

P.O. Box 351
Tribune, Kansas 67879
October 4, 1994

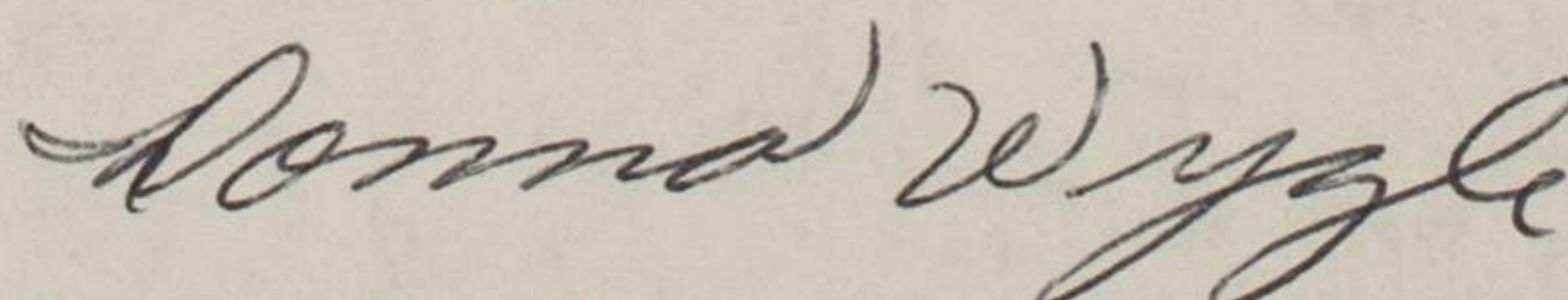
Dear Angela Bates:

Thank you for your gracious invitation to Nicodemus Pioneer Days Reception. I will be unable to attend due to illness in the family but please accept this donation toward the benefit of your new offices and museum. Ever since I learned about Nicodemus, it has been my pleasure to attend the Emancipation Day celebrations, and to play host to the presentation of "Buffalo Soldiers" in Tribune. You have made an admirable effort of bring the positive news of your town to the public. Your recent article, "The Kansas African American History Trail", in the Kansas magazine comes to mind.

In the same issue of KANSAS!, and following your article, is the page of Tours, Museums and Events. Dr. Fred Whitehead's name is listed under the Quindaro Underground Railroad site in Kansas City, KS. He, along with Kansas legislators, launched a successful campaign to save the historical site down by the river, from becoming a land-fill. Millions of dollars were at stake from the corporation which hoped to profit from the land deal. There were law suites and a protracted battle over the ownership of the land. But at last enough pressure from Civil-Rights groups and from the environmentalists who were concerned that the land-fill would pollute the river that the commercial use of the area was halted and the site was turned over to the Quindaro Historical Society.

Dr. Whitehead also publishes a newsletter known as the PEOPLE'S CULTURE. I have taken the liberty of enclosing an issue. As you will see from your reading, the newsletter is in need of a more broadly based support. The letter is a voice for social issues that the membership feels need to be addressed and so work for constructive change in our society as a whole. It is often that by linking up with other groups that we help our cause as well. Would you consider writing an article for publication in the PC newsletter? Your support would be most appreciated. Since Dr. Whitehead's appeal to the membership has gone out, he has heard from people all over the world, including Germany and Britian. Those letters will be published in the next issue. He also accepted my letter. I suppose the most exciting thing about activist group is that even little people who stir themselves and work together can effect big change. That's certainly entergizing for all involved.

Sincerely,



Donna Wygle