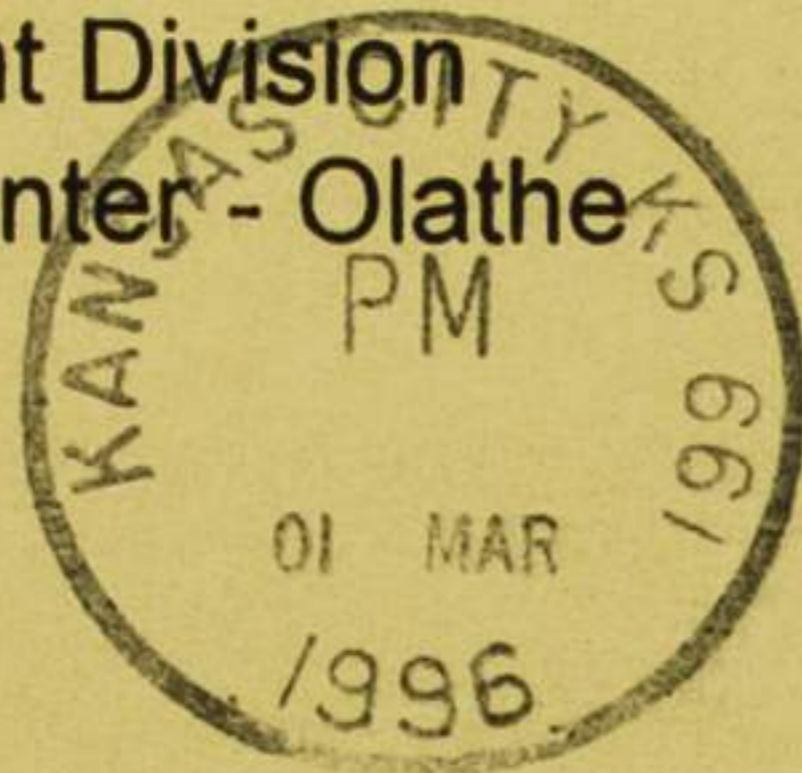
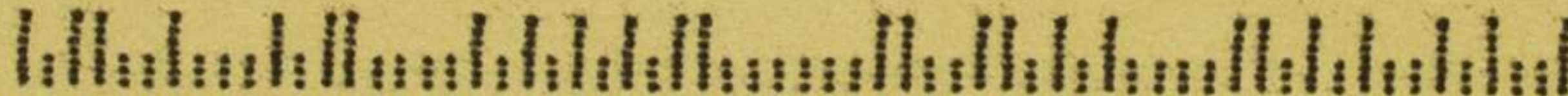


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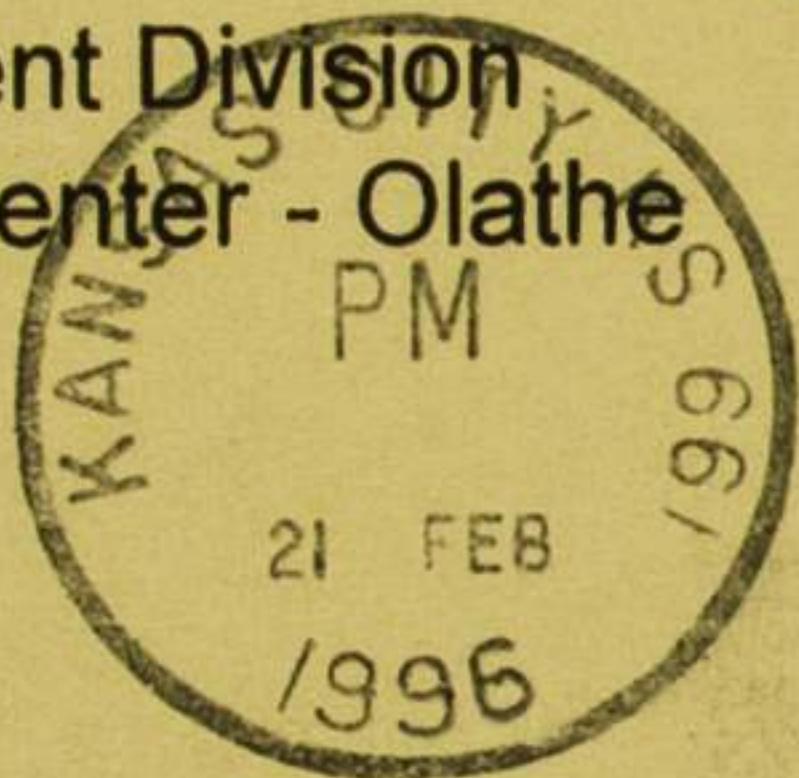
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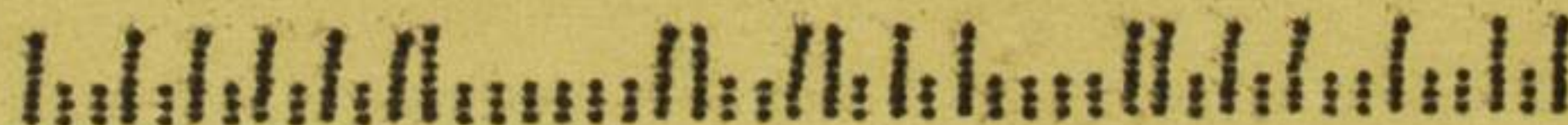
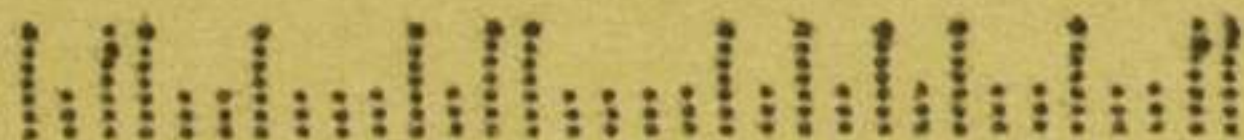
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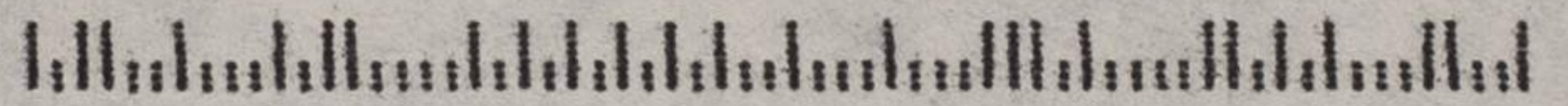
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Golden Heritage Tours

P.O. Box 26037
Indianapolis, IN 46226

Nicodemus Historical Society
Angela Bates: President
R.R. 2 Box 139
Bogue, Kansas 67625

8/9/96

Dear Angela:

I was happy to receive your newsletter recently. I have been meaning to write a lot sooner but I've been on the road a lot lately. My tour company has had a few set backs, but we are in the process of springboarding back up. My wife and I have started a traveling African American History Museum, and I would like to know if you would be interested in having us bring it to Nicodemus for next year's Emancipation Celebration? If you would like to reach me by phone, call me at my home number: (317)545-6165 or just write. Well, I have to go and run some errands, so until I hear from you again take care and tell Barry that I said hello. Enclosed you will find a check for my 1996 Dues.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Hordge

Kenneth Hordge

P.S. Tell Barry that Jeff and I want to know how the movie deal came out.



~~Cheryl~~
Members ~~George~~
Johnson
P.O. Box 1572
Lynwood, CA 90262

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Carolyn M. Hilton
48 West Forhan Street
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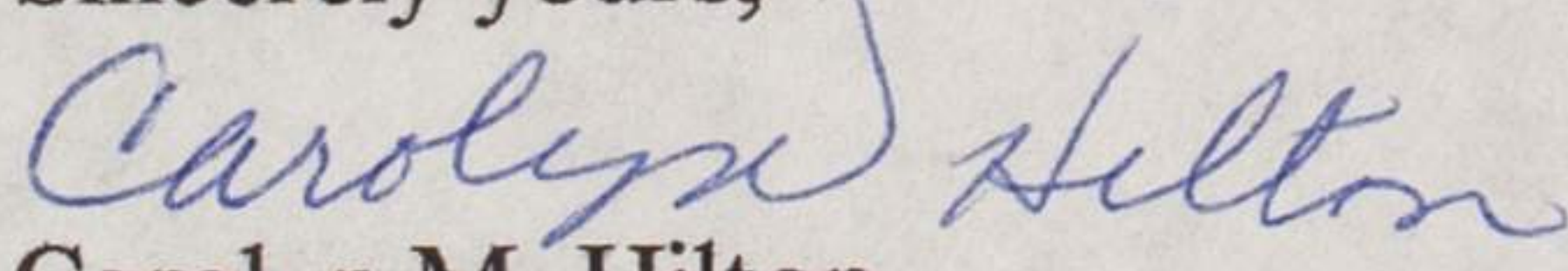
Re: Subscription

Dear Ms. Angela Bates Thompkins:

My last copy of the Nicodemus News Review was the Spring Issue with Ms. Jenney Fletcher on the cover.

Enclosed is a copy of my check dated April 18, 1996 for my subscription.

