



Beginning in the spring of 1879, blacks fled the South in such massive numbers that a Congressional investigation known as the Voorhees Committee was convened, and many national periodicals covered the black exodus. This drawing, taken from Harper's Weekly and dated August 16, 1879, is entitled "Negro Exodusters en Route for Kansas, fleeing from the Yellow Fever," because rumors of the imminent epidemic incited many local migrations from the Deep South. (Source: Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kansas)