

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

The slide-lecture will provide the citizens of Scott and Fayette counties an opportunity to learn about the African American slave experience in Kentucky and specifically in their counties 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 Fayette and Scott county African Americans out of Kentucky to their new home of Nicodemus, Kansas will unfold. The connection and re-connection with the remaining descendants of both Scott and Fayette Counties, and Nicodemus, linked through slavery by the former masters of their ancestors, and/or by their genealogy, will also be discussed.

This slide-lecture will also provide an opportunity to learn about the settling of these African American Kentuckians in their new home of Nicodemus. The general history of Nicodemus and how it continues to survive after 115 years of constant struggle will be shown. The current proposed National Historic Site project for Nicodemus and how it will impact and affect the Fayette and Scott counties as it relates to possible historical interpretive programs, will also be discussed.



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