Sincerely yours,


Carolyn M. Hilton

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Enclosure 1

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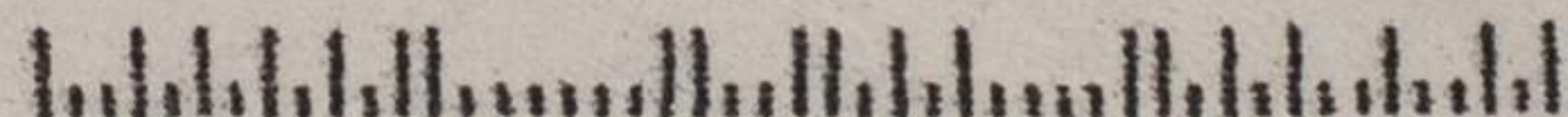
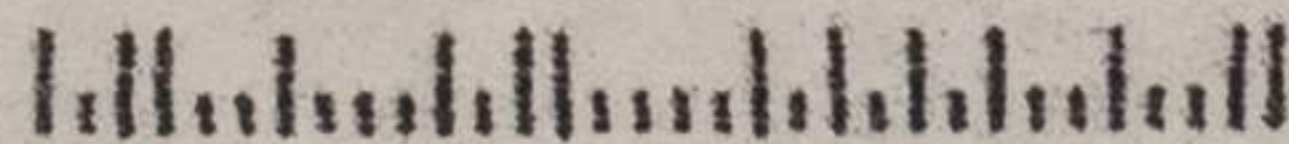
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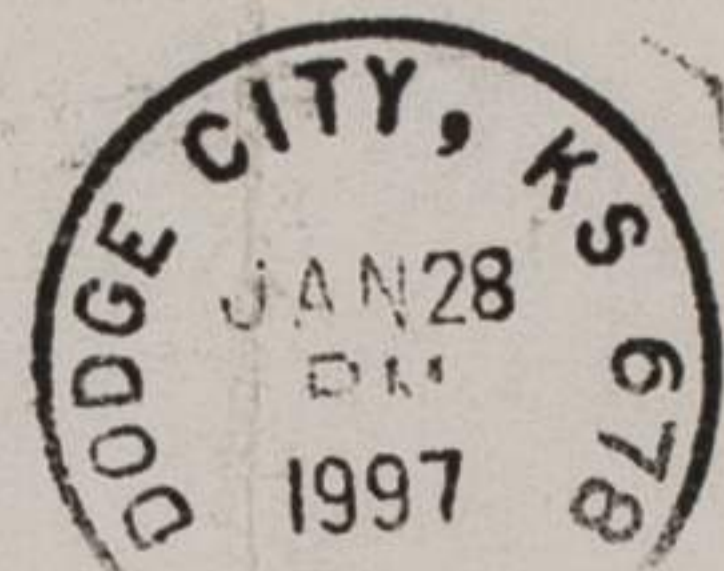
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100 East Eighth Ave.
P. O. Box 170
Fowler, Kansas 67844-0170

*This can Angela help
Thanya you help
L. Ann
Friday*



Hill City
City Hall
205 N. Pomeroy St.
Hill, City, KS 67642

Web Page Committee
Graham County, Kansas
Our Future Looks Bright



Angela Bates Tompkins
907 Hummingbird Road
Bogue, Kansas 67625

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—Willa Cather

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in celebrating the creation of

TALLGRASS PRAIRIE NATIONAL PRESERVE

in the Flint Hills of Kansas

by honoring

Senator Nancy Kassebaum Baker
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Senator Pat Roberts

with the William Penn Mott, Jr.
Conservationist of the Year Award

Wednesday, April 9, 1997

Reception 6:30 pm

Dinner 7:30 pm

Presidential Ballroom
Capital Hilton Hotel
16th and K Streets, N.W.
Washington, DC

Business Attire

Rsvp by March 17

Reply card enclosed

*National Parks and Conservation
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TALLGRASS PRAIRIE NATIONAL PRESERVE

public/private partnership, a new model for the creation of national parks. The preserve, formerly the Z Bar/Spring Hill Ranch in Chase County, is owned by the National Park Trust, National Park and Conservation Association's land acquisition arm, and managed in cooperation with the National Park Service. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve.

Kassebaum Baker, Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman, Senator Pat Roberts made this achievement possible. Their ability to bring together diverse interests resulted in a workable compromise for the long-awaited Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. The Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Act establishes the framework for an innovative

Tallgrass prairie once covered nearly 400,000 square miles of North America, from Ohio to the Rocky Mountains, from Canada to Texas. Today, less than one percent of this unique ecosystem remains, much of it in the vast, untilled grasslands of Kansas known as the Flint Hills. In 1996, President Clinton signed legislation creating Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. The leadership of Senator Nancy



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- Benefactor \$10,000**
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- Sponsor \$2,500**
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*Proceeds from the dinner will benefit
Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve*

TICKET OPTIONS

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- Supporter \$250**
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- Friend \$150**
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Receive one dinner seat.

CONTRIBUTION

- I/We are unable to attend the dinner, but enclose a 100% tax-deductible donation of _____ in support of Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve.

Name _____
Affiliation _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Contact Name _____
Telephone _____ Fax _____

Please print name below as it should appear in the program:

Please respond by March 17.
Enclose your check made payable to NPCA.
Tickets will be mailed to you upon receipt of your reservation.

Kindly list guests names on the reverse side.
For additional information please call Linda van den Berg, (202)467-6500.

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Please list the names of your guests and return card in the enclosed envelope.

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Clarice Wellington Williams

1790 Washington Street

Riverside, California 92506

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March 31, 1997

Dear Family Members,

As our reunion approaches; and, as we get caught in the euphoria of our continuing plans for the Nicodemus West Coast Family Reunion, the reunion committee finds it exciting to share information regarding:

- 1.0 Riverside Lodging (Hotels and Motels)
- 2.0 Riverside Restaurants
- 3.0 The Friday Evening Fish Fry
- 4.0 The Picnic/Bar-B-Que
- 5.0 Riverside City Tour
- 6.0 Local Churches

Riverside Lodging - Hotels and Motels

We are happy to inform you that Riverside has a large number of beautiful hotels and motels! These include the breathtaking, historic Mission Inn and many others.

However, the committee has reviewed, visited and is sharing a cross section of lodging choices which have been screened, rated and recommended by the American Automobile Association (AAA). From these choices, the committee has selected and reserved a block of rooms at the beautiful and newly decorated Days Inn. Please be advised that the management will hold these rooms for our family at a group rate which begins at \$39.95, until April 25, 1997. When you call to make reservations with the hotel, please inform them that you're with The Nicodemus West Coast Family Reunion Group. Although the Days Inn will be the lodging choice for many of you, it is our hope that you will feel free to exercise your options.

Some of the listed rates are for Auto Club members and you may find the listed rates for Automobile Club members only. The Days Inn has guaranteed the \$39.95 starting rate for all family members (with or without auto club cards until April 25th). Therefore, you are encouraged to make your reservations right away.

Riverside Restaurants

The committee is also providing a list of AAA-approved restaurants. Additionally, a list of fast food establishments is included. Once again, please feel free to make

independent food services decisions. As you know, the committee has planned:

- 1.0 The Fish Fry (Friday evening, July 4th)
- 2.0 The Bar-B-Que and Picnic on Saturday afternoon, July 5th

Fish Fry

I am delighted to inform you that the committee has decided to add fruit and dessert to the Friday evening menu. Therefore, ice cold watermelon and home-baked pound cake will also be served. The address for the Fish Fry is 1790 Washington Street, Riverside. Please see the map on the green brochure.

Picnic/Bar-B-Que

The region's beautiful Fairmount Park is our Picnic and Bar-B-Que site. Fairmount Park boasts all of the amenities of a comprehensive recreation program. Additionally, there are riding pedal boats and fishing within the park on Fairmount Lake. Fairmount Park is located at 2624 Fairmount Boulevard, Riverside (Just off Market Street. Please see the map on the green brochure). Once you enter the park, please follow the signs to the picnic location.

Riverside Tour

The committee also felt that some of you might like to join our "free" Saturday morning car-avan to:

- 1.0 Mt. Rubidoux (Site of historic Easter Sunrise Services)
- 2.0 The beautiful Mission Inn
- 3.0 Historic downtown Riverside and the civic center
- 4.0 Riverside Visitor's Center
- 5.0 Riverside Plaza
- 6.0 Riverside's expanded Tyler Galleria where Nordstrom's, Robinson's-May and Macy's are anchors/hubs
- 7.0 March Air Force Base and Air Museum. The car-avan will be routed through Woodcrest for a breathtaking view of Riverside and our urban forest.
- 8.0 Veteran's National Cemetary
- 9.0 Lake Matthews
- 10.0 Beautifully landscaped parkways and medians of Victoria Avenue and the Victoria Country Club
- 11.0 The University of California-Riverside
- 12.0 Canyon Crest Homes, Canyon Crest Town Square and the Beautiful Canyon Crest Country Club
- 13.0 Hawardan Hills Homes (Costs up to \$7,000,000.00).
- 14.0 Other Riverside areas

Please be advised that everyone is invited to car-avan around with city with us. However, in order for us to carefully plan the tour, we ask that you complete and return the tour "tear-off" if you plan to ride with the group.

The tour begins at 9:00 a.m., Saturday morning at 1790 Washington Street, Riverside. The tour will end at Fairmount Park (picnic site), at approximately 12:00 noon. Please come with cars and passengers and be prepared to "share the ride" with a few of our non-drivers. I'm certain that this will be a pleasurable event!

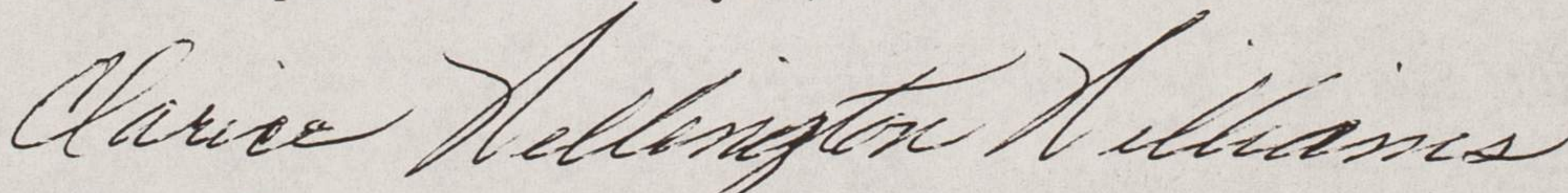
Local Churches

Although our reunion officially ends at the close of our Saturday evening events, some family members might stay through Sunday, or after. Therefore, I am enclosing a list of churches for your information.

