

# NEVADA · 1864-1964

## A WORD TO OUR VISITORS ...

**SPEED LIMITS**—Unless otherwise posted, Nevada's highways do not have maximum speed limits. You must drive at safe and reasonable speeds, however. Use your good judgment, taking into consideration road and weather conditions, visibility and traffic. Reduce your speed through urban areas according to posted limits. Slow down when you approach a school or other posted area regardless of size. Some of these may not have posted limits but you should be prepared to stop.

**SCHOOL BUSES**—Come to a complete stop when you approach a school bus which is flashing red warning signal. Traffic from both sides must stop as long as the signal is flashing. Reduce your speed through urban areas according to posted limits. Slow down when you approach a school or other posted area regardless of size. Some of these may not have posted limits but you should be prepared to stop.

**UNIMPROVED ROADS**—Many of the unimproved roads in the state can be dangerous, especially during winter weather. We advise you not to venture off paved highways unless you are familiar with the road and you have a spare tire. Do not attempt to drive on these roads if you are driving in isolated areas.

**TRAFIC LAWS**—Driving regulations in Nevada are similar to those in other states. Which laws apply to you depends on where you are driving. For complete information, consult the Nevada Statutes, the Nevada Traffic Laws and the Nevada Driver's License Manual.

**KEEP OUR HIGHWAYS CLEAN**—Don't be a litterbug! Remember your good driving manners and help us keep our highways attractive.

**FIRE DANGER**—It is unlawful to throw cigarettes or matches out of your car. Help us prevent the dangerous rages and forest fires which result from carelessness on the part of motorists. Use your safety, save our forests!

## NEVADA—THE VACATION STATE

Nevada offers a wide variety of wonderful vacation possibilities. Its famous hotels offer superb food and accommodations, and the excitement of the huge casinos where the nation's top entertainers appear nightly. Vacations can be surprisingly low in cost in the centers of Las Vegas, Reno, Lake Tahoe area, and other parts of the Nevada mountains.

Minutes away from the resort centers are the silent deserts, the lakes and the mountains which give this state its unique flavor. As viewed from its modern highways, Nevada's ever-changing landscape is undeniably beautiful. Unforgettable, too, is the fun of exploring our own ghost towns, fishing, hunting, and riding or hiking in the mountains. With its friendly western hospitality, its endless supply of warm and sunny days, Nevada invites you for the vacation of your life.

**WHAT TO WEAR**—Informality is the rule. Sport clothes are in order even at the finest of the resort hotels. In summer you will want to ride and in winter you will want to bring your skis with you to enjoy the slopes.

**THE CLIMATE**—The sunnier months of the year, from May to September, are the best for a visit to Nevada. The winter months, from December to February, are the best for a visit to the Lake Tahoe area and other parts of the Nevada mountains.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**—A number of events take place annually which are of unusual interest—the University of Nevada Winter Carnival, the St. Patrick's Day and Homecoming Parades, the Summer Parades and the Carson City Fair in the fall in Reno; International Days in Henderson; going Tournament of Champions and Hells-on-Wheels Celebration, the Mint Rodeo, American Pageant, and the Community Fair in Las Vegas; Carson Valley Days in Minden; Pony Express Days and the Nevada Fair of Industry in Ely; the Stampede and Rodeo on Labor Day in Fallon and Wickenburg; the Elko County Fair and Livestock Show in Elko; Nevada Day in Carson City.

In addition to these annual events, a number of special celebrations will be staged around the state during the Centennial Year, 1964. For information about dates and places, write the Nevada Centennial Commission, State Building, Reno, Nevada.



