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The Western Migration of the
African American & Historic
Nicodemus, Kansas

Slide/Video/Lecture Presentation

All Colored People

THAT WANT TO

GO TO KANSAS,

On September 5th, 1877,

Can do so for \$5.00

IMMIGRATION

WHEREAS, We, the colored people of Lexington, Ky., knowing that there is an abundance of choice lands now belonging to the Government, have assembled ourselves together for the purpose of locating on said lands. Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we do now organize ourselves into a Colony, as follows:— Any person wishing to become a member of this Colony can do so by paying the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), and this money is to be paid by the first of September, 1877, in instalments of twenty-five cents at a time, or otherwise as may be desired.

RESOLVED, That this Colony has agreed to consolidate itself with the Nicodemus Towns, Solomon Valley, Graham County, Kansas, and can only do so by entering the vacant lands now in their midst, which costs \$5.00.

RESOLVED, That this Colony shall consist of seven officers—President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Trustees. President—M. M. Bell; Vice-President—Isaac Talbot; Secretary—W. J. Niles; Treasurer—Daniel Clarke; Trustees—Jerry Lee, William Jones, and Abner Webster

RESOLVED, That this Colony shall have from one to two hundred militia, more or less, as the case may require, to keep peace and order, and any member failing to pay in his dues, as aforesaid, or failing to comply with the above rules in any particular, will not be recognized or protected by the Colony.

Promotional Handbill

Presented By

Angela Bates

President

Nicodemus Historical Society

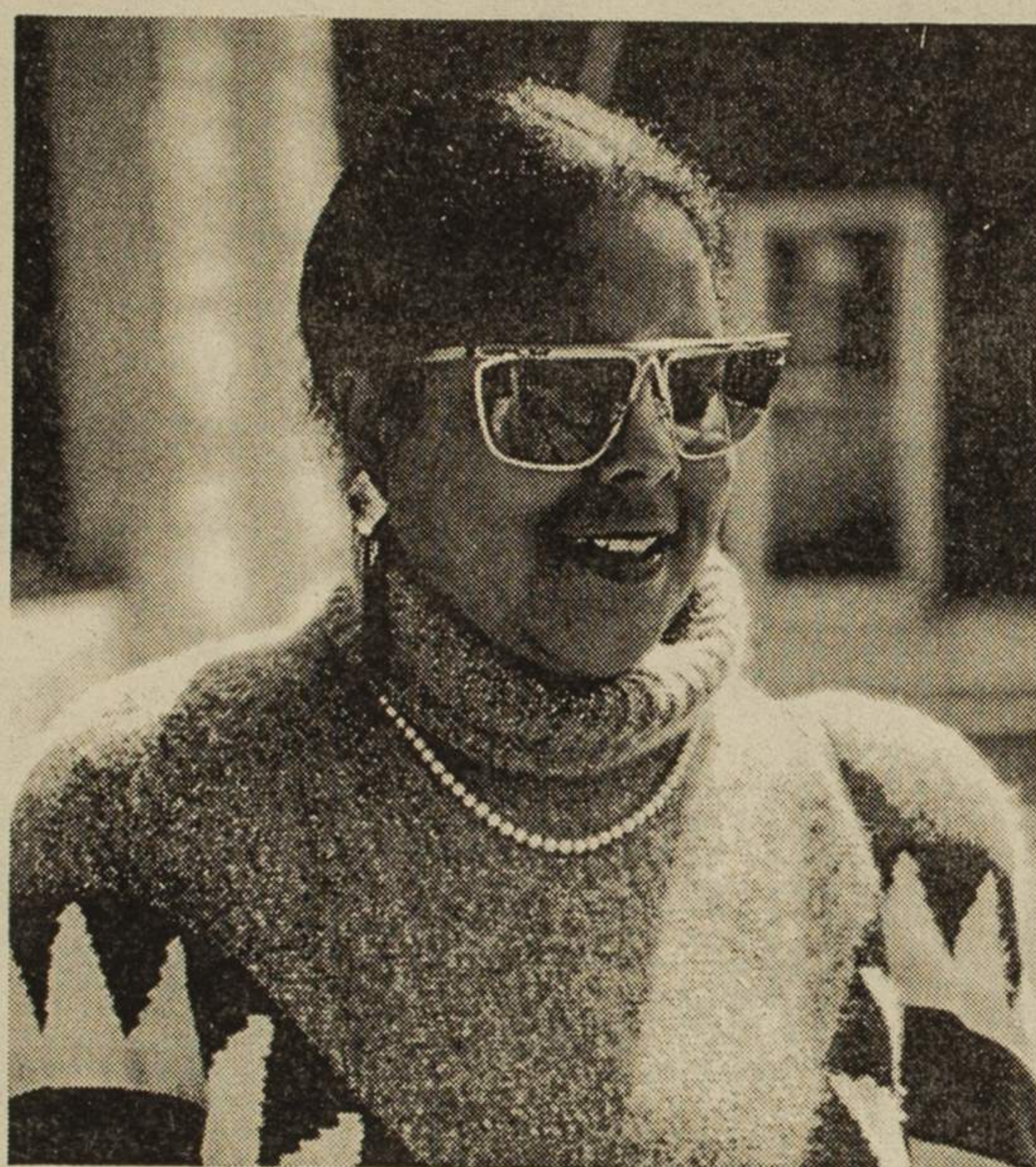
An All African American Pioneer Town

National Historic Landmark 1976

National Historic Site Nomination 1993

Angela Bates

*Native of Nicodemus and President
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Through slides, video and stories of early settlers and residents, and with the dynamic presentation by Angela Bates, the story of the migration of the African American from their former homes in the South to the promise lands of Kansas will be told.

