

Into the 70's and 80's Nicodemus was faced with a new surge of activity. After being designated a National Historic Landmark in 1976 Nicodemus acquired new housing for its elderly, The Nicodemus Villa, a 10 unit apartment complex. In 1989, five descendants organized the Nicodemus Historical Society set out to preserve the architectural, photographic, written and oral history. Angela Bates, organizer and President, began a long arduous journey of researching the early history of the first. Her findings uncovered some of the forgotten Kentucky seeds connected to the migration. Clark Moore, barber in Georgetown, was the first person to be genealogically connected to the Kentucky descendants of Nicodemus. His great great grand parents were George and Effie Moore, former residents of Georgetown and among the first settlers of Nicodemus. William McIntyre, Scott County Black historian was the first to visit Nicodemus making the re-connection with the Kansas-Kentucky 'Bluegrass' seeds. His family were among the ones that settled in WaKeeney, Trego County and returned after many hardships and adaptation to the pioneer life.

William McIntyre is direct descendant of Vice President, Col. Richard M. Johnson. His great grand father Andrew McIntyre married Susan Lightfoot, daughter to Hatley Lighthfoot of the Johnson Plantation. Their son Milton was born in WaKeeney and later became minister of the Zebulah Baptist Church of White Sulpher, Scott County. The marriage of Andrew and Susan on December 29, 1873 was witnessed by Rev. Silas Lee, who also migrated to Nicodemus and organized the Nicodemus First Baptist Church in 1879. Charles Williams among the 1877 Georgetown migrants, was the first Trustee of the church. In 1880 the St. Paul Church A.M.E. was organized Jerry Meyers in 1881.

The initial meeting of William McIntyre and Angela Bates formed a re-connection of descendants from the Johnson plantation that stretch back to the 1830's. Barrie Tompkins, blacksmith and farrier and former Lexington resident is the first Fayette County Kentuckian to move to the Nicodemus area since the initial migration of the 1800's.