

# Week 5

## Settlement in the West

# Black Settlers Near Sarasota, Wyoming





Thursday, February 28, 13

**The Topeka  
Colored Citizen,**  
Our advice to the  
people of the South,  
come West. Come  
to Kansas in order  
that you may be  
free from the  
persecution of the  
rebels. If blacks  
come here and  
starve, all well. It is  
better to starve to  
death in Kansas





# The Seattle Daily Intelligencer on Black Migration to Seattle and the Pacific

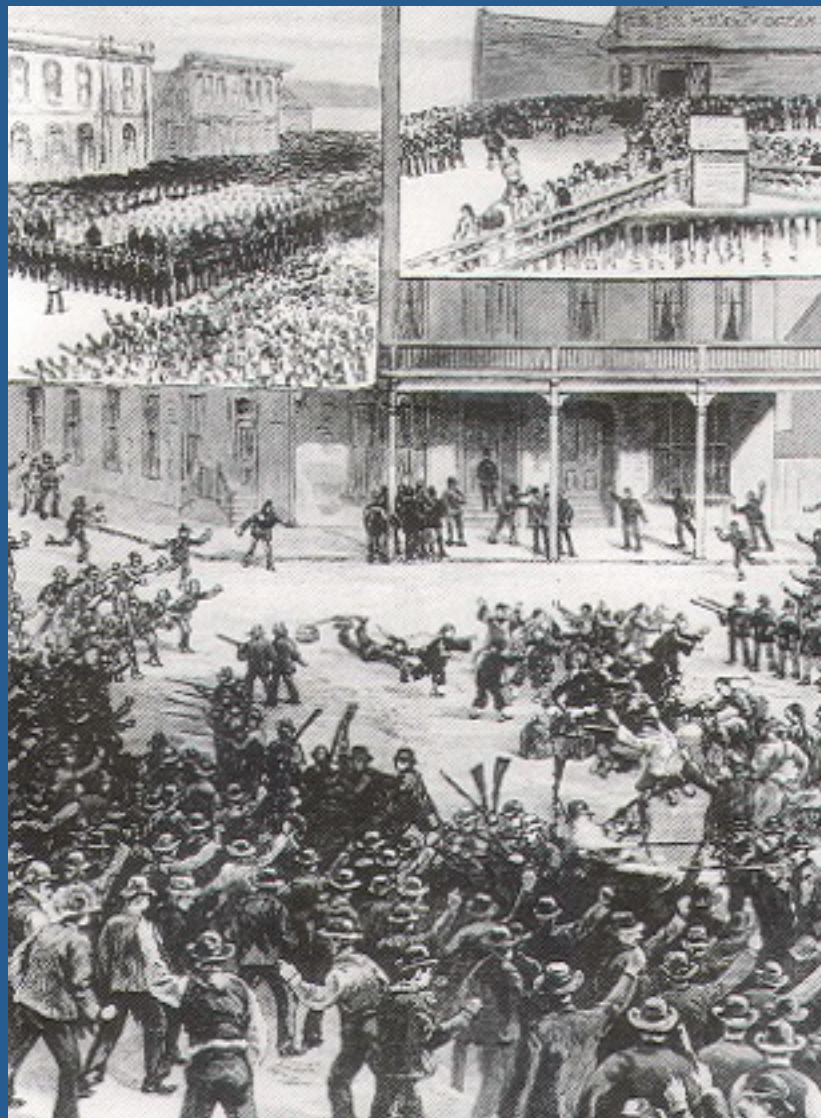
Coming to Seattle, 1879 There is room for only a limited number of colored people here. Overstep that limit and there comes a clash in which the colored man must suffer. The experiences of the Chinese on this coast indicate that beyond question. And so we fear it will be for the negro. The few that are here do vastly better than they would do if their