I have visited each of these churches. However, this information is presented for your choice-making.

Once again, I join the committee in saying that this is a very exciting time for our family. If you know of a family member who might not have received this letter, please tell them that they are cordially invited to attend the reunion!! Just ask them to send reservations to me. Questions, suggestions and comments should be forwarded to Thomas Wellington (907) 333-4853 or myself (909) 780-2590. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you on July 4th!

With Respect, Love and Prayers,



Clarice Wellington Williams,
Reunion Hostess

Enclosures

RIVERSIDE TOUR

_____ I plan to take the Riverside tour.

_____ I have room for _____ extra passenger(s).

_____ I will not be able to take the Riverside tour.

Name _____ Address _____

Telephone _____ Number of Passengers _____

Nicodemus West Coast Family Reunion Committe
RIVERSIDE LODGING LIST (HOTELS AND MOTELS)
AAA APPROVED

<u>NAME OF ESTABLISHMENT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
1.0 <i>Best Western of Riverside</i>	\$47 - \$54	(909) 359-0770
2.0 <i>Courtyard by Marriott</i>	\$59 (Flat rate)	" 276-1200
3.0 <i>Days Inn - Riverside Tyler Mall *</i> <i>10545 Magnolia</i> <i>Riverside, California 92505</i>	\$39.95 - Up	(909) 358-2808
4.0 <i>Dynasty Suites</i>	\$35 - \$40	(909) 369-8200
5.0 <i>Econo Lodge</i>	\$35 - \$40	(909) 351-2424
6.0 <i>Hampton Inn</i>	\$40 - \$56	(909) 683-6000
7.0 <i>Holiday Inn Express</i>	\$49 (Flat rate)	" 688-5000
8.0 <i>Holiday Inn Riverside</i>	\$71 (Flat rate)	" 784-8000
9.0 <i>Mission Inn</i>	105 -185	" 784-0300
10.0 <i>Riverside Inn</i>	\$30 - \$40	" 686-6666

RIVERSIDE RESTAURANTS
AAA APPROVED**

1.0 <i>Duane's Prime Steaks & Seafood</i>	Dinner \$16 - \$28
2.0 <i>Mario's Place</i>	Dinner \$12 - \$24 Lunch \$7 - \$15
3.0 <i>Market Broiler</i>	Dinner \$ 8 - \$18 Lunch \$8 - \$18
4.0 <i>Mission Inn Restaurant</i>	Dinner \$10 - \$16 Lunch \$7 - \$12

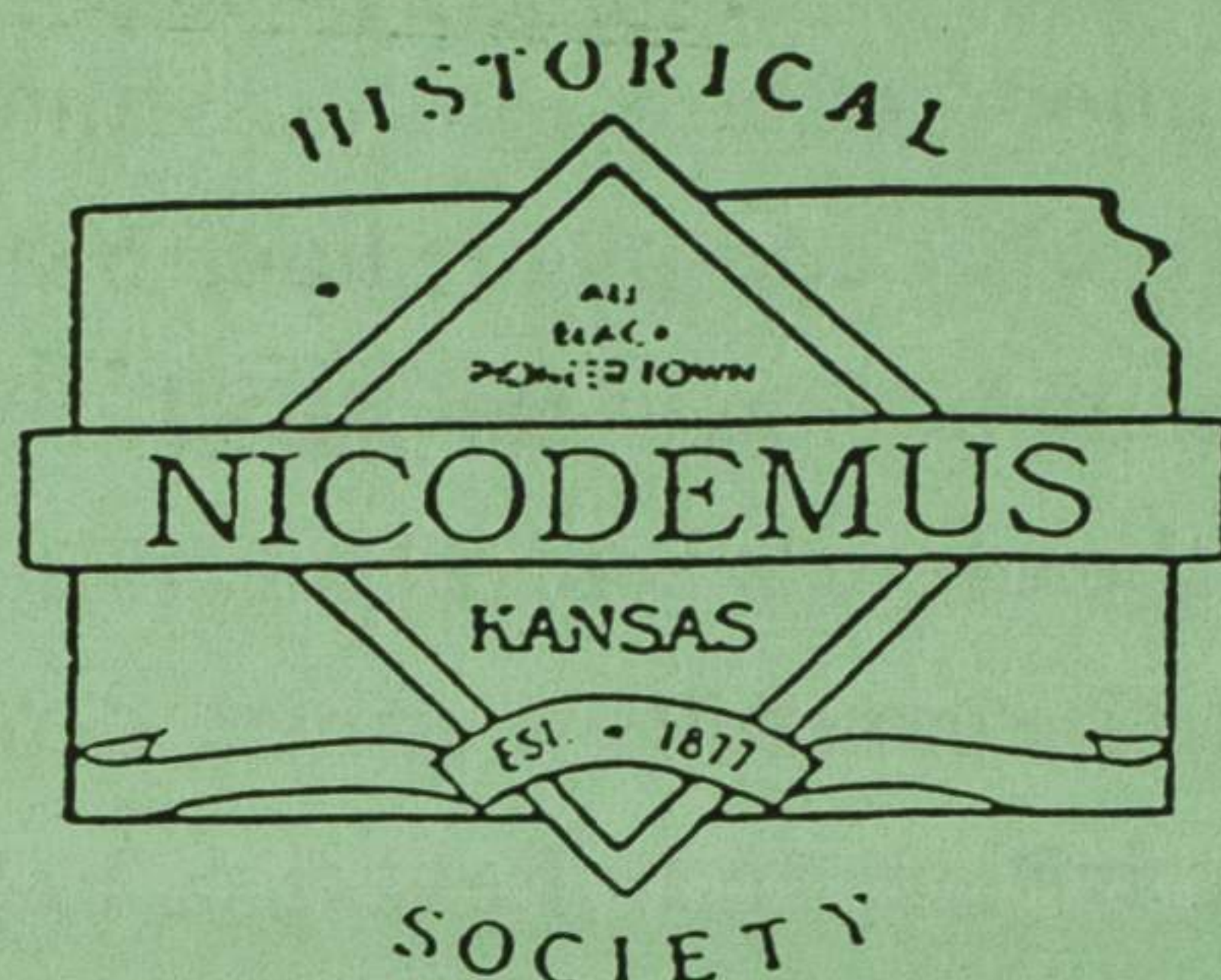
5.0 <i>McDonalds'</i>	Comparable prices
6.0 <i>Burger King</i>	Comparable prices
7.0 <i>Carl's Jr.</i>	Comparable prices
8.0 <i>Wendy's</i>	Comparable prices
9.0 <i>Back Street</i>	Lunch \$5 - \$10
10.0 <i>KFC</i>	Comparable Prices
11.0 <i>Coco's</i>	Comparable Prices
12.0 <i>Others</i>	

* *Reunion Hotel*

** *More specific information will be provided upon arrival.*

NICODEMUS, KANSAS
WEST COAST FAMILY REUNION

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at

12:00 Noon - Saturday, July 5, 1997

Fairmount Park • 2624 Fairmount Blvd.

Riverside, California

**Bar B Q Ribs • Links • Bar B Q Chicken • Entrees
Vegetables • Salads • Beverages • Desserts • Other
Great Foods! + Games • Recreation • Souvenirs
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FISH FRY

at

7:00 p.m. - Friday, July 4, 1997

1790 Washington Street

• Riverside, California 92506 •

(909) 780-2590

Fried Fish!!

An African-American Pioneer Town

WEST COAST FAMILY REUNION, 1997!!

The 1997 West Coast Family Reunion Committee is delighted to welcome you to the annual "reunion" of our family. Although the traditional fish fry and picnic have been planned, this promises to be one of the BEST reunions ever due to the event's central location, the special food, the carefully planned, expanded, enhanced activities; and, the festive holiday date!

It's a tradition with us to have good food, loving interaction and wonderful activities. This year, the menu will consist of:

FISH FRY

Deep Fried Salmon	Deep Fried Catfish
Cajun Dirty Rice	Home-made Potato Salad
Crisp Bread	Fresh Vegetables
Beverages	

PICNIC

Bar B Qued Pork Ribs	Hot Links
Bar B Qued Chicken	Collard Greens
Macaroni & Cheese	Baked Beans
Authentic Cajun Jambalaya (Rice w/sausage, chicken and original cajun spices)	
Crisp bread	Beverages
Home baked peach cobbler, spicy carrot cake	
(Hot foods will be kept hot with open Bar B Que pit and hot coals. Beverages will be kept on ice).	