Governor Grant Sawyer

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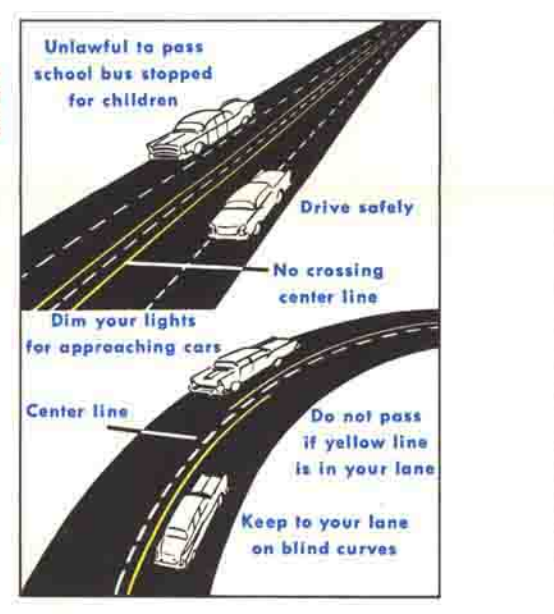
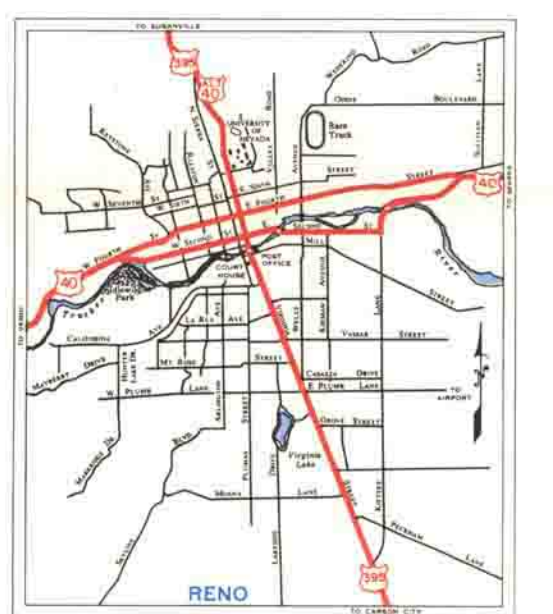
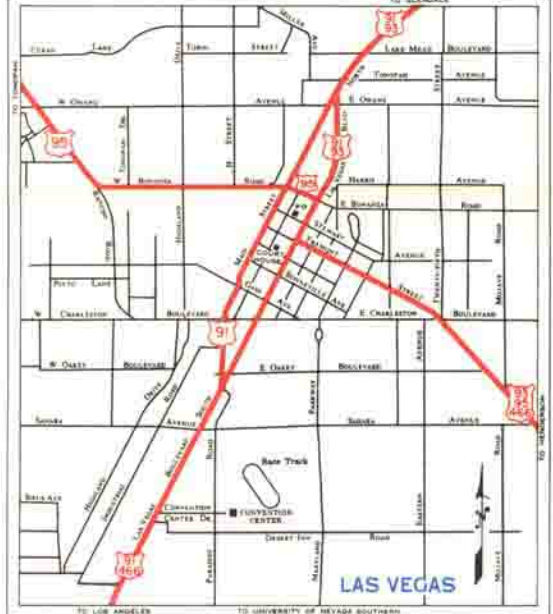
WELCOME TO NEVADA! On behalf of every citizen of our state, let me wish you a most pleasant trip.

In 1964, we will celebrate our Centennial. This anniversary of our hundredth year is celebrated in the United States of America. The people of Nevada would like to join with you in celebrating this historic event.

Our state plays a most important role in the development of our nation. In your travels through Nevada you will see history in every place you visit, in every town, in every canyon, and in every vista. We hope you will take the time to enjoy our country and its people.

We cordially invite you to come to Nevada for the Centennial celebration. Let us give you the best of our hospitality and show you the best of Nevada.