# Anti-Chinese Sentiment in Washington

Anti-Chinese Riot, Seattle,

Anti-Chinese Flyer,





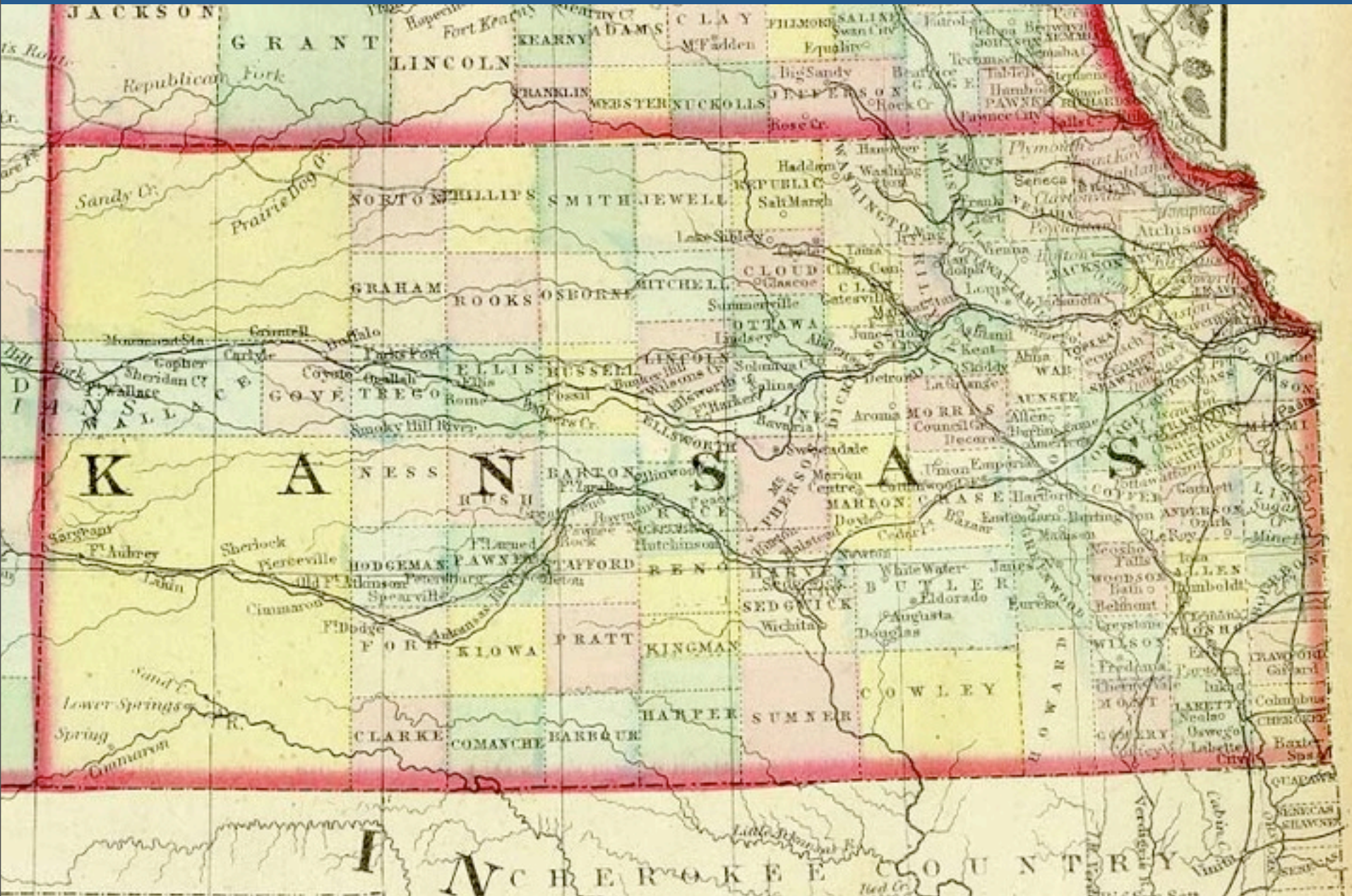
# FRONTIER FEDERAL FORTS\* AND CATTLE TRAILS







# Map of Kansas, 1872





# White Homesteading Family on the Kansas Frontier,



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# Frontier Sod House, ca. 1882





THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Certificate }  
No. 9229 }

Whereas Daniel C. Doan of Albert County, Colorado, has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Denver, Colorado, whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Daniel C. Doan according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," and acts supplemental thereto, for The South West quarter of Section twenty four, Township six South, of Range sixty, 5th West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in Colorado, containing one hundred and fifty acres.

