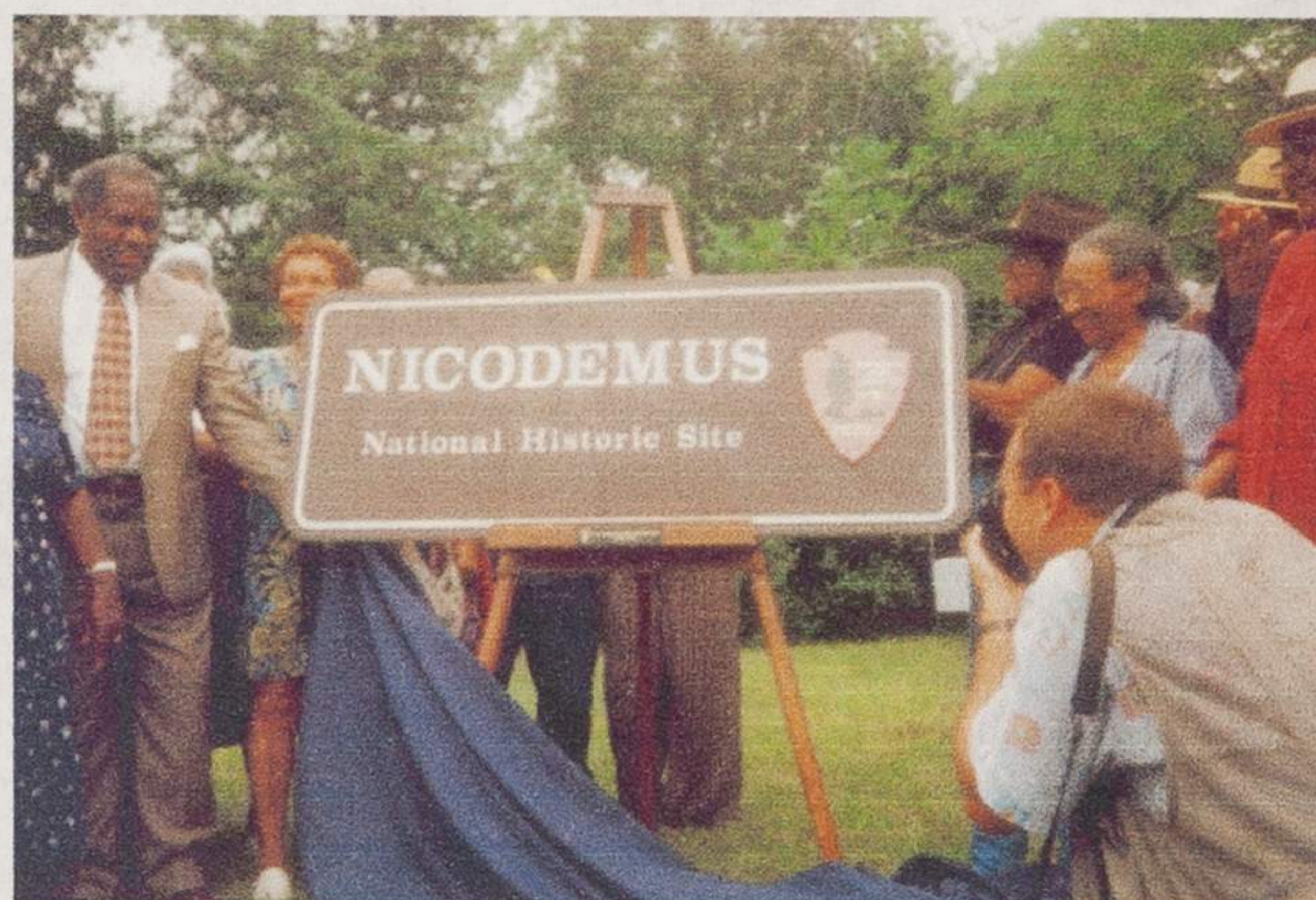


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NICODEMUS 128TH
EMANCIPATION/HOMECOMING CELEBRATION
&
NICODEMUS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY
July 27th—July 30th, 2006



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Robert Stanton unveils Nicodemus National Historic Site sign—
July 1996 Dedication Ceremony

Historic Nicodemus Kansas is celebrating its 10th Anniversary as a National Historic Site during its 128th Emancipation/Homecoming Celebration. This year's program will focus on celebrating the 10th year anniversary, with special guest, former director of the National Park Service, Robert Stanton. Mr. Stanton was in Nicodemus during the dedication of the 5 historic buildings (A.M.E. Church, School District #1 School, St. Francis Hotel, and the First Baptist Church), as a National Historic Site, in 1996. Robert Stanton is now retired, however, he is returning on this 10th Anniversary, to participate as a guest speaker. Among other guests are National Park Service Deputy Regional Director, Dave Given and Danielle Dempsey-Swopes, Executive Director of the Kansas African American Affairs Commission, to name a few.

Activities for this 128th Celebration promise to be fun. Thursday a USDA Forum will be held at the Hill City theater. This event is sponsored by the Kansas Black Farmers Association. Friday events will include an evening of musical entertainment with Jazz in the Park followed by a dance with music provided by DJ Nathan Jackson. Saturday will kick off with a free pancake breakfast at 8:30 am, followed by the traditional parade at 11:00. The program will start promptly at 1:00. Descendants fashion/talent show will follow the program at 4:00. The Gospel Extravaganza will be 7:30 with the dance and DJ to follow. The event comes to a close after church services at 10:30am on Sunday. Food and other vendors will be present and plenty of activities planned for the kids. KU Med will return for its 9th year to provide free health screenings. **FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Alvena Alexander 784.839.4494**