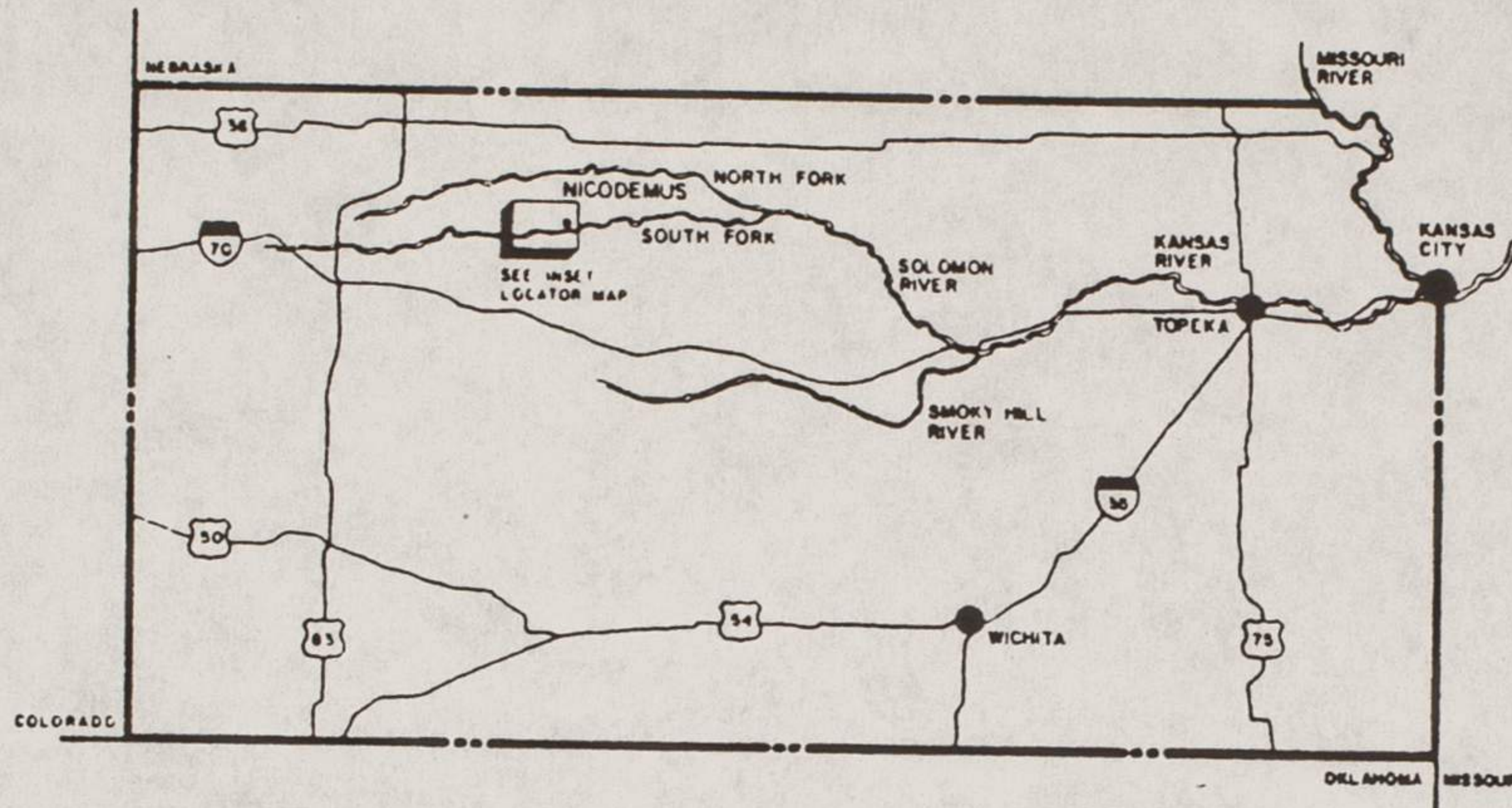
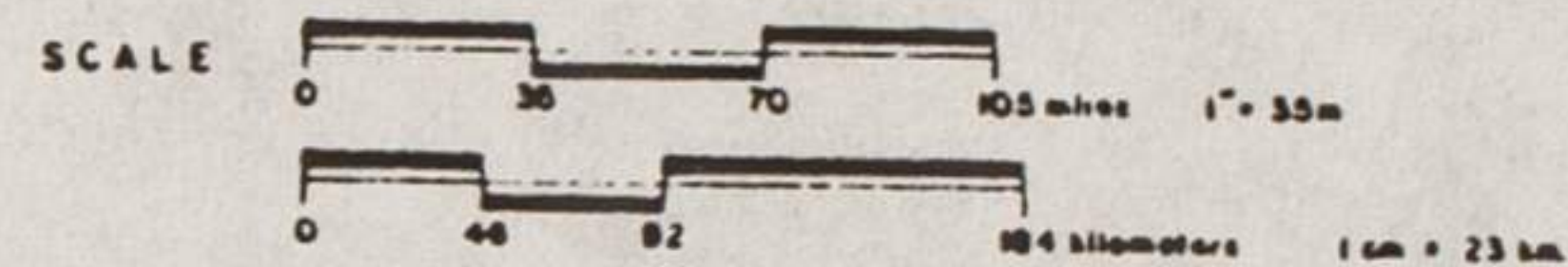