According to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said Tract has been purchased by the said Daniel C. Doan

Now know ye, That the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several Acts of Congress in such case made and provided, have given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant, unto the said Daniel C. Doan and to his heirs, the said Tract above described: To have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature thereunto belonging, unto the said Daniel C. Doan and to his heirs and assigns forever; subject to any vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts, and also subject to the right of the proprietor of a vein or lode to extract and remove his ore therefrom, should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted, as provided by law.



In testimony whereof, I Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the twenty seventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and fiftieth

BY THE PRESIDENT: Benjamin Harrison

By M. M. Keane, Secretary.

J. M. Fourness, Recorder of the General Land Office



# Kansas Republican Party, 1880



# John Brown Mural in the Kansas State Capitol Building





# Fighting for Freedom in the West

**Colored Men Attention!**

**FREEDOM TO ALL, THE NATIONAL**

**P O L I C Y,**

**Now and Forever.**

**SECOND REGIMENT KANSAS  
COLORED VOLUNTEERS.**

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**B**Y order of Major General James G. Blunt, the undersigned is authorized to  
**RECRUIT ONE OR MORE COMPANIES**  
for the above regiment.

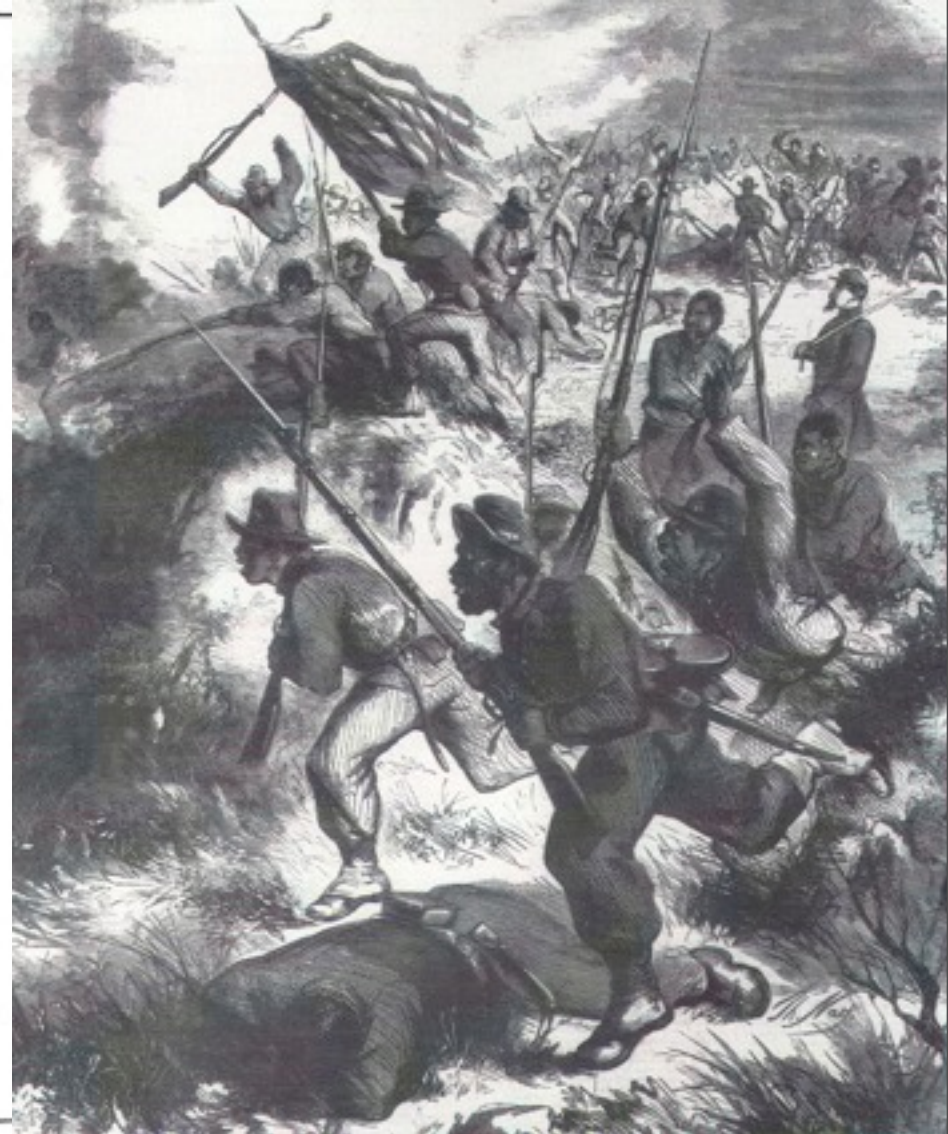
Able bodied men will receive \$10 per month, clothing, subsistence and medical attendance from date of enlistment.

