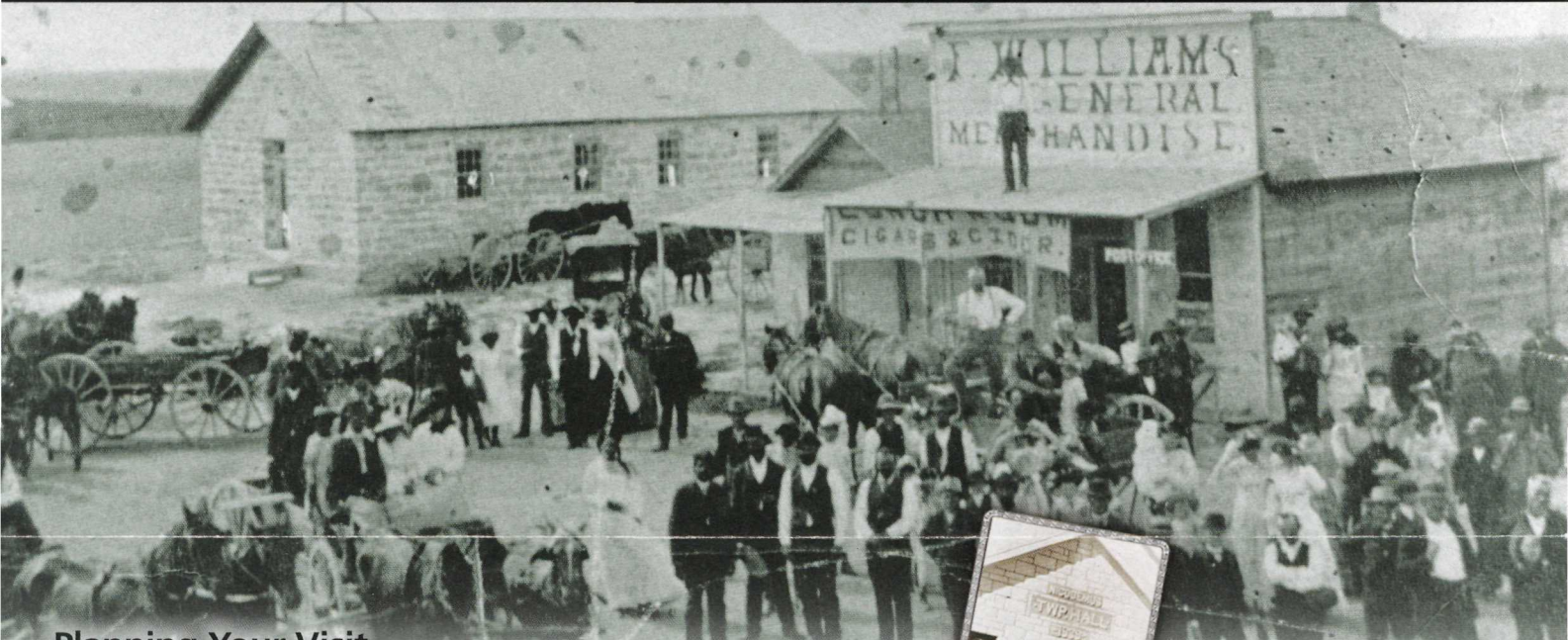




# Discovering the Spirit of Nicodemus



## Planning Your Visit

### Things to Do

The park is open year-round except January 1, Thanksgiving, and December 25. Stop first at the visitor center in the 1939 Township Hall, where you will find exhibits, a brief audiovisual program, and an information desk staffed by park rangers. A self-guiding tour leads you to the historic buildings: the school, old First Baptist Church, St. Francis Hotel, A.M.E. Church, and Township Hall. Most property is privately owned; please respect owners' privacy. Ranger-led walking tours can be arranged in advance; call 785-839-4233.

### Emancipation Celebration

The National Park Service works together with town residents to preserve and interpret Nicodemus. Most of the 25 or so residents trace their roots to the town's founders. Every summer hundreds of other descendants return to renew family ties and celebrate their heritage during the town's Emancipation Celebration.

The event is held the last weekend in July and is open to the public.

### Getting to the Park

The park is in northwestern Kansas. From eastbound I-70: exit at Colby and take U.S. 24 east for 81 miles to Nicodemus. From westbound I-70: exit at Hays and take U.S. 183 to Stockton; turn left (west) onto U.S. 24 and go 19 miles. The visitor center is at the east end of town, one block south of U.S. 24.