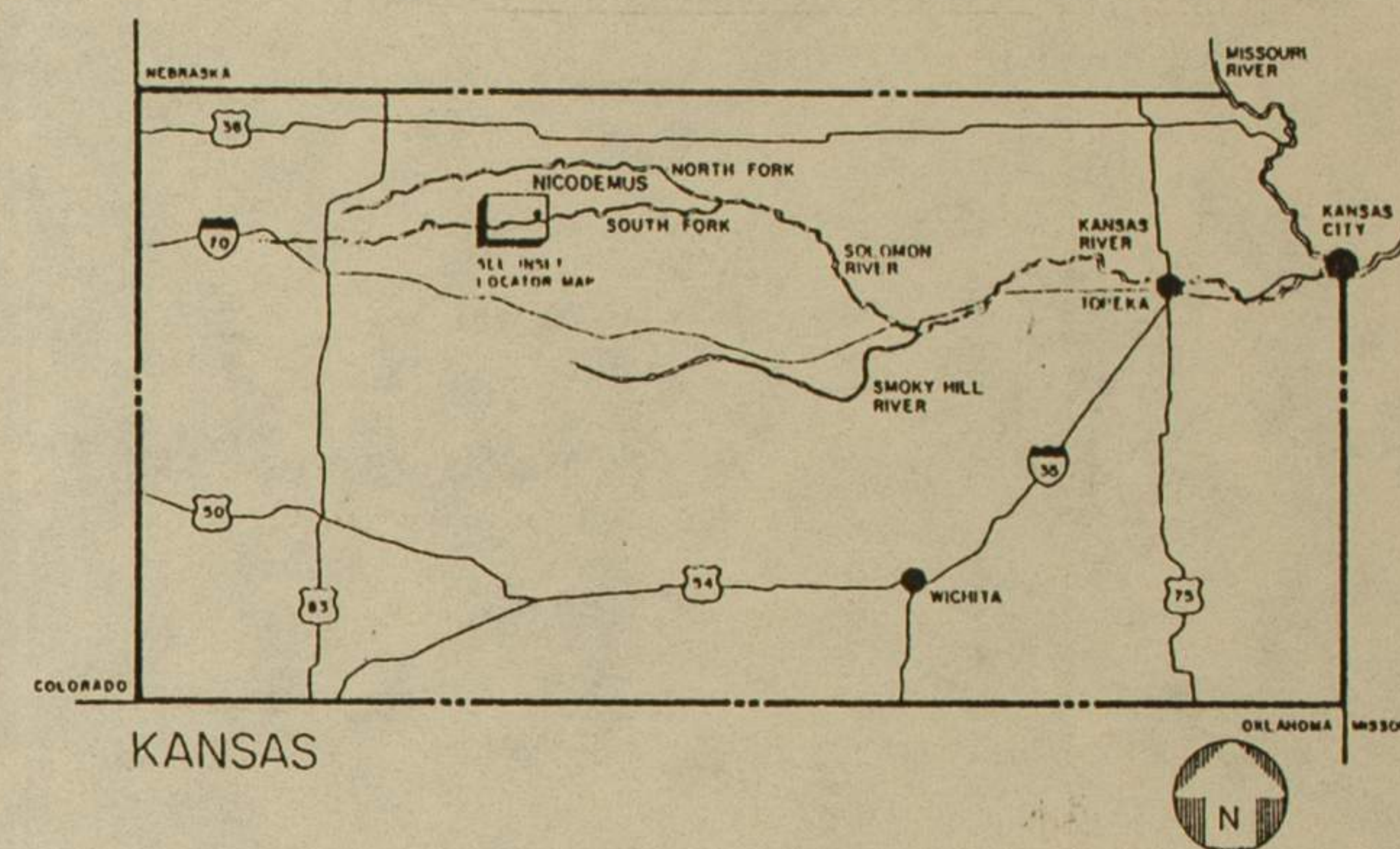
Angela has researched the migration of the African American from their former homes in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Mississippi to their new home in the promise lands of Kansas. When these African Americans who were former slaves reached the promise lands of Kansas, many settled in what has become the only remaining all African American town west of the Mississippi River - Nicodemus, Kansas.

A group of Black Kentuckians were the first to settled in the town in 1877. Leaving the oppression of their former bluegrass homes they sought the frontier and the free lands of Kansas to create a place they could call their own.