Hear what **FREDERICK DOUGLASS** says: "The decision of our destiny is now as never before in our own hands. We may lie low in the dust, despised and spit upon by every passer-by, or we may, like brave men, rise and unlock to ourselves the golden gates of a glorious future. *To hold back is to invite infamy upon ourselves, and upon our children.* The chance is now given us. We must improve it, or sink deeper than ever in the pit of social and political degradation, from which we have been struggling for years to extricate ourselves."

Recruiting Rendezvous—Office of Dr. Bowlby, Fifth Street, opposite Market House.

**RICHARD J. HINTON,**

1st Lieut. and Adjutant 1st Reg't Kan. Col'd Vols.  
June 19 d&wtf





# Exodusters on the Mississippi River,







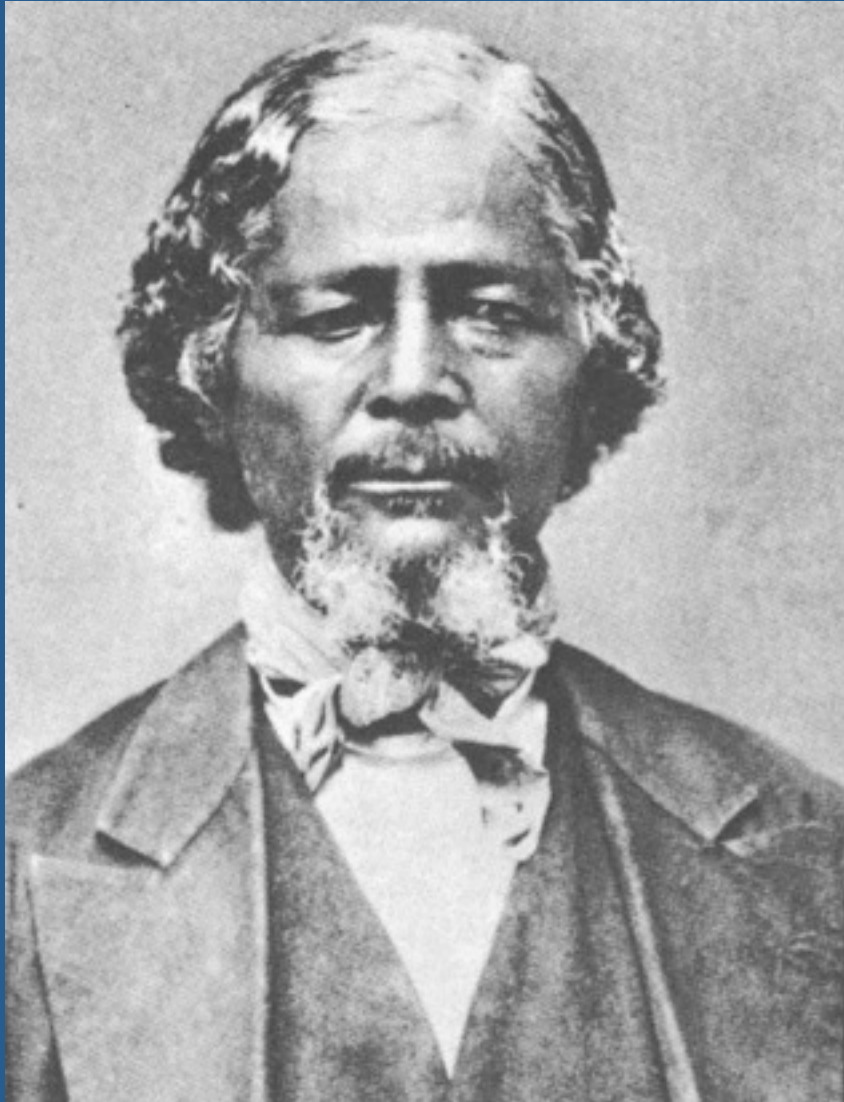


# George Washington Carver at Tuskegee



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# Benjamin “Pap” Singleton and the African American Migration to



## **Ho for Kansas!**

**Brethren, Friends, & Fellow Citizens:**

I feel thankful to inform you that the

**REAL ESTATE**

**AND**

**Homestead Association,**

Will Leave Here the

**15th of April, 1878,**

In pursuit of Homes in the Southwestern

Lands of America, at Transportation

Rates, cheaper than ever

was known before.

For full information inquire of

**Benj. Singleton, better known as old Pap,**

**NO. 5 NORTH FRONT STREET.**

Beware of Speculators and Adventurers, as it is a dangerous thing  
to fall in their hands.

Nashville, Tenn., March 18, 1878.



**All Colored People**

**THAT WANT TO**

**GO TO KANSAS,**

**On September 5th, 1877,**

**Can do so for \$5.00**



# Migrants From Mississippi Bound for Kansas,



# Dunlop Academy, ca. 1882





# Dunlop Logging Operation, ca. 1882



# Dunlop High School, 1931



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Lexington, Kentucky Founders of Nicodemus:  
W.H. Smith, Benjamin Carr, Jerry Allsop, Jeff Lenze, William  
Edwards, Rev. Simon Roundtree



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# To the Colored Citizens of the United States.

NICODEMUS, GRAHAM Co., KAN., July 2d. 1877.

