
today and 100 years ago**

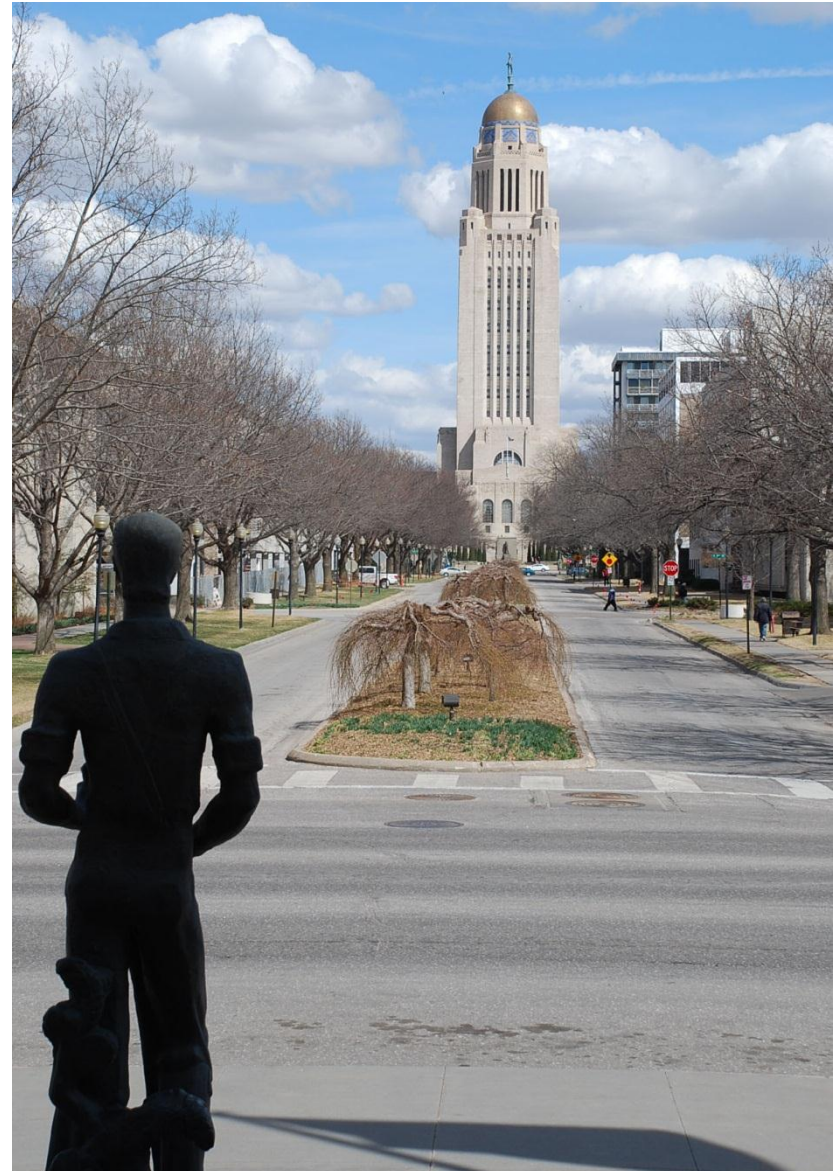


**The SOWER is a Symbol of Nebraska's agricultural community and a symbol to represent Lincoln and the state.**

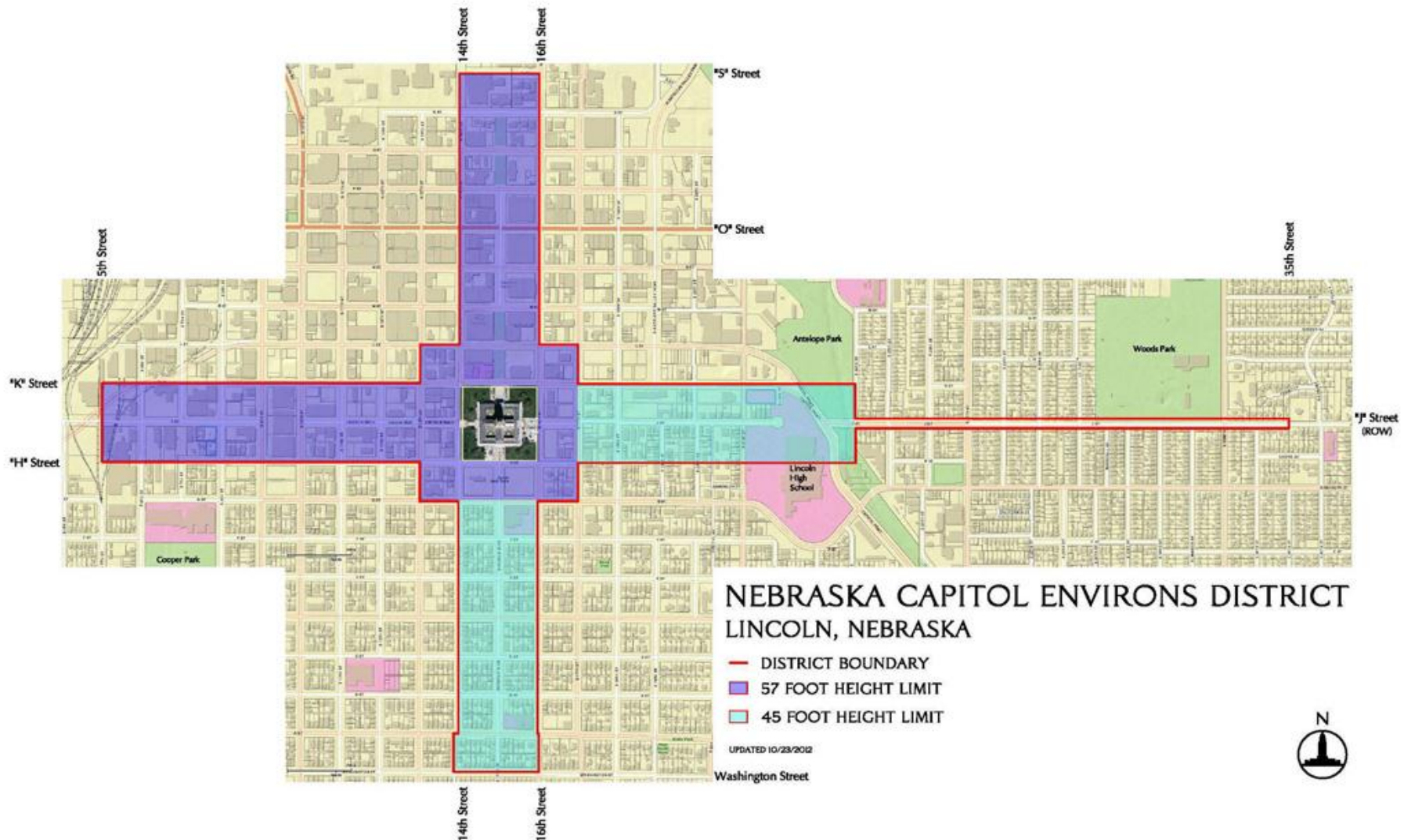




**Tall buildings block the view of the Capitol  
Lincoln Mall provides a good view of the Capitol.**



# Capitol Environs District (purple and green area) where buildings can only be four stories tall protecting the view of the Capitol





## Statues of Abraham Lincoln on Lincoln Mall





**Brick sculpture of a historic home at Century House on Lincoln Mall reminds us of our community's history.**







Citizens gather to hold community events and rallies on the West Plaza which was here before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Capitol was built.



# NEBRASKA'S LINCOLN MONUMENT

1912

2012





**Executive Branch**

**Legislative Branch**



**Judicial Branch**



**Railroad tracks were built down H Street and brought materials and equipment for the construction of the new Capitol**



Photo: Nebraska State Historical Society



**The tracks were removed when the Capitol was finished**





The block south of the Capitol was once filled with many big houses



**Many houses were torn down to provide space to build the Governor's Residence**



**Southeast of the Capitol some big houses still stand**







**Compare the views from the top of the Capitol today and when the Capitol was completed in 1932. You can see the old school there before McPhee.**



**King John presents his subjects with a contract saying he will follow the same laws they do and give them a say in their government.**