ACTIVITIES

Friday, July 4, 1997

7:00 pm	Fish Fry
7:00 pm	Greetings & Introductions
7:15 pm	Jay Smith Combo (Live, continuous Music - Something for Everyone)!
8:00 pm	Original Calypso Music Video, Starring Harry Belafonte
8:30 pm	Swimming, table games
8:30 pm	Fireworks! Various Locations

Saturday, July 5, 1997

9:00 am	Tour of Beautiful, Historic Riverside Areas
12:00 pm	Registration, memberships
12:30 pm	Picnic Luncheon/Exhibits
1:30 pm	Riverside Visitor's Bureau
2:00 pm	Jay Smith Combo
2:15 pm	Group Sing-A-Long/Talent
2:15 pm	Individual & Group Photos
2:15 pm	Basketball, softball, races, team games, table games
3:30 pm	History of Nicodemus
4:00 pm	Raffle (Tickets can be purchased at the door, \$5.00 each). All proceeds and tax-deductible donations will go toward the renovation of the Nicodemus Historical Society's Office in Kansas
6:00 pm	Announcements /1998 Reunion Site

Sunday, July 6, 1997

Morning Worship-Individual choices
(List of local churches provided)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Clarice Wellington Williams or Tom Wellington
 (909) 780-2590 (907) 333-4853

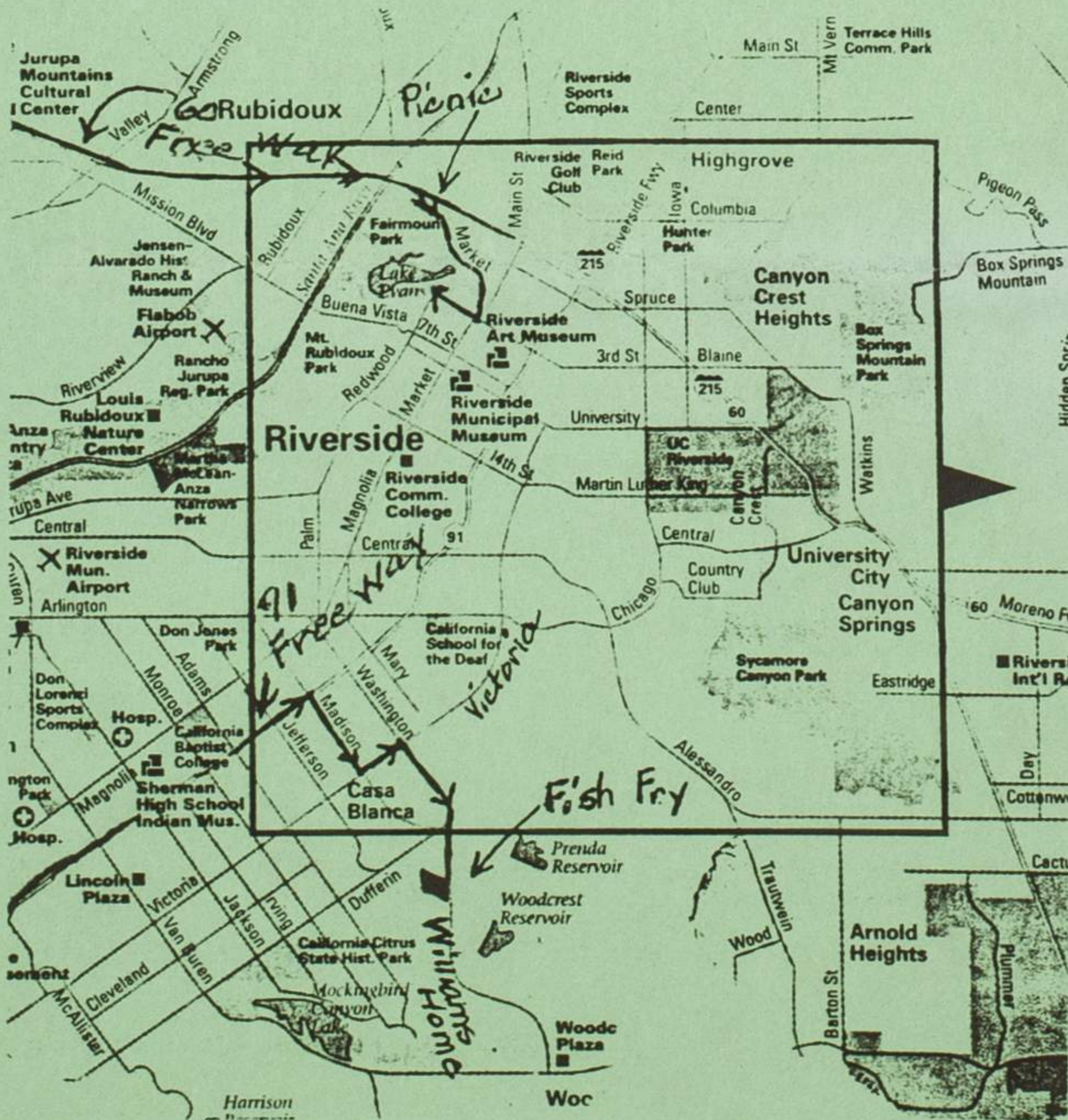
DIRECTIONS

(To the Fish Fry)

From Los Angeles, take the 91 Freeway into Riverside. Exit at Madison Street. Turn right on Madison and travel south to Victoria Street. Turn left on Victoria and travel one block east to Washington Street. Turn right on Washington Street to the Williams home (1790 Washington Street). Call (909) 780-2590 if additional directions are needed.

(To the Picnic)

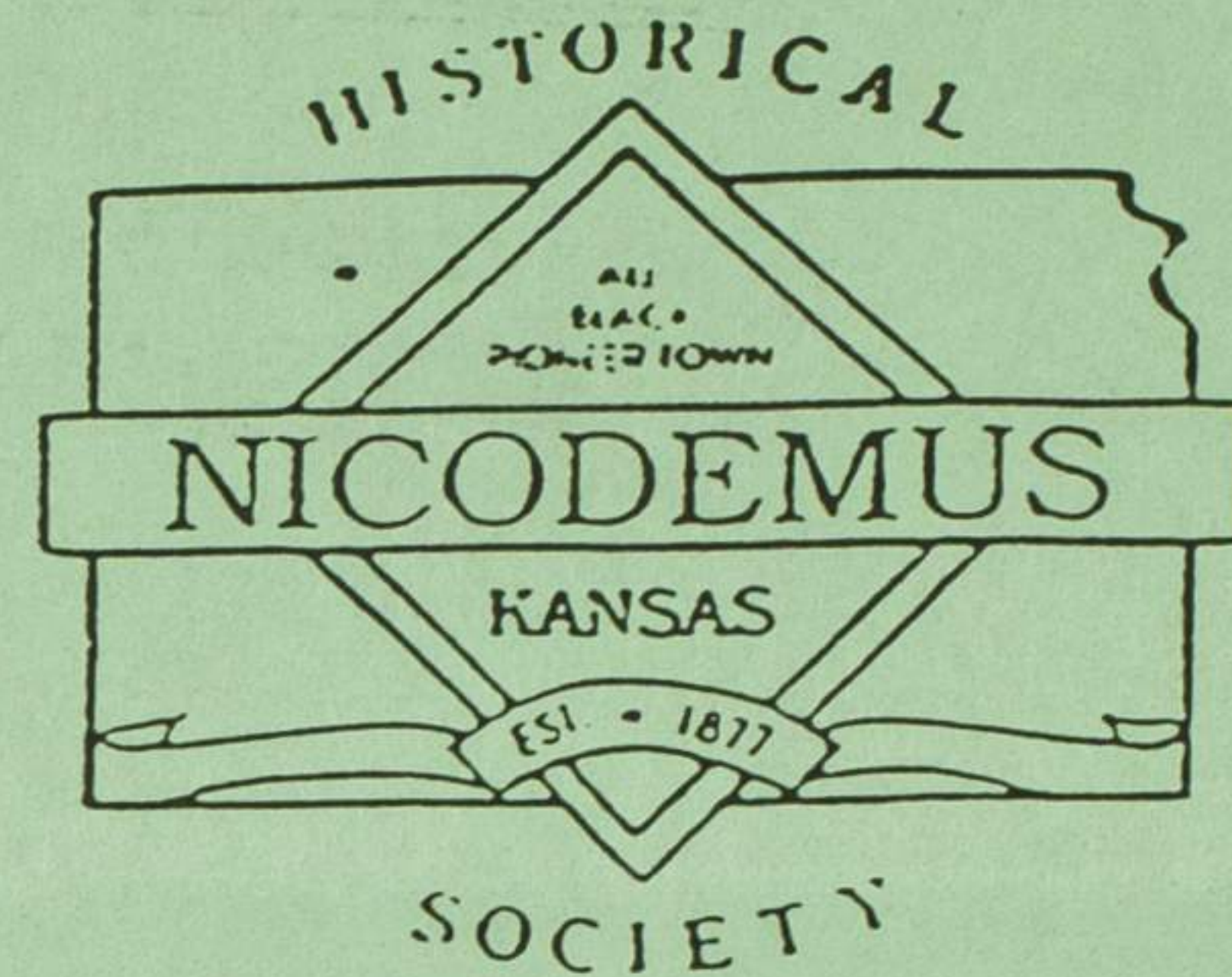
From Los Angeles, take the 60 Freeway into Riverside. Exit at Market Street. Turn right on Market Street. Fairmount Park will be on your immediate right. More specific information regarding the actual picnic site (within the park) will be forwarded at a later date. Please feel free to telephone Clarice Wellington Williams or Tom Wellington for additional information.