We, the Nicodemus Town Company of Graham County, Kan., are now in possession of our lands and the Town Site of Nicodemus, which is beautifully located on the N. W. quarter of Section 1, Town 8, Range 21, in Graham Co., Kansas, in the great Solomon Valley, 240 miles west of Topeka, and we are proud to say it is the finest country we ever saw. The soil is of a rich, black, sandy loam. The country is rather rolling, and looks most pleasing to the human eye. The south fork of the Solomon river flows through Graham County, nearly directly east and west and has an abundance of excellent water, while there are numerous springs of living water abounding throughout the Valley. There is an abundance of fine Magnesian stone for building purposes, which is much easier handled than the rough sand or hard stone. There is also some timber; plenty for fire use, while we have no fear but what we will find plenty of coal.

Now is your time to secure your home on Government Land in the Great Solomon Valley of Western Kansas.

Remember, we have secured the service of W. R. Hill, a man of energy and ability, to locate our Colony.

Not quite 90 days ago we secured our charter for locating the town site of Nicodemus. We then became an organized body, with only three dollars in the treasury and twelve members, but under the careful management of our officers, we have now nearly 300 good and reliable members, with several members permanently located on their claims—with plenty of provisions for the colony—while we are daily receiving letters from all parts of the country from parties desiring to locate in the great Solomon Valley of Western Kansas.

For Maps, Circulars, and Passenger rates, address our General Manager, W. R. HILL, North Topeka, Kansas, until August 1st, 1877, then at Hill City, Graham Co., via Trego.

The name of our post-office will be Nicodemus, and Mr. Z. T. Fletcher will be our "Nasby."

REV. S. P. ROUNDTREE, Sec'y.

## NICODEMUS.

Nicodemus was a slave of African birth,  
And was bought for a bag full of gold;  
He was reckoned a part of the salt of the earth,  
But he died years ago, very old.

