



Town of Nicodemus, ca. 1885

Nicodemus National Historic Site

Established in 1877 by former enslaved African Americans, Nicodemus is the oldest and only remaining all-Black town west of the Mississippi River. The first settlers left Kentucky in organized colonies at the end of the post-Civil War Reconstruction period to experience freedom on the free soils of Kansas. The site is administered by the National Park Service and is presently comprised of five structures: St. Francis Hotel/Fletcher-Switzer residence, Old First Baptist Church, African Methodist Episcopal Church (A.M.E.), Nicodemus District No. 1 School, and Township Hall. The Township Hall is the only historic building open to the public.



Nine descendants of Nicodemus' original settlers, 2009

Five historic buildings comprise Nicodemus National Historic Site



Old First Baptist Church



*African Methodist
Episcopal Church (A.M.E.)*



*St. Francis Hotel
Fletcher-Switzer residence*

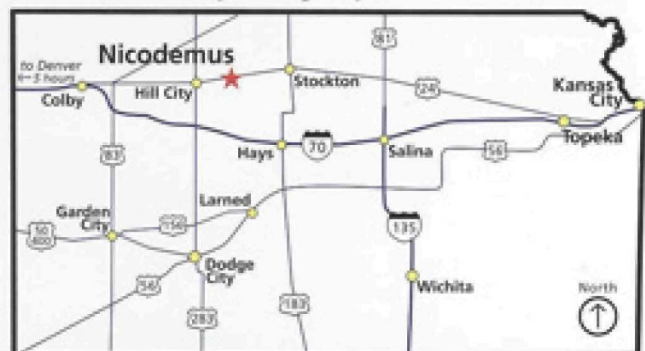


Nicodemus Township Hall



*Nicodemus District No. 1
School*

Nicodemus National Historic Site is located within the town of Nicodemus, Kansas, 19 miles west of Stockton, or 14 miles east of Hill City, on Highway 24.



Nicodemus National Historic Site is open 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, CST, (except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day). There are no entrance fees. For more information contact:

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