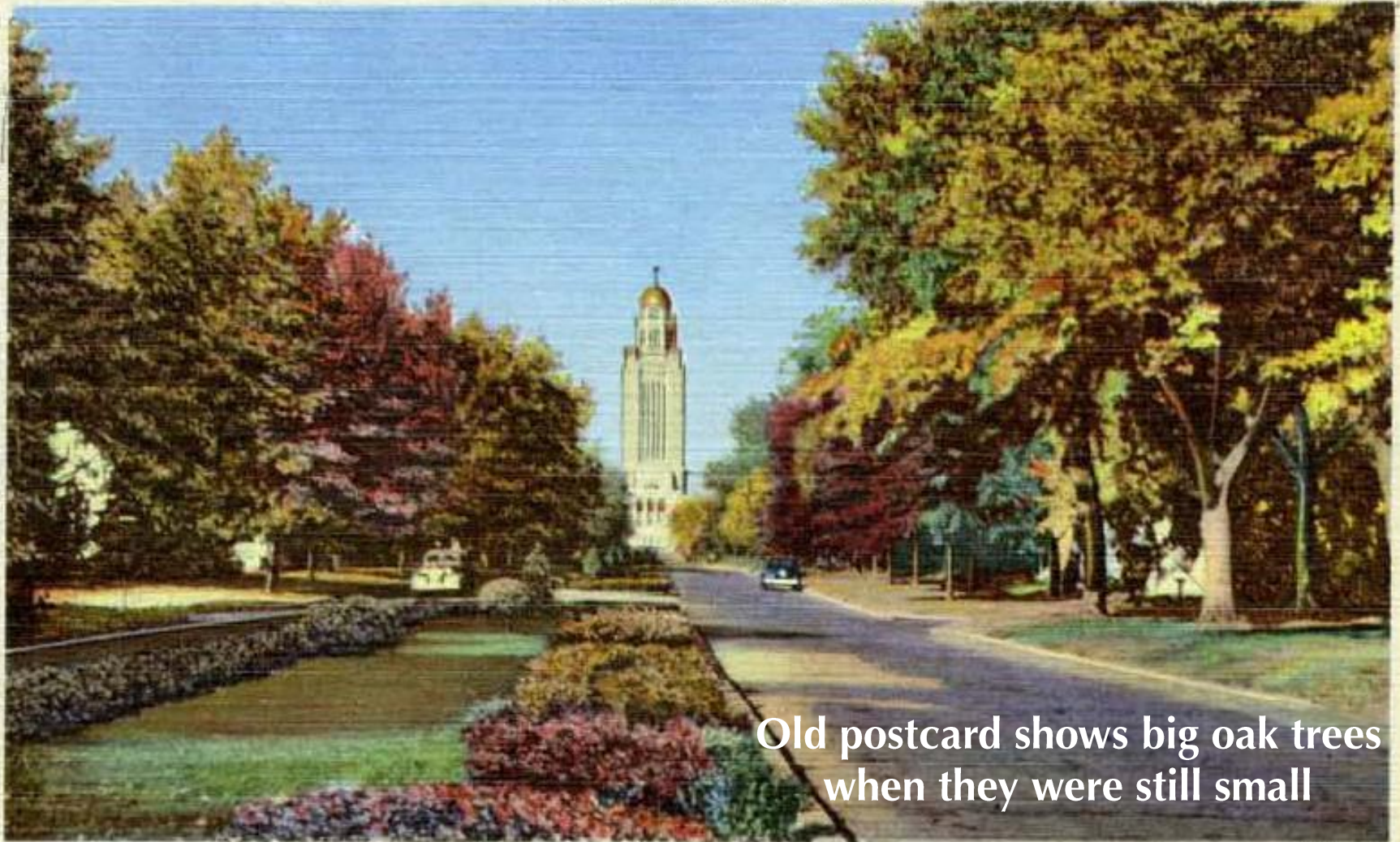
**The Declaration on Independence and  
The Writing of the United States Constitution**





**15<sup>th</sup> Street was renamed Goodhue Boulevard  
to honor the Capitol Architect Bertram Goodhue.**

*Capitol Tower, Looking North on Fifteenth Street, Lincoln, Neb.*



**Old postcard shows big oak trees  
when they were still small**



**Trees of many different kinds and sizes live on the Capitol grounds forming a plant community of young and old trees.**





**The Capitol sits on a hill west of Antelope Creek**





**The city and NRD worked together to build a new road and creek channel to protect the downtown community from flooding.**