Grant Sawyer  
Governor



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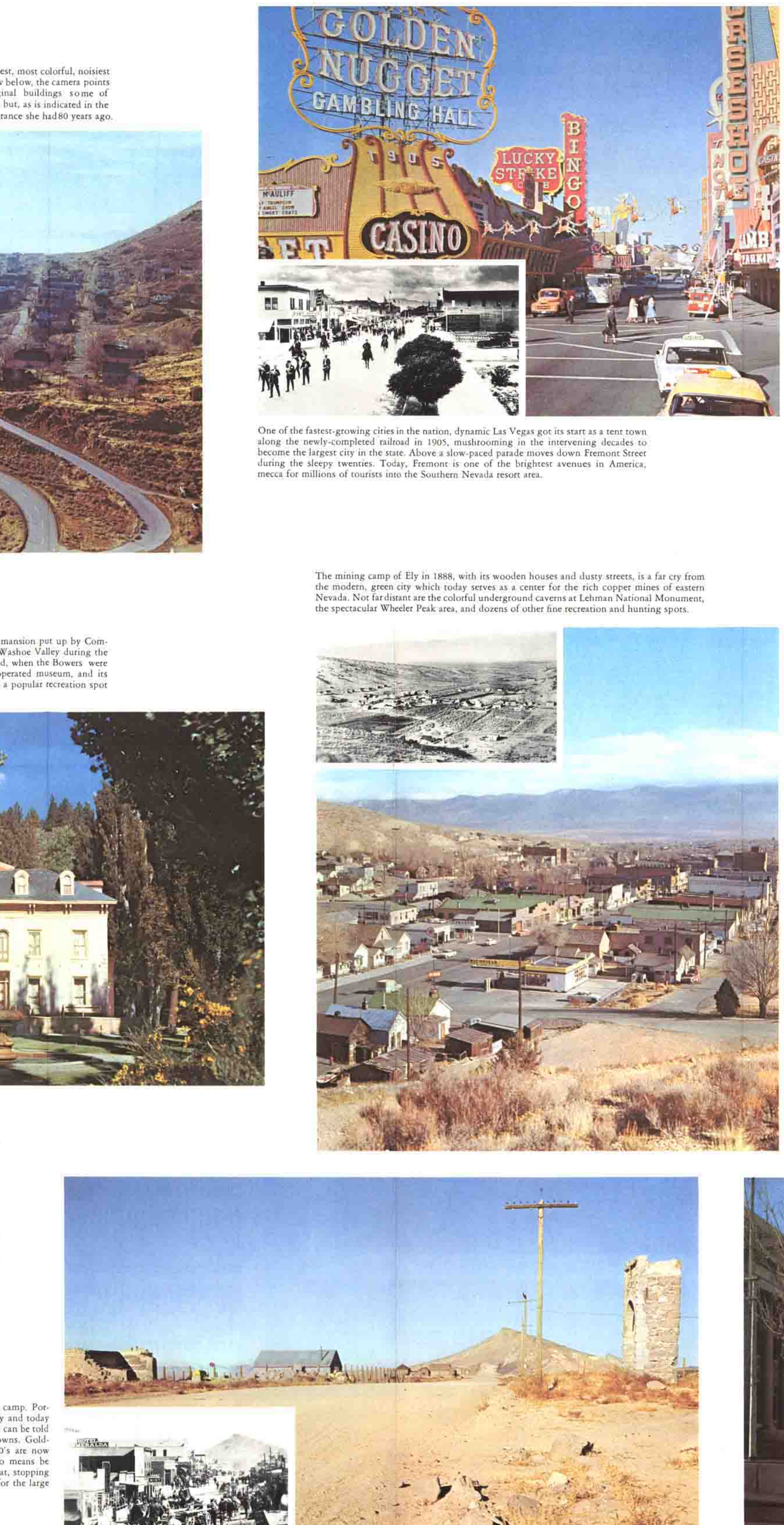


**THE HIGH PLATEAU COUNTRY**—Highest point in Nevada is in the north where the Snake Range rises to 14,553 feet. The Snake Range is a part of the Sierra Nevada, a range of mountains which extends from the Sierra Nevada in California to the Snake Range in Nevada. The Snake Range is a part of the Sierra Nevada, a range of mountains which extends from the Sierra Nevada in California to the Snake Range in Nevada.

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**THE TRAIL MAP.** The story of the early trails in Nevada can never be completely told. If they did, left journals too meager to be of much help. Students and historians continue to follow up on old trails with surprising success, however, so that many of the old routes are now fairly accurately established. The most important of these are shown.

