

Nicodemus History

The 1st group arrived in a Colony on Sept. 17, 1877 from Lexington, Ky. under the leadership of W. R. Hill and black minister, the Rev. M. M. Bell.

and ^{it} was in this group that the first child ~~the~~ late Henry Williams was born in October.

The 2nd group originated near Georgetown, Ky and arrived in Nicodemus Spring 1878 in this group was two outstanding negro preachers Rev. S. M. Lee founder of 1st Baptist Church and the Rev. Daniel Hickman who established the Mt. Olivet Bapt. Church, which is near Bogue. When organized ~~that~~ it was called near Hell City, because Bogue wasnt there, other groups came to Nicodemus from Mississippi, Louisiana + Tenn.

1st walk from Ellis carrying
their clothing etc ^{on their backs they} had one wagon
possible to carry other necessities

2nd walk & had a number of wagons
to carry their needs, their homes were dug out

1st school ^{was} dug out conducted by
Mrs J. J. Fletcher in winter of 1877 -

1878 and ⁱⁿ June 1879 School Dist #1

was organized in Needomus, most

of the facilities were rather a make-
shift until 1887 when a 4 room

building was built. Early in 1887

A. L. McPherson a white man, established

a bank

1st School Board J. J. Fletcher, Clark

Samuels and S. G. Wilson, some of the

1st pupils of ~~the~~ were R. D. Herley, Laura

Groves & Austin Smith. Read paper

Geo Sayers some of
last store businesses

Mr Mrs Jones run
store east of the
Church

Mr John Ford run
butcher shop

Mr John Kupper livery
barn

Mr S. S. Craig, Harve
Henry, & Geo Washington
Gen merchandise

Jennie Fletcher
first Postmistress
on corner where
Fred Ora Switzer live

Sam Garland
Hdw. Store, who was
Indian
a scout with Buffalo Bill

Neodemok

Oct. 1, 1972

On motion to
recessed letter from
Garold Napue
of bill # 216⁰⁰
for labor on
parsonage. ~~and~~
~~motion carried~~
pay the same
M.C.

when Hays, Kans was
a Fort