## A Peregrine Falcon lives on top of the Capitol



Falcon

nest box





Equality is important to  
Native Americans

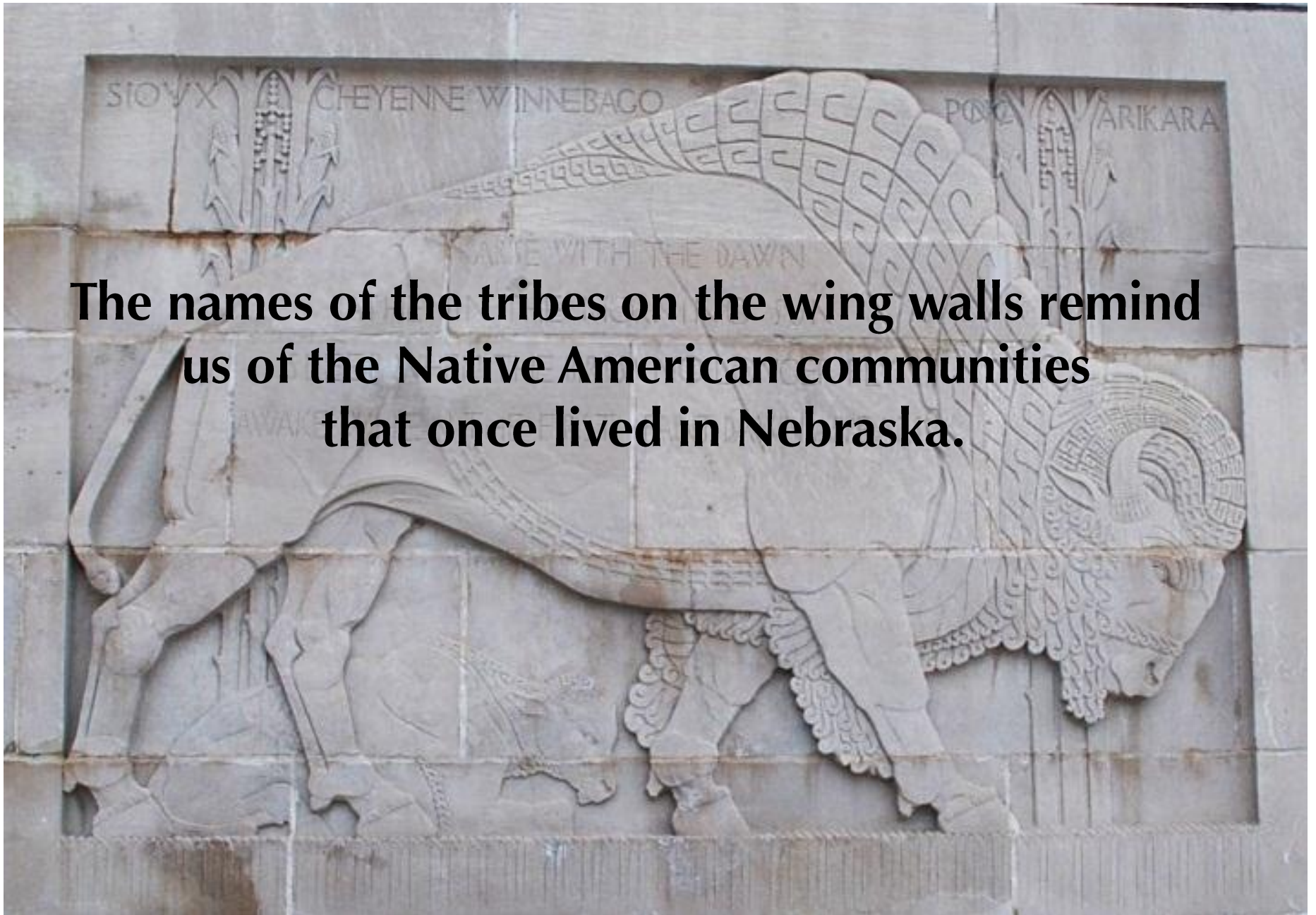


all community members—  
European Americans



African Americans



A stone relief carving of a bison, likely from the Nebraska State Capitol. The bison is depicted in profile, facing right, with its head lowered. Its wings are spread wide, and the feathers are carved into a series of rectangular blocks. Above the wings, the names of four Native American tribes are inscribed in capital letters: SIOUX, CHEYENNE, WINNEBAGO, and POKON. To the right of the bison's head, the word ARIKARA is visible. The carving is set against a background of stone blocks.

**The names of the tribes on the wing walls remind us of the Native American communities that once lived in Nebraska.**