

**KANSAS - KENTUCKY CONNECTION**  
"Black Kentuckians in the Promise Lands of Kansas"  
Historic Nicodemus, Kansas

Slide Presentation and Lecture

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The slide presentation and lecture will provide the citizens of Scott and Fayette Counties and surrounding areas, an opportunity to learn about the African American slave experience in Kentucky and specifically in their areas up to and during the Civil War. They will also learn how the economic, political and social climate during reconstruction precipitated the mass migration of African Americans out of the blue grass country of Kentucky to the promise 'free' lands of Kansas in 1877.

The story of the migration of hundreds of these Fayette and Scott County African Americans out of Kentucky to their new home of Nicodemus, Kansas will unfold. The re-connection with the remaining descendants from Kentucky and Kansas who are linked by slave masters and/or through their genealogy will also be discussed.

Lastly, the history and story of the continued survival of Nicodemus will be told, with a focus on how this tiny, but giant of a historic town struggles to be designated by Congress to become a part of the National Park System as a National Historic Site.