Angela will intrigue you with her most recent research findings and tell how she has established the Kansas-Kentucky Connection with descendants of settlers who returned to their former Kentucky homes and of descendants of relatives who remained in Kentucky rather than venture out to the western frontier.

Through this connection descendants of former slave owners and slaves are finally reconnected. Photographs from the plantation of former Vice-President, Col. Richard M. Johnson (Martin VanBuren administration) and his family, and their former slaves who migrated to Nicodemus will be shown and their stories told.

With historic photographs and the use of slides and video, Angela begins to unveil this unique and almost forgotten story in American history.



Angela is currently spearheading a project that will change the face of the National Park system in the western region - The Nicodemus Historic Site Project.

Designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1976, Nicodemus is currently being considered for National Historic 'Site' designation. The Nicodemus Bill will be introduced to Congress in the Spring 1993. If passed, Nicodemus will receive federal funds allocated through the National Parks system to restore and preserve this unique pioneer town.

Americans, international tourists, and African Americans in particular, will have the first opportunity to visit this living example of the only remaining all African American pioneer town established during the 1800's.

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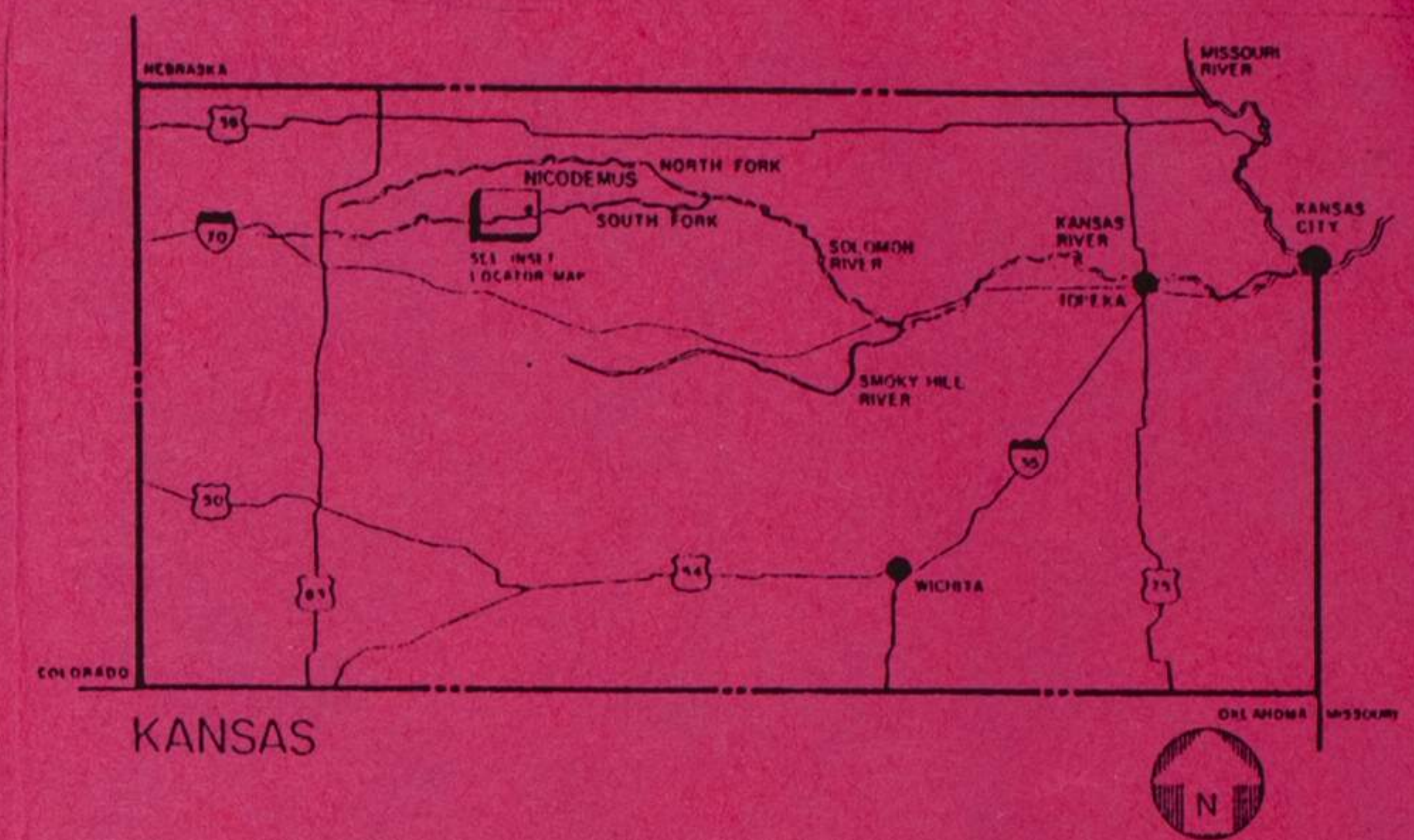
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