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**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH
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TO CLARICE WILLIAMS ON OR
BEFORE JUNE 1, 1997**

**Names of Adult Attendees
(13 years and older)**

Fish Fry

\$10.00

Bar B Que

\$18.00

**Names of Child Attendees
(4 to 12 Years)**

Fish Fry

\$5.00

Bar B Que

\$9.00

Address _____

Phone _____

Suggestions _____

**Clarice Williams - 1790 Washington St.
Riverside, California 92506**

RIVERSIDE CHURCHES

**Allen Chapel A.M.E.
4009 Locust
Riverside, California
(909) 686-9406**

**Amos Temple CME
2719 11th Street
Riverside, California
(909) 683-1567**

**Park Avenue Baptist
1910 Martin Luther King
Riverside, California
(909) 684-8782**

**St. Catherine's Catholic
7050 Brockton Ave.
Riverside, California
(909) 683-0800**

**Vine Life Christian Center
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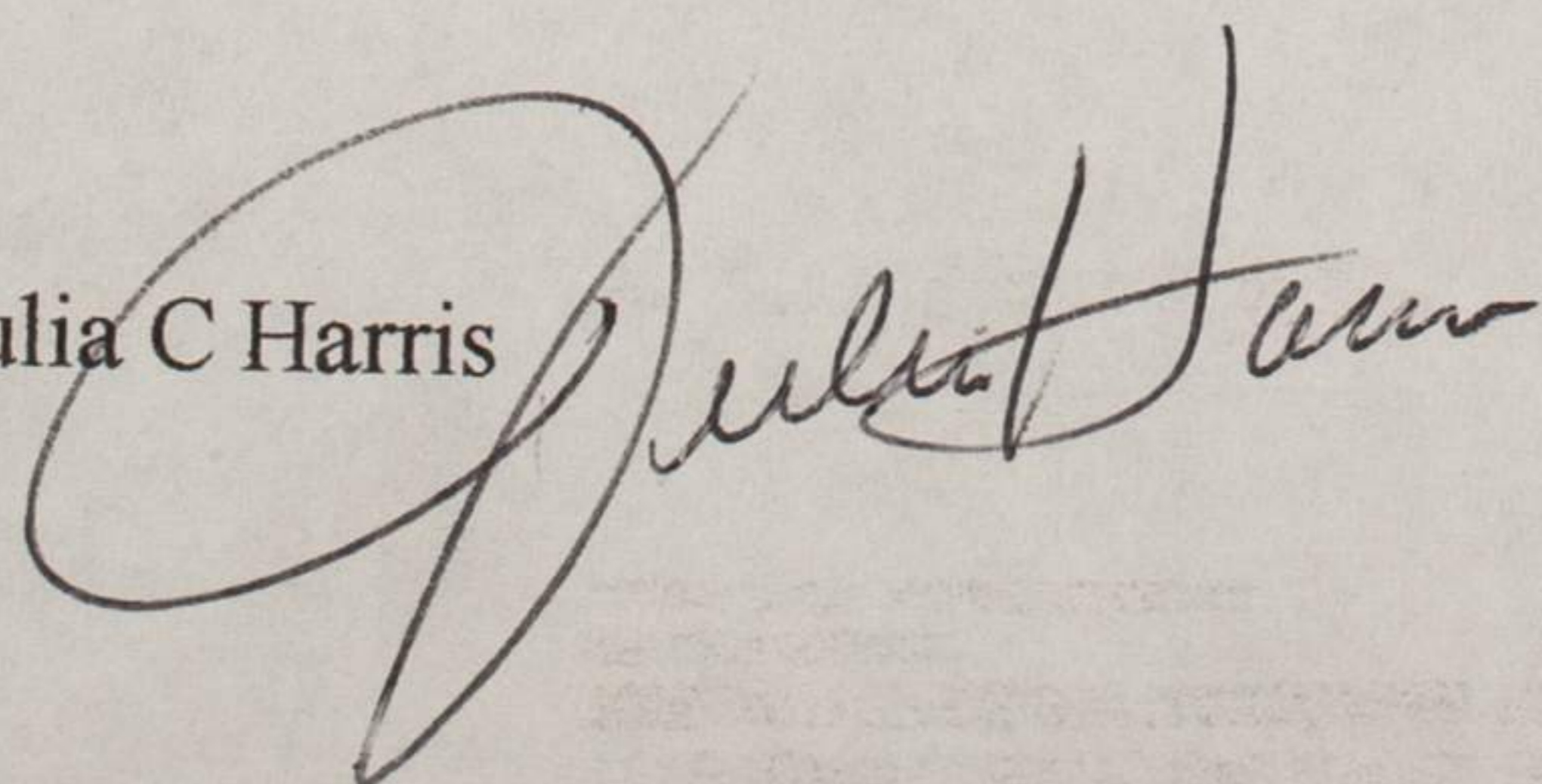
Dear Ms. Bates:

Enclosed is a check for the amount of \$40.00 for the membership of our family into your Nicodemus Historical Society. I hope that you remember that I wrote you last year after a brief visit to the township of Nicodemus and meeting several towns people at the park. My family was on the way back from a vacation in Colorado and decided to detour to your town. It was so good to show my children some Black History in person and to have them meet some friendly people willing to take the time to make some strangers welcome.

I sent some pictures to the persons I met at that picnic, I hope they got them. I'm sorry it has taken so long for me to respond to your information packet. Thank you for all of the information. I went to school with Cheryl Brown-Henderson in Topeka and I know that she has been very active in many things. We lost touch after graduation. I moved from the area and haven't live in Topeka since. Anyway, I do enjoy the publications on the history of the area. My family was unable to attend the Pioneer Days celebration last year but we do plan to try this year, God willing. Please inform me of the dates for your July and October festivities so that I might plan our summer.

Thank you, again, for the information you sent. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions you might have. My phone number is 913-749-5277.

Julia C Harris



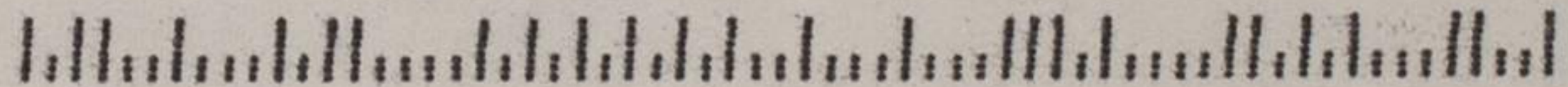
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Clarice Wellington Williams

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Event

Hello Family!

May 31, 1997

Good news! We've already heard from many of you and we're delighted that so many of you plan to attend our wonderful family reunion! Due to the fact that we have to provide a count for our food providers before the middle of June, it is critical that we receive your orange response forms right away. We want to be sure that we order enough food for everyone!

More good news - The Days Inn management has agreed to continue to offer rooms to our family at the initial rate of \$39.95 per night. So, if you haven't contacted the hotel, please feel free to call them at (909) 358-2808. In order to take advantage of our discount and negotiation skills, please remember to tell them that you're with the Nicodemus West Coast Family Reunion Group.

Additional good news! We've moved our Saturday Bar-B-Que to the beautiful new California Citrus State Historic Park, Riverside. Although this is a lovely, immaculately clean, new park which has recently opened, it has a lot of shade via its mature trees, arbors and breezeways. Citrus State Historic Park was tailor-made for our reunion! This park tells the story of the citrus industry and its role in California history. The park has over 180 acres of navel oranges, valencia oranges, lemon and grapefruit groves. It is semi-private and it is located in "The Green Belt" - much closer to the hotel and my home in South West Riverside. California Forest Rangers patrol the park and families appear to be much safer at Citrus Park than in the public city park. I am enclosing a map which pinpoints the park for your convenience. Also, please feel free to call me regarding specific directions to the park (909 - 780-2590). I'll be happy to provide assistance. All previously stated times and locations will remain the same (Picnic and fish fry).

Super news! For the first time, we will be providing a Nicodemus West Coast Family Reunion Historical Directory. The directory will have information regarding our family history (family tree). It will have the names, addresses and telephone numbers of everyone who is currently on our family mailing list. It will list the names of spouses, children and

grandchildren. It will contain information regarding the awards, special activities, special moments, family transitions, military service, memories, accomplishments/acknowledgements and events in each of our families.

In order to complete the directory, we will have forms for families to complete during the reunion. For those of us who have private telephone numbers and/or who wish to have names and other demographic data deleted prior to final printing, we simply ask that the committee be informed of your wishes. The directory will be an excellent resource for Christmas card mailings, wedding lists, funeral contacts and other "real life" family needs. In other words, it will also be an excellent reference guide when we simply wish to pick up the telephone and call each other.

Please be advised that a sample of the directory will be available for review during the reunion. Orders will be taken during the picnic. We will ask all family members who wish to be included to return completed forms to Clarice Wellington Williams prior to the end of July (Extra forms will be available for distribution to family members who are unable to attend this year's reunion). Completed historical directories will be mailed to families who order them as soon as possible. It is our plan to have them printed, processed and available to families no later than September 30, 1997.

Finally, I cannot overemphasize the importance of family! I would like to leave you with this poem:

FAMILIES

Families are. . . one of God's greatest treasures and the embodiment of all that is important in life.

Families are a refuge in good times and bad, a warm place of peace where acceptance reigns.

It matters not what you do or where you are. One thing you never doubt is your family.

The members are always there, arms ready to embrace with healing hugs, and hearts with unconditional love to share.

A family is a gift that's never completely unwrapped. It is a present for which each member is eternally thankful.