Nicodemus was a prophet, at least he was as wise,  
For he told of the battles to come:  
How we trembled with fear, when he rolled up his eyes,  
And we heeded the shake of his thumb.

CHORUS: Good time coming, good time coming,  
Long, long time on the way;  
Run and tell Elija to hurry up Pomp,  
To meet us under the cottonwood tree,  
In the Great Solomon Valley  
At the first break of day.

GOVERNOR W. A. WOODWARD



NO. 55  
State of Kansas,  
Graham County.



This is to Certify, That

of \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_  
has this day paid the sum of FIVE DOLLARS, being the full amount of Membership Fees in the

Nicodemus Town Company of Graham Co., Kansas.

and that said \_\_\_\_\_ is entitled to  
any vacant Town Lot on the town site of Nicodemus, Graham County, Kansas, at the  
time said party arrives at Nicodemus; the said Nicodemus Town Company giving their  
obligation to make Title to said Lot as required by law. And it is further agreed that no  
Intoxicating Liquors shall be sold on said lot within five years from this date.

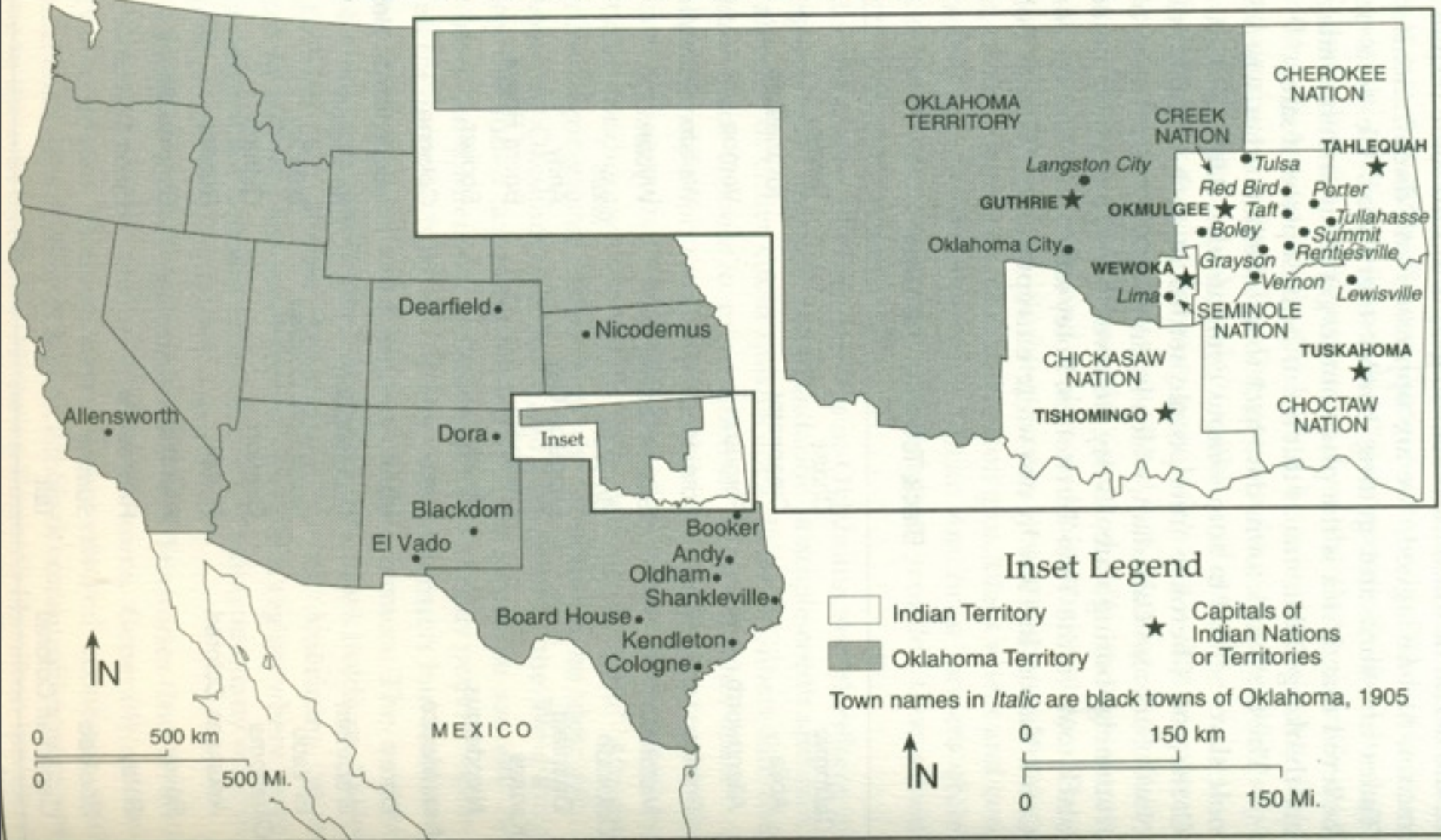
Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1877

