

The Nicodemus Homecoming Program Committee secured funding through the Kansas Committee for the Humanities, for a Friday and Saturday Black History Symposium. The focus is an exploration of the cultural values reflected in the life of Nicodemus Township. The significant role played by Black freed-men and -women in the development of the State of Kansas and Graham County. The Past, Present, and Future of Nicodemus will be examined.

The Kansas Committee for the Humanities (KCH) is a group of Kansas citizens working in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities, a federal agency created by Congress in 1965. KCH awards grants on a matching basis to support programs which increase public understanding and awareness of the humanities and which promote thoughtful discussion of public policy issues and other topics of general concern.

The humanities are those academic disciplines which relate to the study of man and to the extensions of man: his ideas, history, values. They are concerned with questions of values -- ethical, social, moral or aesthetic. The humanities deal with what it has been and is to be human, to make value judgments, to select a course of action.

Formed in 1971 at the invitation of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Kansas Committee was among the first 13 states to participate in what is currently a national program.

Membership includes persons from the general Public, and College and University Humanities teachers. All serve as private citizens on a volunteer basis.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Friday, July 27, 1979 - Township Hall

6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Registration

7 p.m. - 9 p.m. "The Settling of Black Towns --
Exodusters"

National Black Anthem:
Pianist - Gil Alexander

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Presiding: Veryl Switzer - Associate
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"Acknowledgements"

Speaker: Dr. Kenneth Hamilton -
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QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

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