

scout, crossed their path. They were told of the bloody battle at Beecher Island. They quickly returned to camp and delivered the message for assistance. Only after the arrival and rescue from the 10th U.S. Cavalry were Colonel Forsyth and his men saved.

Sam only received minor wounds while serving in the U.S. Cavalry. However, he was shot in the forehead with an arrow and nearly died while in a battle with Indians near Victoria, Kansas. He pretended to be dead, and thus saved his own life.

Sam served his country and gave his military best. When he finished his term with the U.S. Cavalry in 1872, he returned to civilian life where he married a lady named Mary Samuels. In April of 1879 he moved his family from Leavenworth to Nicodemus, Kansas.

Nicodemus was a newly established all African American frontier town and a place where Sam wanted to make his home. It was in an area of the frontier where he had spent much of his military life. While in Nicodemus, Sam operated a hardware store and a real estate business. He also served as a great orator, giving many campaign speeches for the Republican Party.

Sam left Kansas to establish an all African American community in south eastern