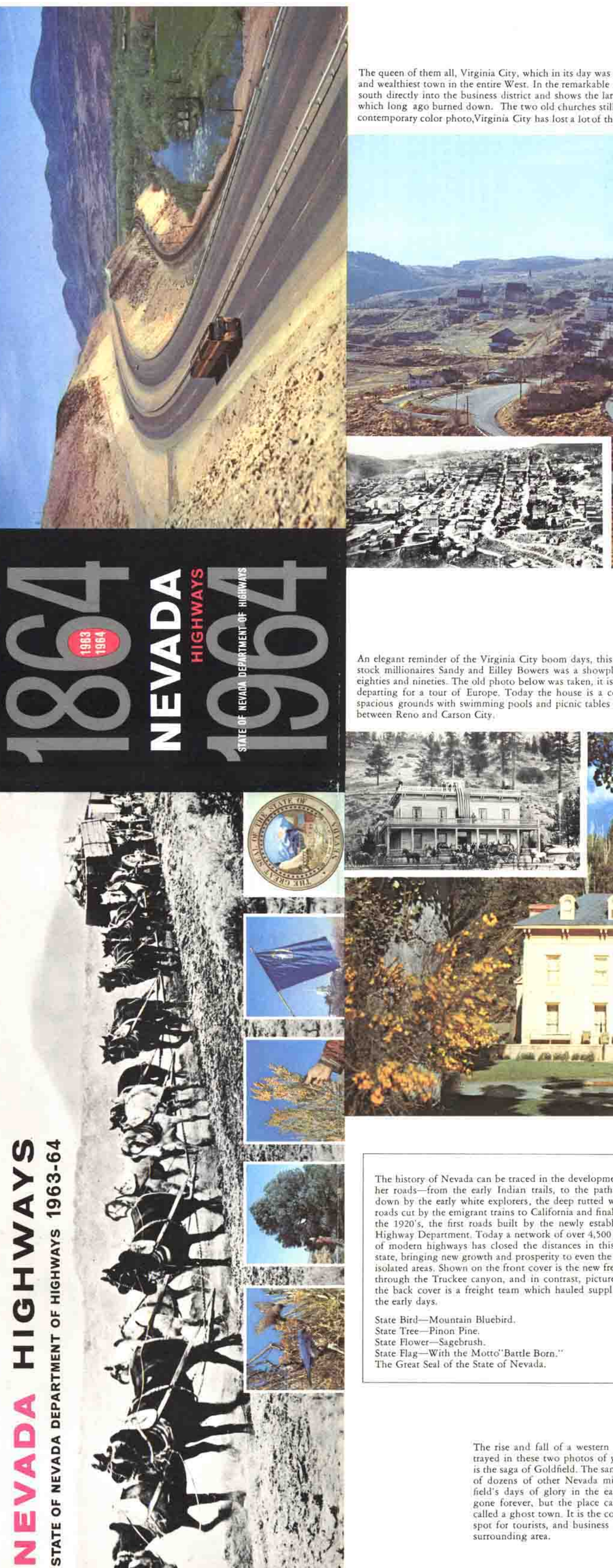
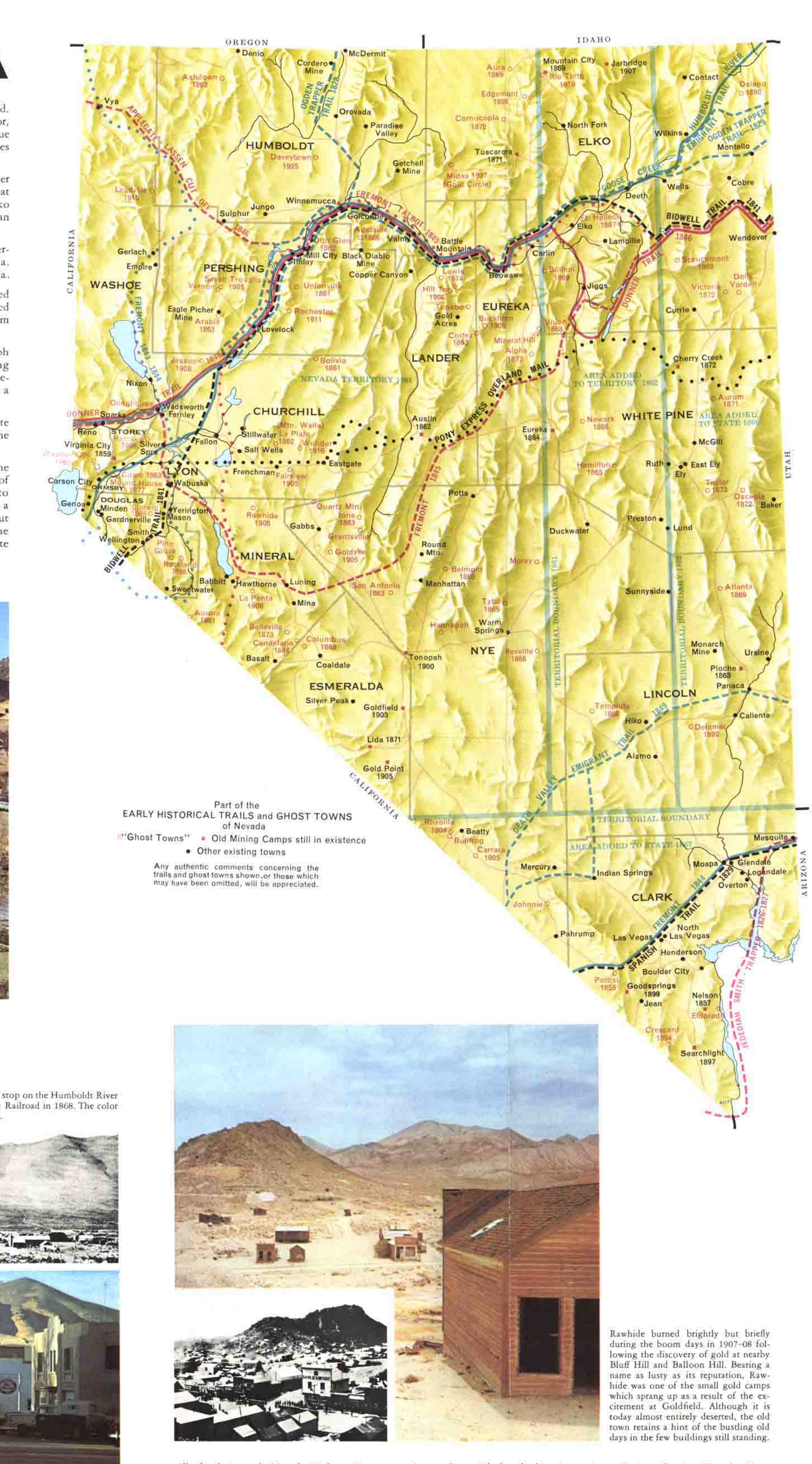
**PETER SKENE OGDEN** had a Hudson's Bay Trapping Expedition down along the river valley in 1826. Some scholars believe that Ogden had entered Nevada into Elko County in early 1826. If so, this would make him, an Englishman, the first white man to enter northern Nevada.