### More Information

Nicodemus National Historic Site is one of more than 380 parks in the National Park System. For more on national parks and National Park Service programs in America's communities, visit [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).

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ABOVE—COURTESY NICODEMUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION, KANSAS UNIVERSITY; LEFT—LIBRARY OF CONGRESS; BELOW—NPS; BOTTOM—COURTESY BERNICE BATES.



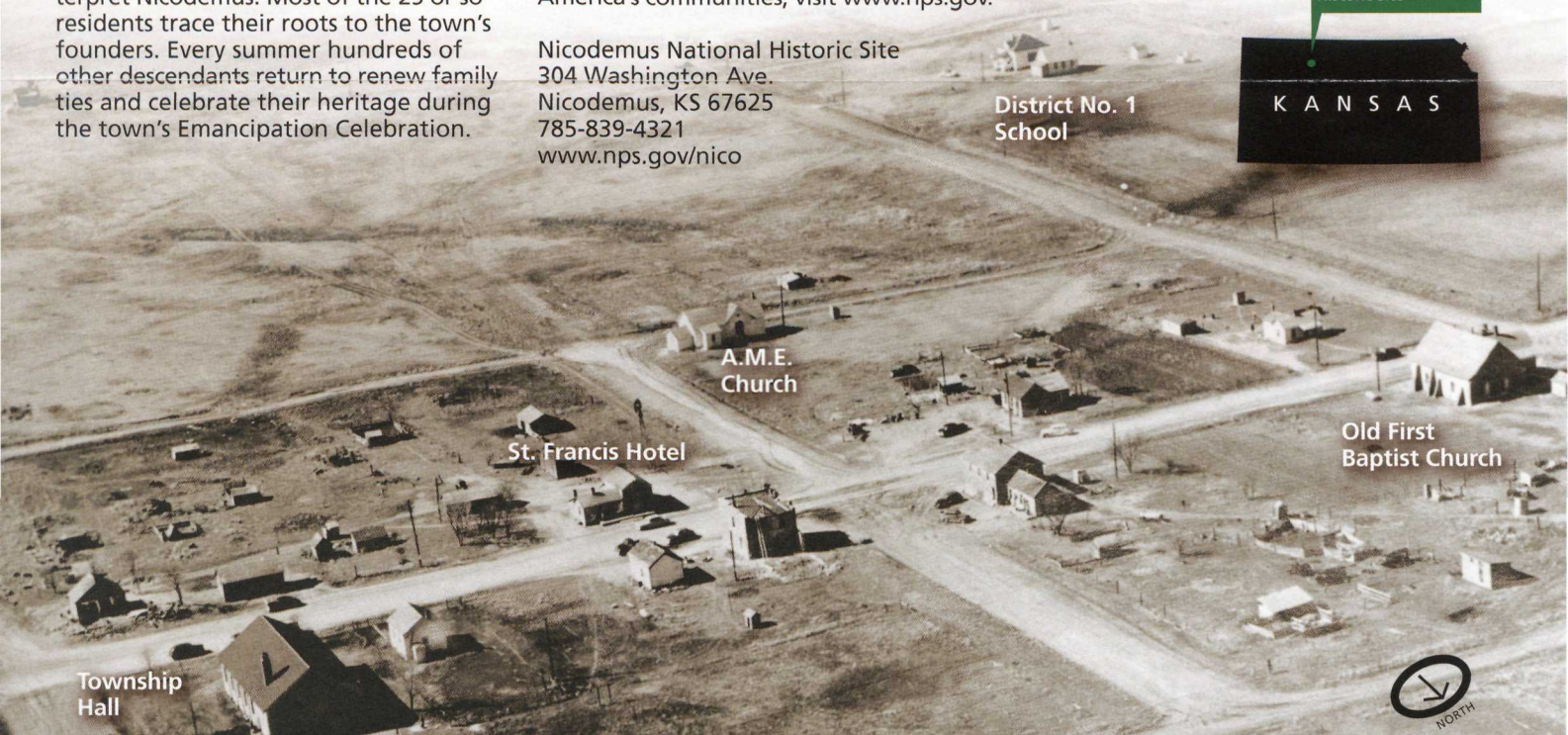
Township Hall, constructed in 1939 (inset), is now the park's visitor center. Top: Nicodemus in its early years. Below: The original township plat is clearly visible in this 1953 photograph.

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District No. 1  
School



Township Hall

St. Francis Hotel

A.M.E.  
Church

Old First  
Baptist Church

