

AS IN MOST ASPECTS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE THE CHURCH PLAYED A CRUCIAL ROLE IN THE MIGRATION FROM KENTUCKY TO KANSAS. W.R. HILL AND THE REV. ROYDTREE ENLISTED THE AID OF KENTUCKY PASTORS. SEEKING A BETTER LIFE FOR THEIR FLOCKS THE MINISTERS OF MT. OLIVE OF DRY RUN, FIRST BAPTIST OF GEORGETOWN, STAMPING GROUND BAPTIST, ZEBULAH BAPTIST OF WHITE SULPHUR AND MT. PLEASANT IN SADIEVILLE LED OR SENT MEMBERS OF THEIR CONGREGATIONS TO KANSAS.

IN KANSAS THE CHURCH CONTINUED TO BE THE GUIDING FORCE AS THE PIONEERS FACED ADAPTATION TO NEW LIVING CONDITIONS AND NEW FORMS OF AGRICULTURE. REV. SILAS LEE, A MINISTER IN SCOTT COUNTY, CREATED THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NICODEMUS IN 1879. CHARLES WILLIAMS, ONE OF THE 1877 MIGRANTS, WAS THE FIRST TRUSTEE OF THE CHURCH. IN 1880 THE ST. PAUL CHURCH A.M.E. WAS ORGANIZED BY JERRY MEYERS AND THE NICODEMUS AREA HAS BOTH A ZEBULAH CHURCH AND A MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, NAMED IN HONOR OF THE CONGREGATIONS' FORMER CHURCHES IN SCOTT COUNTY.

Do you have a first name for Rev Roundtree?

- African American led
- people who were economically able & literate
- different than the exodus movement
- genealogy - connection during "Family" - greatest link of the migration
- Emancipation - merge 1878!
 - social event immediate
 - founding of town & movement
- the sense of community & family is what brings people back, & motivation for restoration & new migration
- 1st AA town west of the Towns Appleton West

gained national attention from white & black newspapers in its promotion

Why KS.

- Homestead Act
- Independence
- John Brown
- salaried not exist
- AA had autonomy over their lives in KS
- struggle that we have
- Town social
- Blount
- St. Paul
- Pioneer Hall
- Mason
- etc.
- Schools
- 1st in Appleton