NICODEMUS, KANSAS

A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK BLACK SETTLEMENT



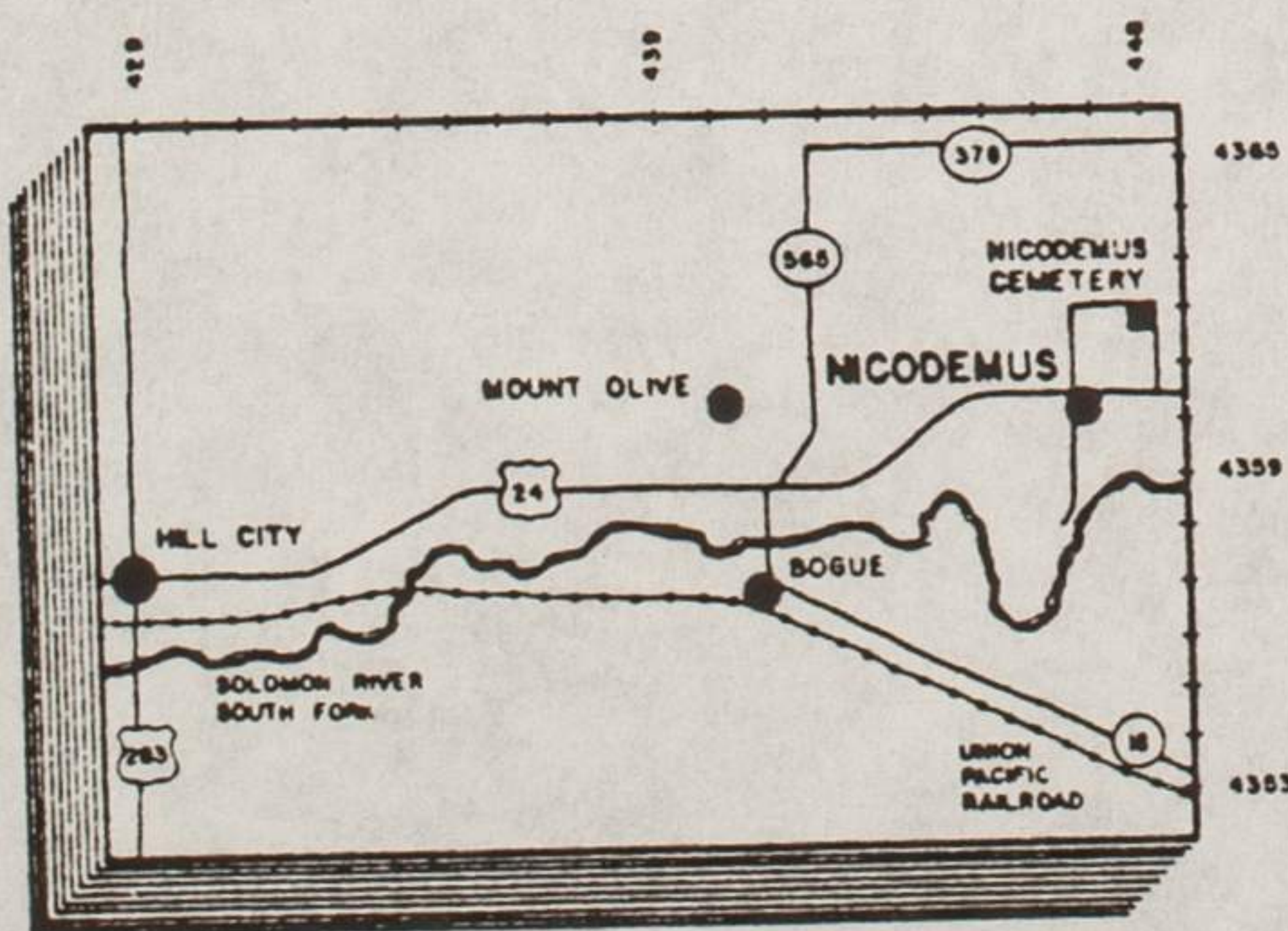
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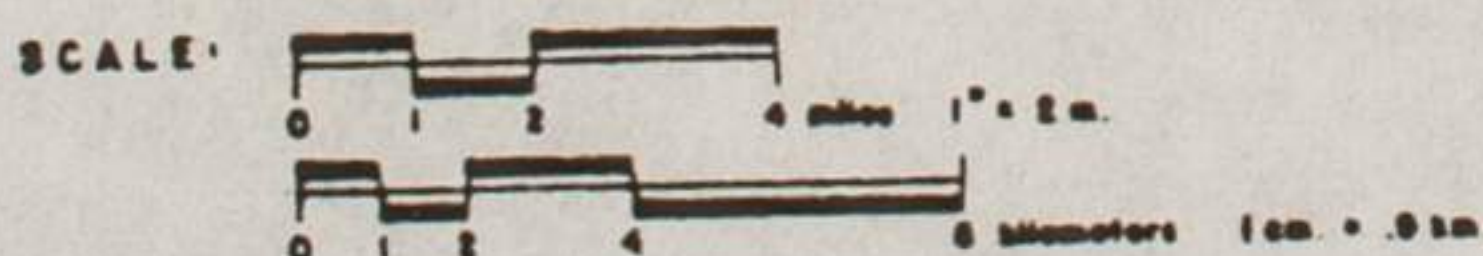
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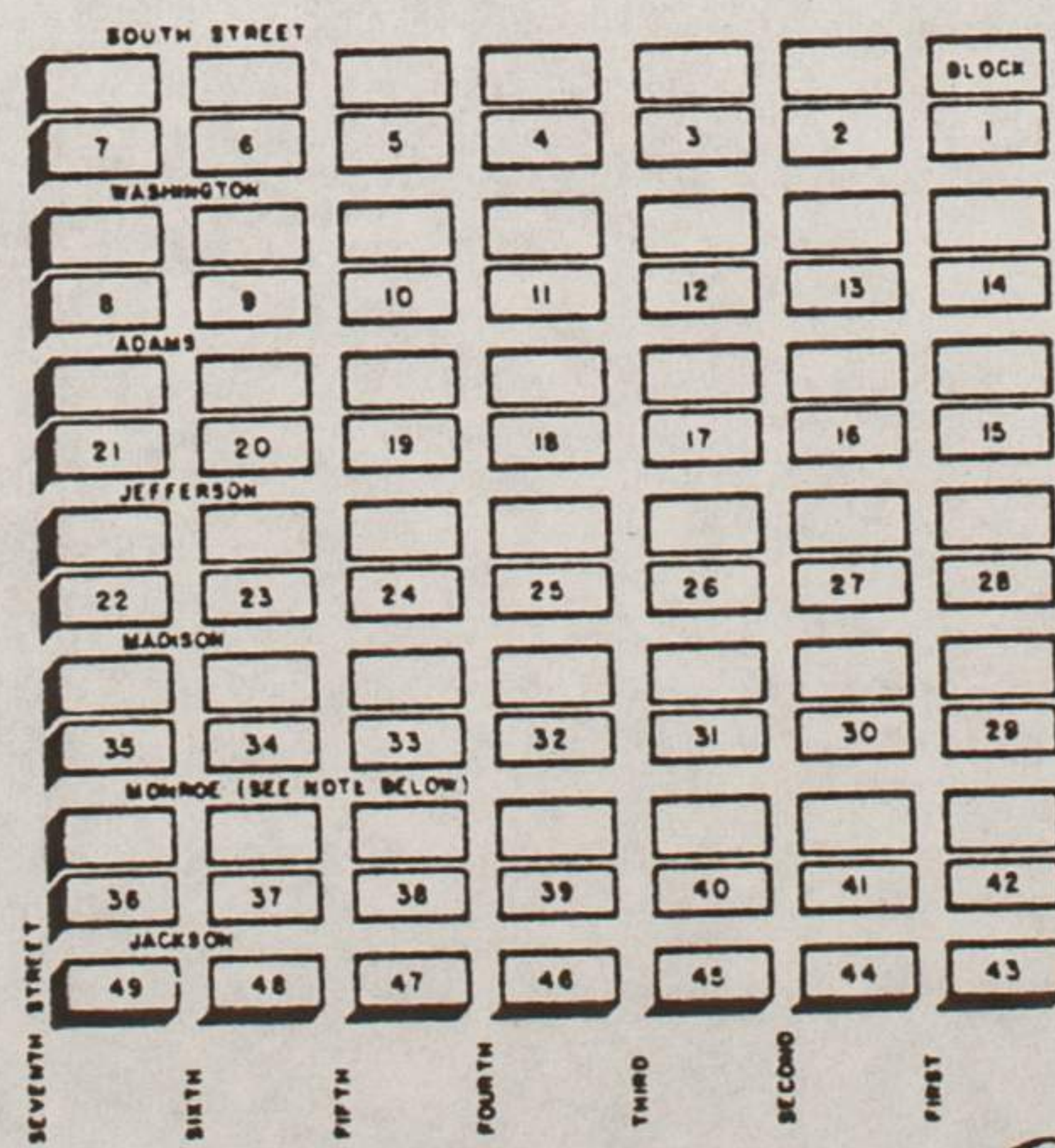
NICODEMUS, KANSAS, REPRESENTS THE EARLIEST AND MOST PROSPEROUS MIDWESTERN BLACK SETTLEMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE MASSIVE WESTWARD MIGRATION OF FORMER SLAVES OUT OF THE SOUTH DURING RECONSTRUCTION. FOLLOWING A TYPICAL MIDWESTERN PATTERN OF TOWN DEVELOPMENT, THE NICODEMUS TOWN COMPANY WAS FORMED ON APRIL 18, 1877, BY THE PROMOTIONAL LITERATURE OF BENJAMIN "PAP" SINGLETON AND LED BY WHITE PROMOTER W.R. HILL, FIVE SEPARATE INFUSIONS OF BLACK COLONISTS, PREDOMINANTLY THE POPULATION OF THE TOWN. BY 1878, NICODEMUS' PROMINENCE, HOWEVER, WAS SHORTLIVED. WHEN THE RAILROAD BY-PASSED THE COMMUNITY IN 1888, THE MAJORITY OF BUSINESSES RELOCATED TO NEARBY COMMUNITIES AND THE TOWN SLOWLY WITHERED. A RESILIENT AND SELF-RELIANT NUCLEUS OF SETTLER REMAINED. TODAY, 45 DECENDENTS OF THESE ORIGINAL IMMIGRANTS RESIDE IN THE COMMUNITY, AND NUMEROUS HISTORIC STRUCTURES STILL EXIST.



