

live footage? Reel 913 13:00:17 or

Reel 914, 14:12:15, Reel 915 15:10:06 ?

horse hooves (same)

Sunflowers? ?Willows? chips: Kaw Valley
Reel #1151 1:06:29, 1:10:42

Solomon River -- Brazos footage#

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Instead of "rich, black, sandy loam" W.R. Hill had promised, the ground was hard and dry. And compared to the green hills of Kentucky, the Kansas prairie seemed flat and barren. Farming would be a tough proposition at best.

Some of the settlers were so bitterly disappointed in Nicodemus that they headed back for Kentucky the day after they arrived. Others threatened violence. W.R. Hill narrowly avoided being lynched.

Timber was scarce. Early settlers were forced to live in dugouts. They burned sunflowers, willows, and buffalo chips for fuel.

The Solomon River did flow through Graham County. But it was a long walk from the town site to the river banks.

The weather brought more hardships to life in Nicodemus. The first settlers had arrived too late in the season to begin planting. Few of them had tools to get started with, anyway.