

township. Religious training was as important as educational training. The lot of the founding fathers of Nicodemus were ministers and several churches were established to accommodate the many weary souls of Nicodemus.

In 1887 when the Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific Railroad companies failed to extend their lines through Nicodemus, business and people began to leave. In 1888 the Union Pacific laid track just south of the town. A road through the open plains. A road to a new camp and a new existence. The railroad came and became the town of Bogue and many of the businesses in Nicodemus transferred to the new town site.

In the winter of 1889 the drought had become so bad that the people of Nicodemus had to leave. The town was abandoned. The population of Nicodemus was about 50 residents on the town site.

In 1976 Nicodemus was elevated to national recognition when it was designated as a National Historic Landmark. Efforts are currently underway to obtain National Historic Site status for Nicodemus. If this status is achieved, Nicodemus will become a National Park. Not only will the town be a National Historic Site, but the entire area will be restored and maintained for the entire life of the nation. Nicodemus is a gem in the crown of the American people.

The Nicodemus Historical Society was established as a non-profit corporation in 1989. Its purpose is to preserve the history of Nicodemus, Kansas. For more information contact us at (913) 674-3311.

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