Not valid until countersigned by W. R. HILL, Gen'l Manager.  
This Certificate should be presented to W. H. SMITH, President.

Nicodemus Town Company.



# SELECTED BLACK TOWNS IN THE WEST, 1905





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# Kentuckian Willianna Hickman on Kansas, First Impressions

- I looked with all the eyes I had. Where is Nicodemus? I don't see it.
- The families lived in dugouts. We landed and struck tents. The scenery was not at all inviting and I began to cry.  
–Willianna Hickman,



# A Kansas Farm Family, ca. 1876



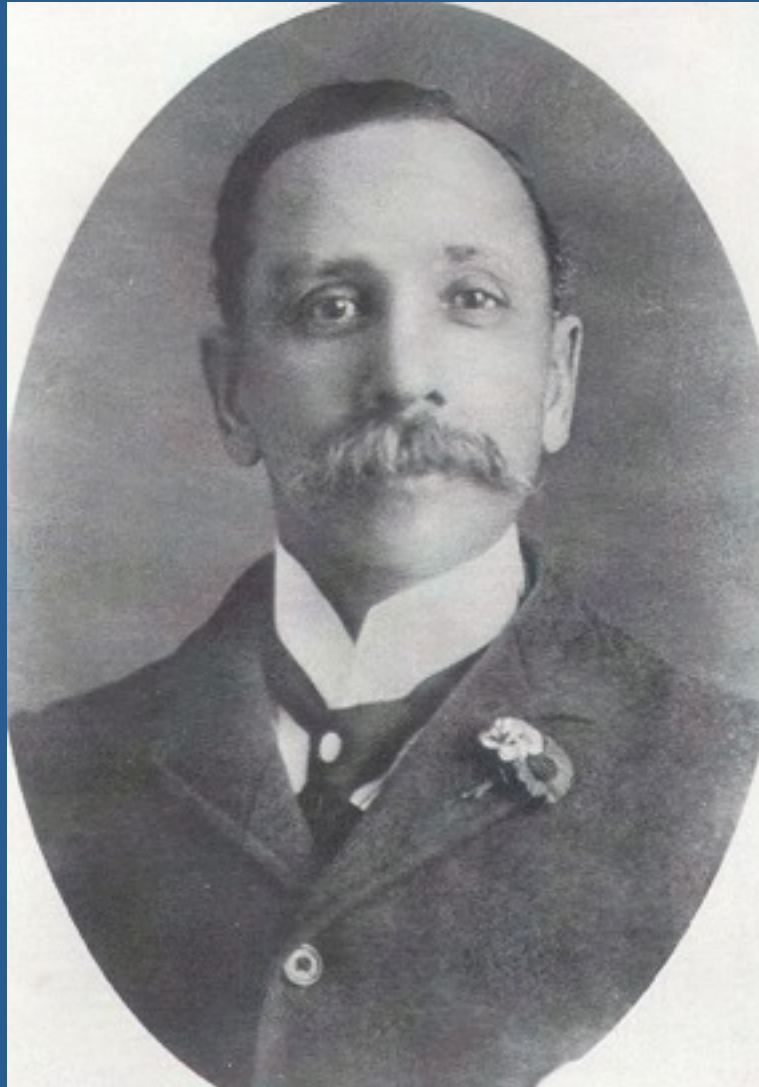


# Nicodemus As Described by its



Nicodemus was originally settled by the colored race, and by their patience and untiring energy have succeeded in gaining a grand, glorious victory over nature and the elements, and what used to be the Great American Desert now blooms