*May God's Richest Blessings Rest Upon
Each and Every Family Member,*

Clarice Wellington Williams

July 31, 1997

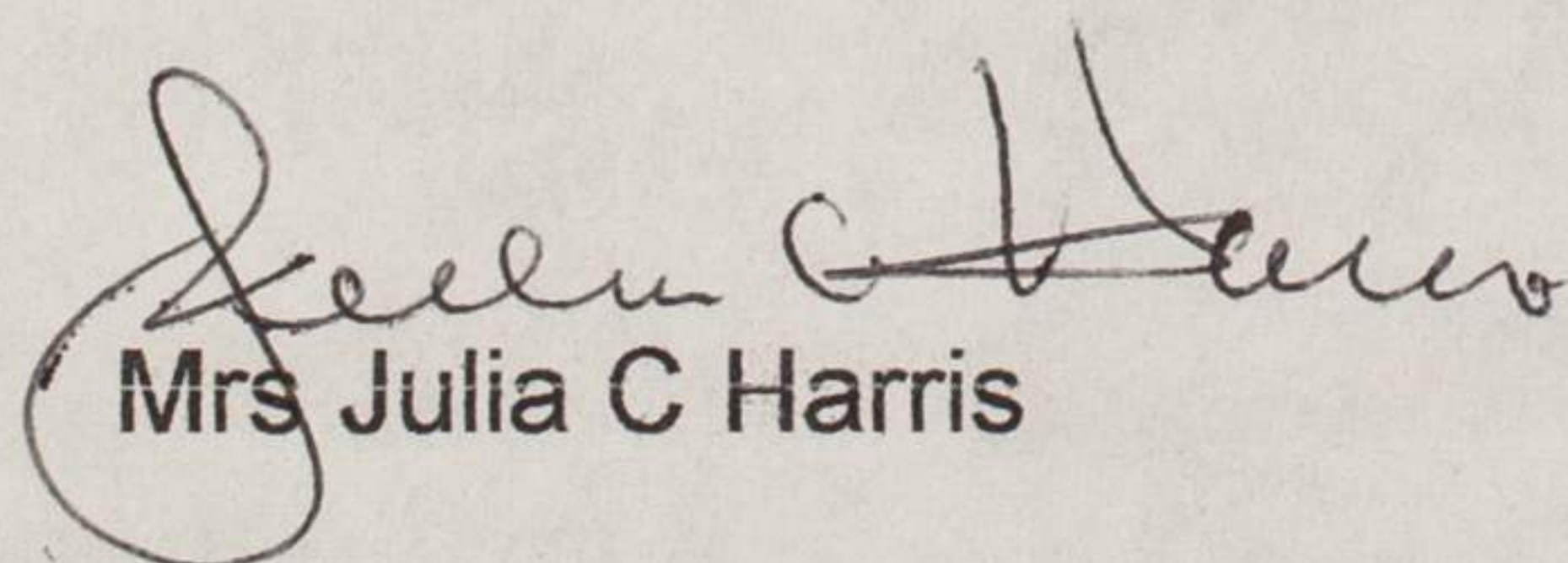
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The Nicodemus Historical Society
Ms Angela Bates-Tompkins
RR#2, Box 139
Bogue, Kansas 67625

Dear Ms Tompkins:

I am writing this short letter to inquire about the membership I sent in some time back. I have not heard anything from the Historical society nor you and wonder if my check was received and, if so, do I get any further information. Please advise me of any upcoming events, etc, as soon as possible.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience and thank you in advance


Mrs Julia C Harris



September 17, 1997

Dear Ms. Bates-Tompkins

Our company offers to select organizations and institutions a way to raise substantial funds (\$16,000 to \$80,000) and to create new, positive relations with your local business community. This program will further help you with future fund raising projects--all with no financial investment by your organization and with virtually no staff time.

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I want to personally invite you to stop by our A.A.S.L.H. trade show booth (#26) to see our display of books and investigate our program. We also have a gift for you that will allow you to "see from a larger perspective."

Wishing you a wonderful day,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry A. Black', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Barry A. Black
Vice President



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All of the effort required to produce the book, including the sale of the business profile pages and the sale of books, is handled by personnel associated with the Historical Publishing Network.

The sponsoring organization has input into the process in areas such as the selection of an author and photo editor. However, there is no staff time requirement from the organization to successfully complete a book project.

THE BENEFITS

The organization can help solidify its position as the preserver of the history of the region by publishing a high quality history book. Our program also greatly increases corporate awareness of the organization.

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OUR PRODUCT

All hardcover books produced by the Historical Publishing Network are case bound and printed on high quality book stock. Each book is designed with an attractive dust jacket. A unique title is given to each book, with a subtitle noting the sponsorship of the historical preservation organization.

The text of the book consists of two sections. The first and largest section is a narrative history of the city or region, complete with numerous historical photographs, paintings and other appropriate graphics.

The second part is the business history section. The business profiles in this section not only help fund the project, but lend a unique and valid historical perspective to the book.

WHY DOES THIS CONCEPT WORK?

Businesses in a given community truly want to be a part of a successful community educational project, especially if they have the opportunity to be recognized as a contributor to that project. In the case of a city or regional history book, the corporate sponsor benefits by being associated with the project, but also by receiving copies of the book to use as prestige gifts for clients, directors and others. The representatives of Historical Publishing Network are experts at marketing history profile pages to businesses.

Our experience has shown that almost any size city can support a venture like those undertaken by the Historical Publishing Network.

HOW CAN WE GET STARTED?

The Historical Publishing Network and the historical preservation organization enter into a formal contract naming the Network as publisher of its book. The agreement also details the number of books to be received by the organization at no cost. Also it describes the process by which an author and photo editor will be selected and how the Network will go about its solicitation of business profile pages.

THE HISTORICAL PUBLISHING NETWORK

The Historical Publishing Network is a distinctive subsidiary of a nationally-known publishing company.

Lammert Publications, Inc. of San Antonio, Texas has been in business for 23 years producing directories, magazines and maps for chambers of commerce and trade associations. In addition, the company has owned several newspapers and magazines. Ron Lammert is president of the company. He holds an advanced degree from the University of Texas at Austin and has been on the board of directors of a regional museum and heritage organization in Texas.

Lammert Publications, Inc. has created The Historical Publishing Network with the mission of helping to preserve in print some of the nation's invaluable local historical narratives. The venture is also committed to building a mechanism to help raise needed funding for organizations committed to historical preservation.