**JEREDIAH S. SMITH** was the first American to enter the state. This remarkable explorer-entrepreneur is believed to have crossed the southern tip of Nevada in 1826 en route to California. He returned early the following year on an incredibly difficult journey across central Nevada.

**JOHN C. FREMONT** came down from Oregon into Nevada in 1843, discovered and named the Humboldt, named the Sierra Nevada south of Carson Pass and in this area sighted Lake Tahoe which he named Lake Bonanza. His return from California brought him across southern Nevada as he headed for the old Spanish Trail.

Fremont in 1845 divided his company into two parties in eastern Nevada. Joseph Walker, veteran of several previous expeditions into the state, took charge of one, guiding his detachment through Secret Pass in the Ruby Mountains when along the Humboldt. Fremont took the second division over the Ruby Mountains via Harrison Pass and pursued a westerly route to Walker Lake to a rendezvous with Walker's group.

**OTHER TRAILS.** The Green Creek-Humboldt Emigrant Trail with its main forks to the Truckee and Carson Rivers was the favorite route. The Bidwell-Bartleson Trail route of the first emigrant party, had to abandon its wagons in eastern Nevada and pack through to California. The Applegate-Latham Caravan led over a section of the Truckee River, a desolate, stony and waterless way. The Spanish Trail, the oldest trail in the state, was pursued by Spanish missionaries and traders. Later a portion of the trail was known as the San Bernardino-Salt Lake Wagon Road, a favorite emigrant route. The Death Valley Route was a short-cut used in 1849, later abandoned.



**NEVADA HIGHWAYS 1864-1964**

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