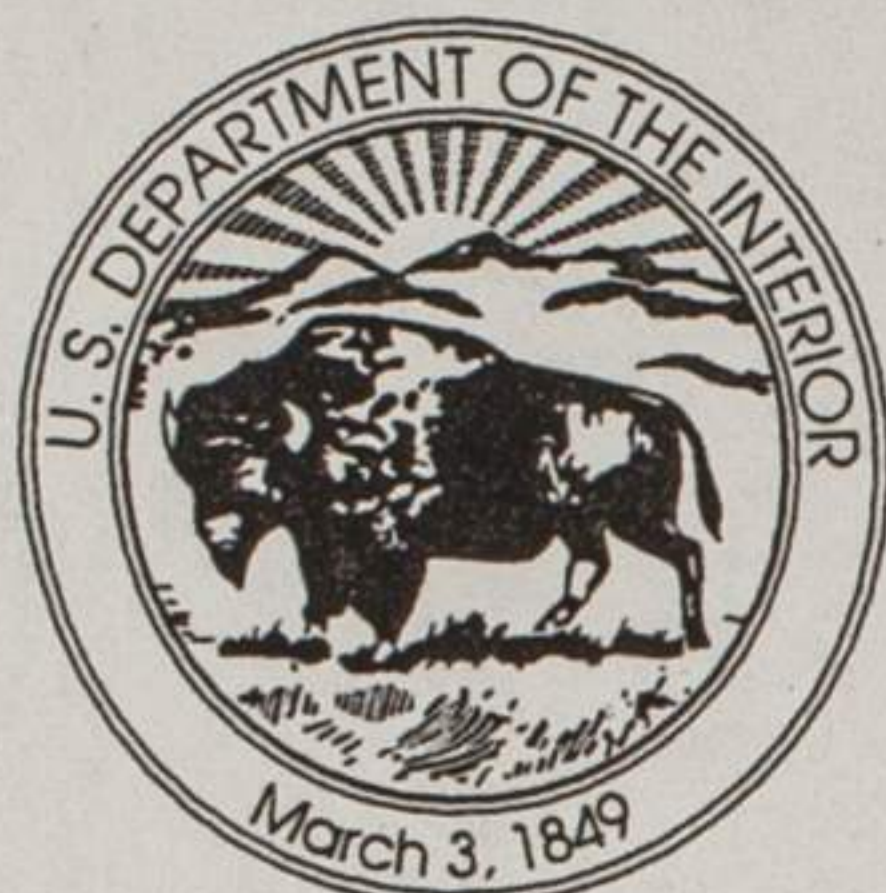


*Re: Invite other Black Towns here*



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November 1, 2004

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Nicodemus Homecoming Committee  
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Dear Members of the Nicodemus Homecoming Committee:

Nicodemus National Historic Site is considering a few ideas (all in the planning stages at this time) that could impact the Homecoming event in small ways. We wanted to notify you early so you would have time to consider and respond to these ideas.

- 1) One of the activities that the National Park Service will be sponsoring over the Homecoming weekend is an intensive visitor survey program. In past years we have handed out a simple survey card at the bookstore desk, that visitors may fill out to rate our performance and the services we provide. However, this year, we have funding to conduct a more extensive survey. National Park Service staff (from another office) will be handing out more in-depth surveys to visitors in a location outside the Township Hall. This survey should provide helpful information that we will share with the Township Board and to the County; the survey will include questions about desired services (hotels, restaurants, etc.) in or near town. We will need to discuss obtaining a booth space for use by the survey crew during Homecoming, located either near the Hall or in the Township Park. We ask that you consider this request during your planning.
- 2) As many of you have heard, we are also beginning a process to develop a long-range interpretative plan for Nicodemus National Historic Site. That process needs to include a few public meetings, so residents and descendants have an opportunity to provide ideas and express concerns about the way we interpret the history of Nicodemus. Because we would like as many descendants as possible to participate, we were wondering if we could sponsor a public meeting on Friday morning, July 29, 2005. We would have to use the Township Hall, but the physical set-up would be the same as for the Committee's program on Saturday, so there will not be much interference from that aspect. However, we certainly do not want to interfere with any activities the Committee is planning.