**PLEASE FURNISH COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE HISTORICAL PUBLISHING NETWORK
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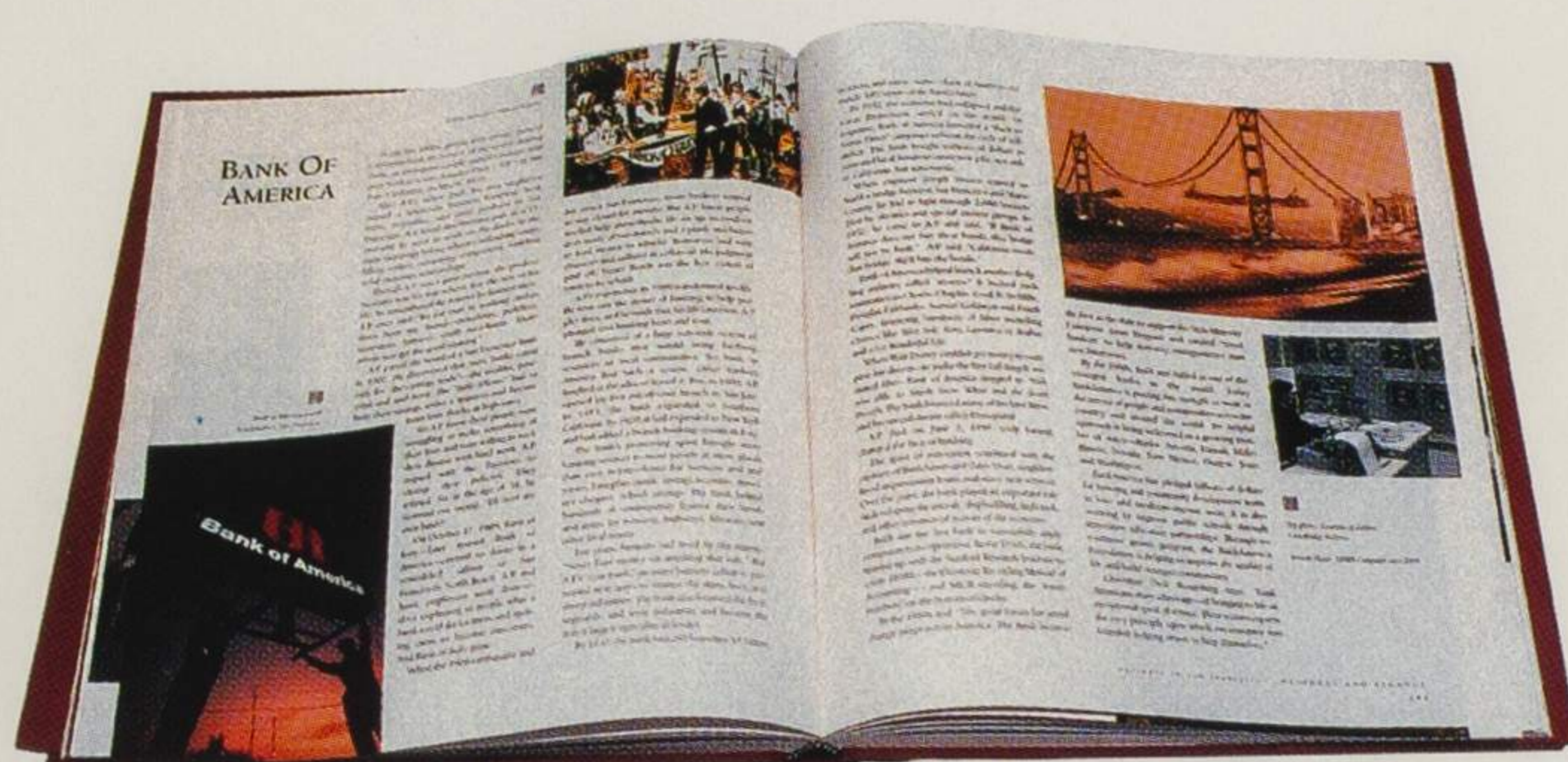
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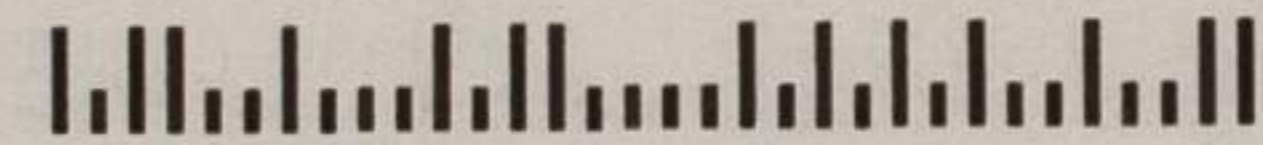
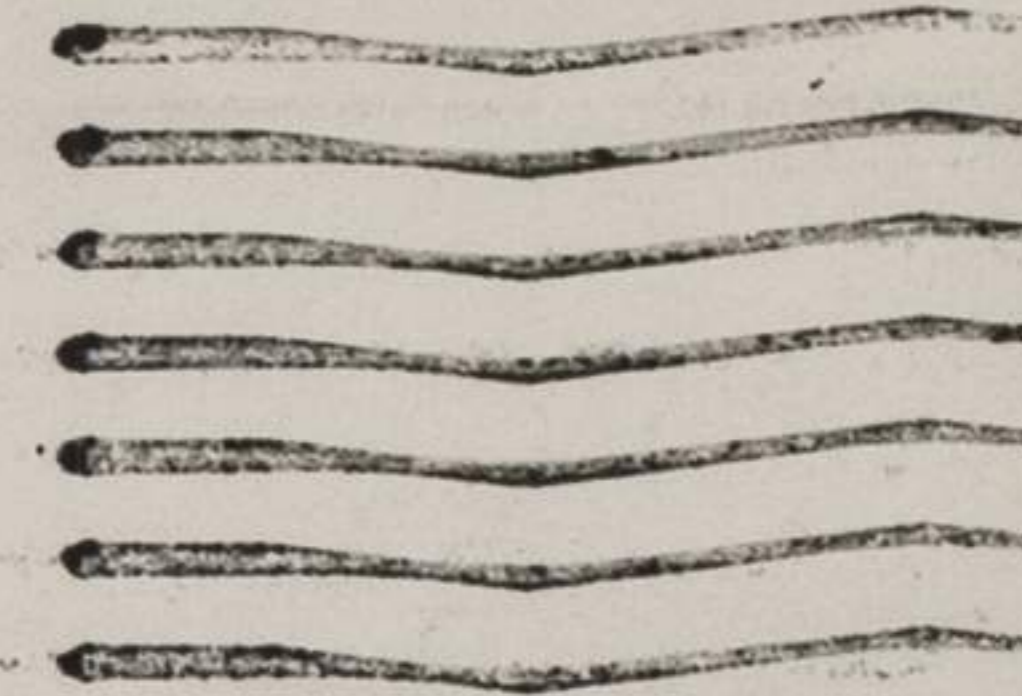
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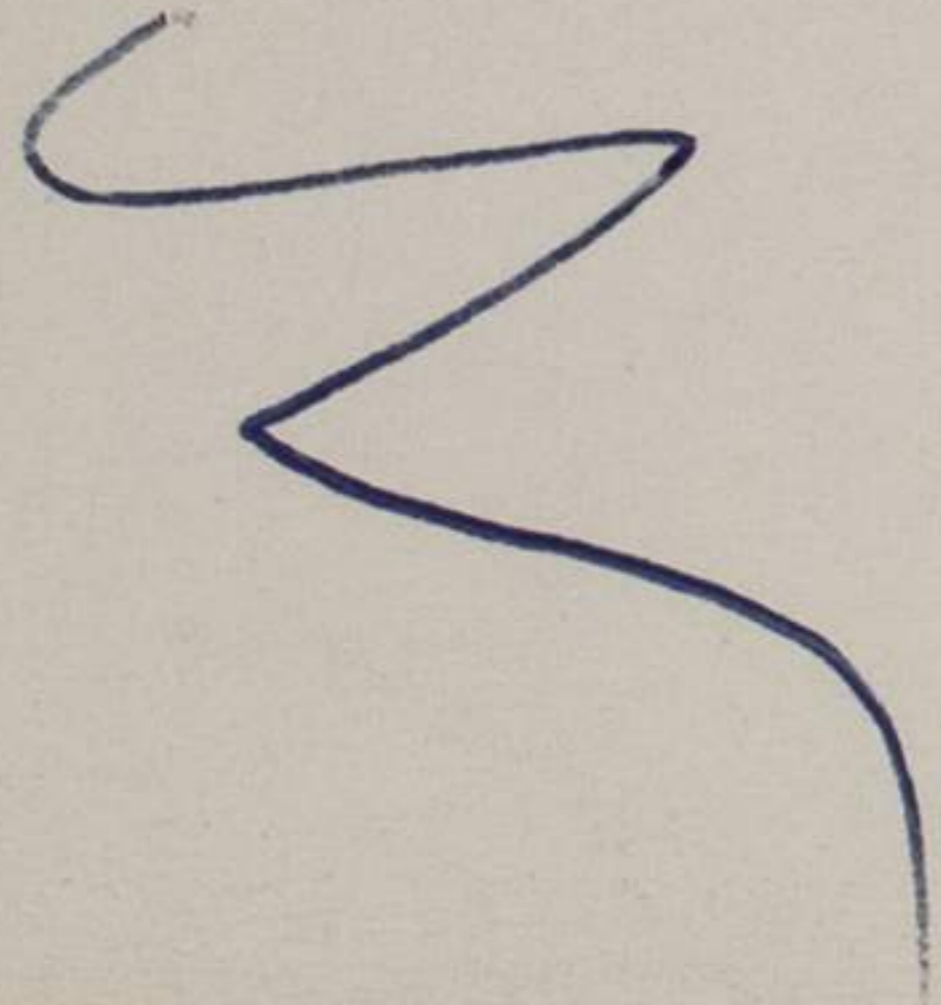
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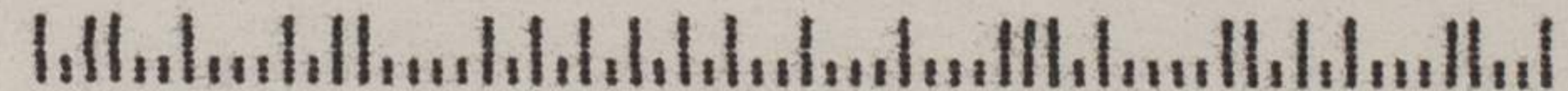
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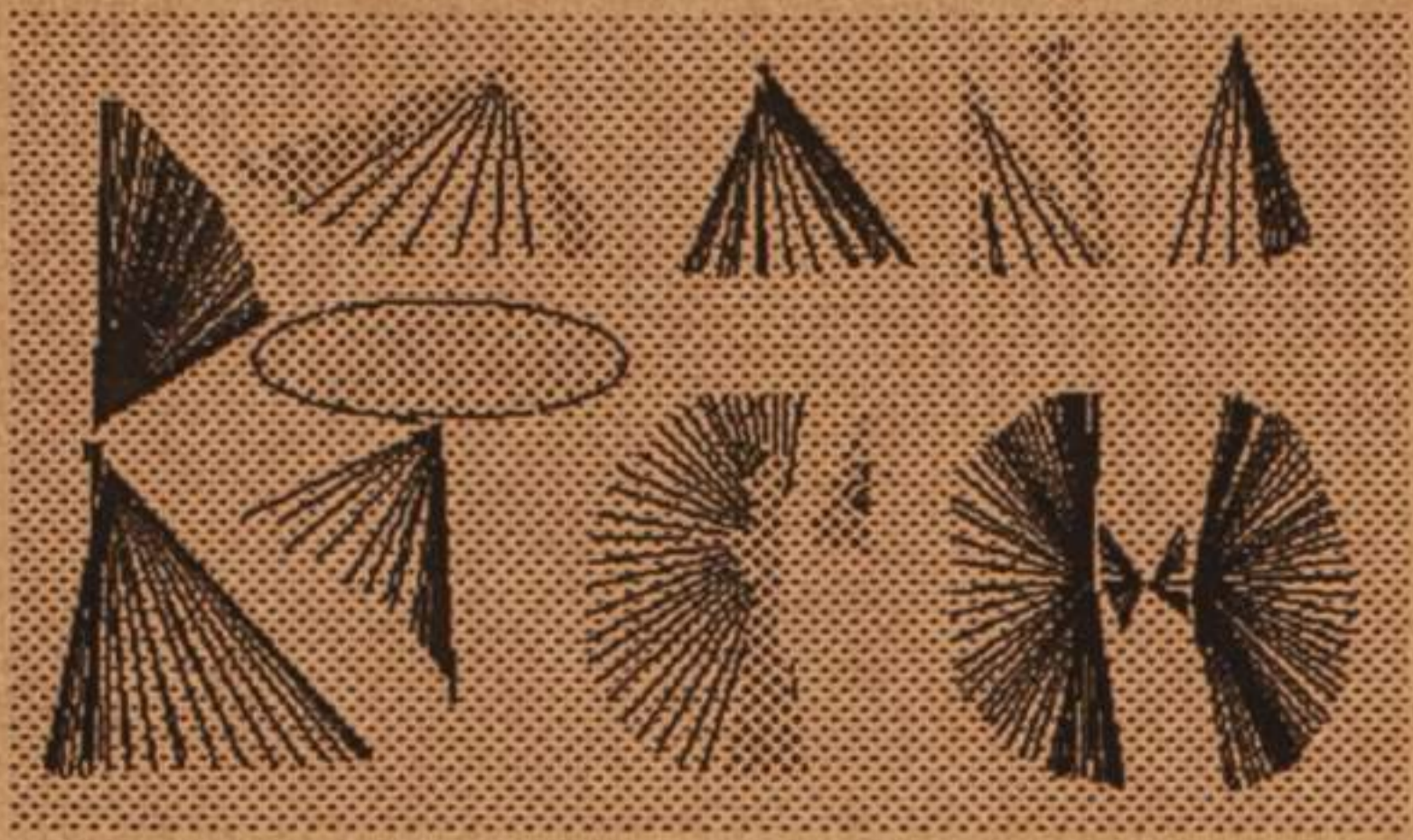


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17 Oct. 1997

Ms Angela Bates
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Dear Dear Angela:

This is a reminder for the meeting of the Board of Directors and the membership on this Friday, October 24, at 3pm at the Metropolitan Baptist Temple, Washington Blvd and 9th street, in Kansas City, Kansas. Please join the KIAANAFH, if you have not already, and participate in this meeting if at all possible.