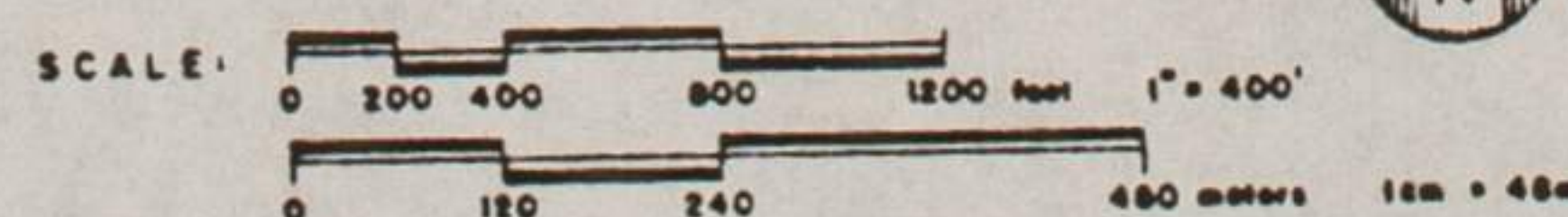
INSET LOCATOR MAP



MAP ADAPTED FROM THE FOLLOWING USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES:
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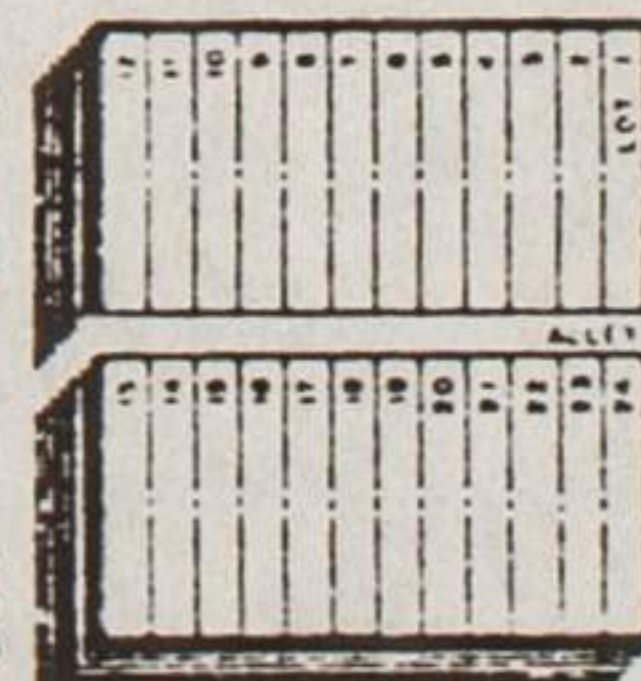


PLAT OF NICODEMUS



MAP DERIVED FROM THE ORIGINAL TOWN PLAT SURVEYED AND DRAWN BY D. H. MINOR IN 1880. MAP SHOWS THE PLATTED LAYOUT OF NICODEMUS WITH FORTY-TWO FULL BLOCKS EACH HAVING TWENTY-FOUR LOTS, AND SEVEN HALF BLOCKS OF TWELVE LOTS.

BLOCKS 300' x 320'
LOTS 25' x 80' except 1 & 24 in blocks 12, 17, 24, 31, 40, 45
STREETS 80' wide except 1st & 3rd
ALLEYS 20' wide



TYPICAL BLOCK LAYOUT

NOTE "SUNSHINE" ON ORIGINAL 1880 PLAT "SUNSHINE" ON SUBSEQUENT MAPS

