

Zack Fletcher-Reel 505, 5:03:00
& store -- 505, 5:14:01 or Brazos footage#914?

The hotel belonged to Zack Fletcher, one of the town's promoters. Fletcher also established Nicodemus' first business—a store. Like almost everything else in Nicodemus, Fletcher's store began as a dugout.

Edward McCabe- Reel 507, 7:09:55

Over the next decade, early settlers like Edward P. McCabe led efforts to encourage investment in Nicodemus, and to bring more settlers to the area. Later McCabe was elected Kansas state auditor. He was the first black to be elected to state office in Kansas.

Brazos footage - #914

1879 and 1880 were fairly good years for Nicodemus. But harvests were lean during the next three years. The population dropped from over 600 to half that number in one year.

Other black pioneers- #507, 7:22:55 and #106, 6:09:36

Many settlers used Nicodemus only as a way station to homesteads or other farmlands.