The agenda is attached. A central part of our meeting will be discussion and the making of some key decisions about our plans to commemorate the African American victims on the "Trail of Tears", who were with the Cherokee and other Indians when forced off of their traditional homelands in the South Eastern United States during the 1830s. Not many people know that many hundreds of those who suffered this ordeal were blacks, and, as former Cherokee Chief Wilma Mankiller has noted, no commemoration has yet been held specifically for them.

For those who have not yet joined the KIAANAFH, we hope that you will find our plans for service to local families, and our efforts to commemorate little known aspects of our history such as the Trail, to be worthy of your membership and participation.

Yours most sincerely,

Willard R. Johnson
Willard R. Johnson
President and Volunteer Staff Coordinator

attachments: agenda and decision guide
membership form (bring with payment, if
not already a member)

AGENDA

BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETING OCT 24 3-5:30pm
Metropolitan Baptist Temple, 9th and Washington Blvd K.C. Kansas

1. Reports from Staff Coordinator and from Treasurer: election results, financial activity and condition, membership, and last year's activities

2. Trail of Tears project

Report:

- general outline of concept and possibilities
- reactions to date
- funding needs and prospects

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- general reaction to idea
- people, organizations to contact and involve
- likely reaction
- likely financial needs
- staff needs

FOR DECISION

- dialogue with Cherokee (and others?)
 - who wants to participate
 - who else should be invited
 - what should we discuss
 - when/where should it(they) be held
- specific approach to a ceremony
 - what it should be (march, ceremony,
 - when it should be held
 - where it should occur
 - who should be involved directly
 - who should be asked to help
- immediate next steps
- constituting committee of Board/ membership, for:
 - staff search and selection
 - links to other organizations/people
 - dialogue process
 - funding committee

3 Membership drive (how, when, where & who can help?)

4. Exhibitions/ educational programs (what can/should we do next, given interests of members present)

5 Other business

WE MUST DETERMINE THE NATURE OF THE CEREMONY alternatives are:

WHAT? & WHERE?

- > a one day meeting at a significant site: perhaps Tahlequah?
- >or simultaneous commemorative meetings (perhaps with short marches) all along the trail route from the Carolinas to Oklahoma, with big ceremony at beginning or end?
- >or a several day procession? (a moving group that marches a few miles each day - joined in by locals, with a substantial group riding on to the next location for local meeting(s) along a significant portion of the trail route.)

WHO? alternatives

- > whoever wants, following advertisements and appeals by media, and mobilization by local co-sponsorship committees?
- > primarily (or only) those who participate in the planning process?
- > select people from both communities we actively recruit, regardless of their involvement in the planning process?

WHEN? alternatives

- > mid to late 1998 for dialogues as well as ceremony itself, as 160th anniversary of the main removals
- > dialogues and promotion in 1998, including participation in Wayne State Univ. conference, with main ceremony in 1999?

OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF CEREMONY PROJECT: should we? and how to organize the following:

- > an Executive Committee specifically for the ceremony project, separate from the service and other programs? (that includes KIAANAFH Board & members who want to participate AND Cherokee and other Native American reps) or just leave it to KIAANAFH BOARD?
- > an ADVISORY Board (somewhat honorific, and including people like Alice Walker, Jesse Jackson, Dr. "Skip" Gates, Rev. Joseph Lowery and other prominent clergymen such as Andy Young? and the current Chair of whatever council of N.A. nations exists?, Congressman Wheat and perhaps include OK politicians and leaders if of Cherokee descent, or if the Nation approves or recommends them)
- > local/regional committees (at least for the Eastern and the Western components, and for along the route?) What specific organizations, people should we contact?
- > staff selection: should we draw from a combination of KIAANAFH, Cherokee Heritage Center (or other allies) and people loaned to us from other organizations, (which would need our own paid staff supervisor) or, assuming sufficient funding, concentrate on our own one paid coordinator?

PLEASE THINK ABOUT EACH OF THESE ISSUES - WE NEED YOUR INPUTS

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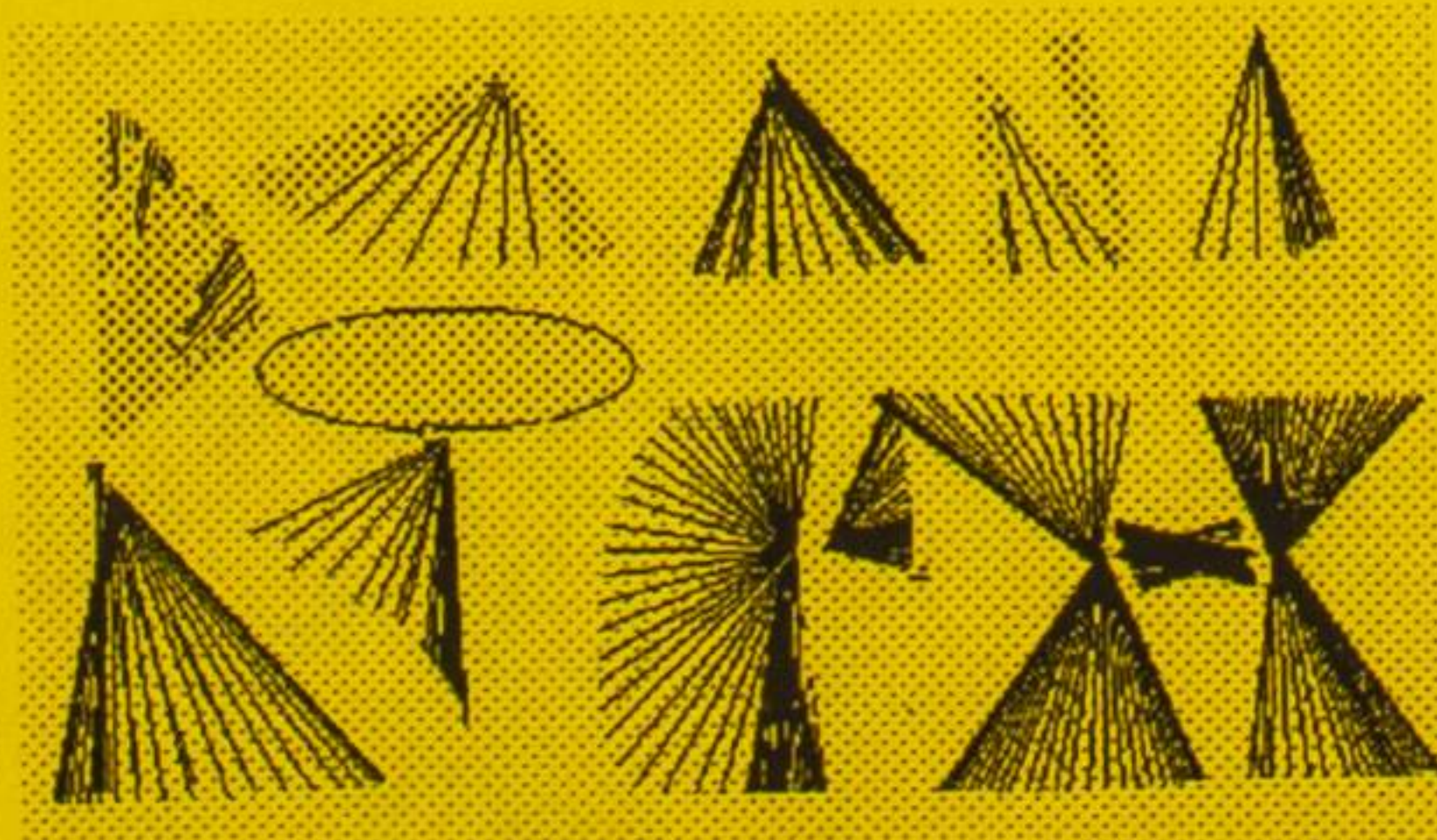
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Areas of special interest & experience (check as many as apply):
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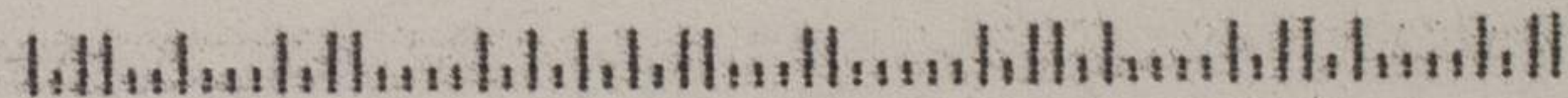


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From the President's Desk

The 1997 is about to get away from us. I'd like to thank all of those people who have made a contribution to help keep KanArts alive; sweat equity means a lot to an organization like ours. 1997 gave us more paint on the canvas, slowly we will get a painting that is representative of our membership in the State of Kansas.

I'd like to take this time to thank NedRa Bonds of Kansas City, Kansas who made some wonderful contributions to KanArts in 1997. Ms. Bonds provided (traded) some of her time (teaching classes) with Accessible Arts and donated her fee to KanArts. NedRa has also donated some art and handmade craft items to KanArts for us to sell for fund raising. My hat is off to NedRa for all her help in 1997! Thanks NedRa!

Since Oct 95 KanArts has existed to be the collective voice of "People of Color" in the State of Kansas. This short message is to get you to understand that a continued commitment is needed to help us "weather the storm". This message is to ask that you renew your membership in KanArts so that we can continue to represent our constancy base. If you haven't sent in your June 1997 thru June 1998 membership dues -Please do so immediately! Our six month free assistance at the Lawrence Indian Center will end the last day of October and we need to start paying for the office space. Ours is not gloom and doom; just doom I mean gloom. Your support is needed.

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Indian Center Museum, Wichita

December 7 through January 4
Opening for
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Indian Center Museum, Wichita

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