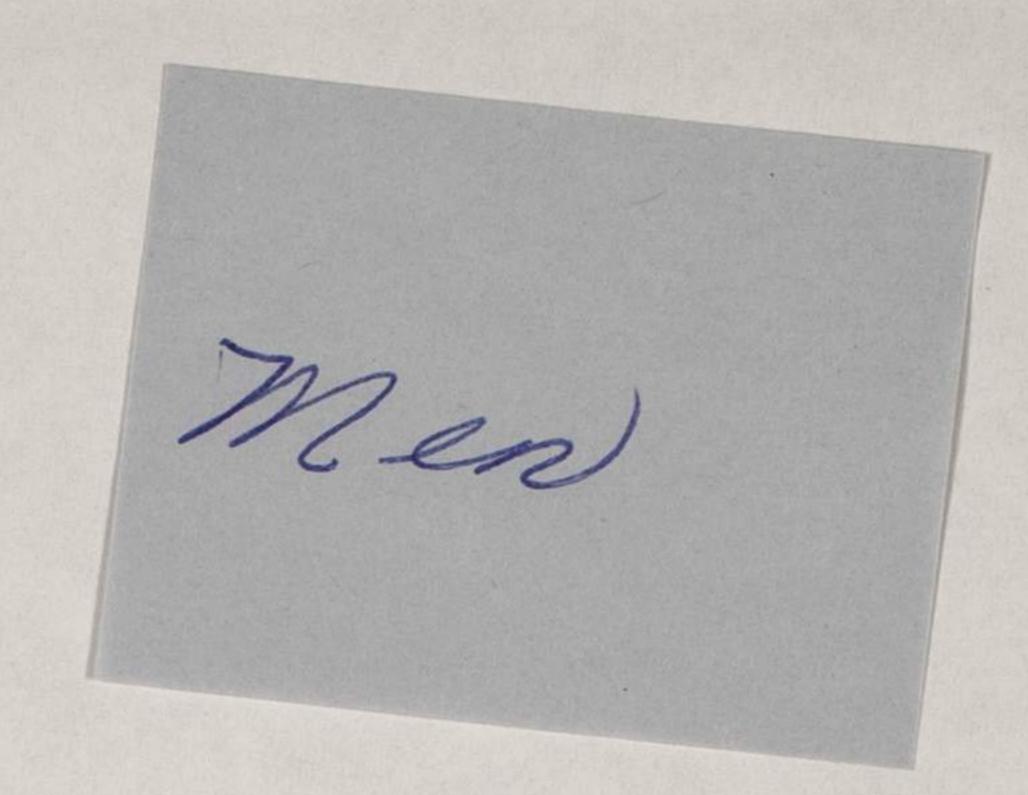
April 30. 1997



Ms. Angela Bates-Tompkins R.R.#2 Box 139
Bogue, Kansas 67625

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