# The Leading Citizen of Nicodemus Edwin McCabe





# The Decline of Nicodemus: The Cyclone, Sept. 7, 1888



We are sorry to see several of our businessmen making preparations to move... We consider this a very unwise move and one they will regret. Nicodemus and her businessmen have nothing to cause this alarm. For every one that goes now, we will get ten wide awake men next spring. Don't get frightened, hold on to



# KANSAS HISTORICAL MARKER

## NICODEMUS

In July, 1877, Negro "exodusters" from Kentucky established a settlement here in the Promised Land of Kansas which they named Nicodemus. Although the colonists lacked sufficient tools, seed and money, they managed to survive the first winter, some by selling buffalo bones, others by working for the Kansas Pacific railroad at Ellis, 35 miles away. In 1880 the all-Negro community had a population of more than 400.

Their industry brought approving notices in Kansas newspapers. One story concerned a farmer who with one cow "broke and improved twelve acres of prairie and cultivated eight acres of corn: his wife drives the cow and keeps the flies off." Another spaded a four-foot hedge row around 160 acres of land. Edward P. McCabe, who joined the colony in 1878, served two terms as state auditor, 1883-1887, the first Negro to hold a major state office.

By 1887, Nicodemus had churches, stores, lodges, a school and two newspapers, but its future was blighted when a projected railroad failed to materialize. Nevertheless, these pioneers who built so much with so little hold a proud place in the Kansas story.

Erected by State Historical Society and State Highway Commission



# Nicodemus Parade, August 2,



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# Nicodemus Parade



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# Exodusters:

Leaving Vicksburg

Traveling Through St.





# Exodusters on the Mississippi River,





# The Exodusters in Topeka,







# Oklahoma Land Rush, 1889

## The Last Chance for a “Free” Home





# Far and Away with Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman

TOM CRUISE  
NICOLE KIDMAN

A RICH HAVARD FILM  
**FAR AND AWAY**



What They Needed Was A Country  
Big Enough For Their Dreams



# Ida B. Wells and Son, Charles, ca.







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# Aerial View of Langston City, 2008



# Langston University Campus





# Edwin McCabe on the Virtues of the Oklahoma Frontier



- Oklahoma Territory is the paradise of Eden and the garden of the Gods.
- Here the negro can rest from mob law. Here he can be secure from every ill

# Opening the Cherokee Strip, 1893



- Everyone that can should go to the [Cherokee] strip...and get a hundred and sixty. All you need...is a Winchester, a frying pan, and the \$15.00 filing fee.



# Coming to Langston City

- For some time every few days, the Santa Fe train from Texas would pull in a couple of coaches loaded to the roof with Negro immigrants, Langston-bound. They brought their families and household goods. It was really something to see. Some even came in wagons and lots on foot.
- Lots of people who came here were so disappointed that they went back home. It took real enterprising folks to stick it out. There wasn't but one [hotel] in town so most the families lived in

# The Last Chance for Free Homes: The Oklahoma Land Rushes

- On the day of the run the blacks gathered at the line, many destitute and without food but all determined to make their bids for new homes....

McCabe, himself, who went out to see how his people were doing, returned to Guthrie with a report that he had been the object of violence. One of the [white cowboys] pulled his gun and fired at McCabe, who was unarmed and dodged behind a wagon. The other cowboys pulled their six-shooters and fired five or six shots at him.

They were upon him before he was rescued by a group of black men armed with Winchesters. In spite of





# Oklahoma Territory: The Last Chance for Free Land



The whole Indian Territory was swallowed by the white man but many black men helped in the



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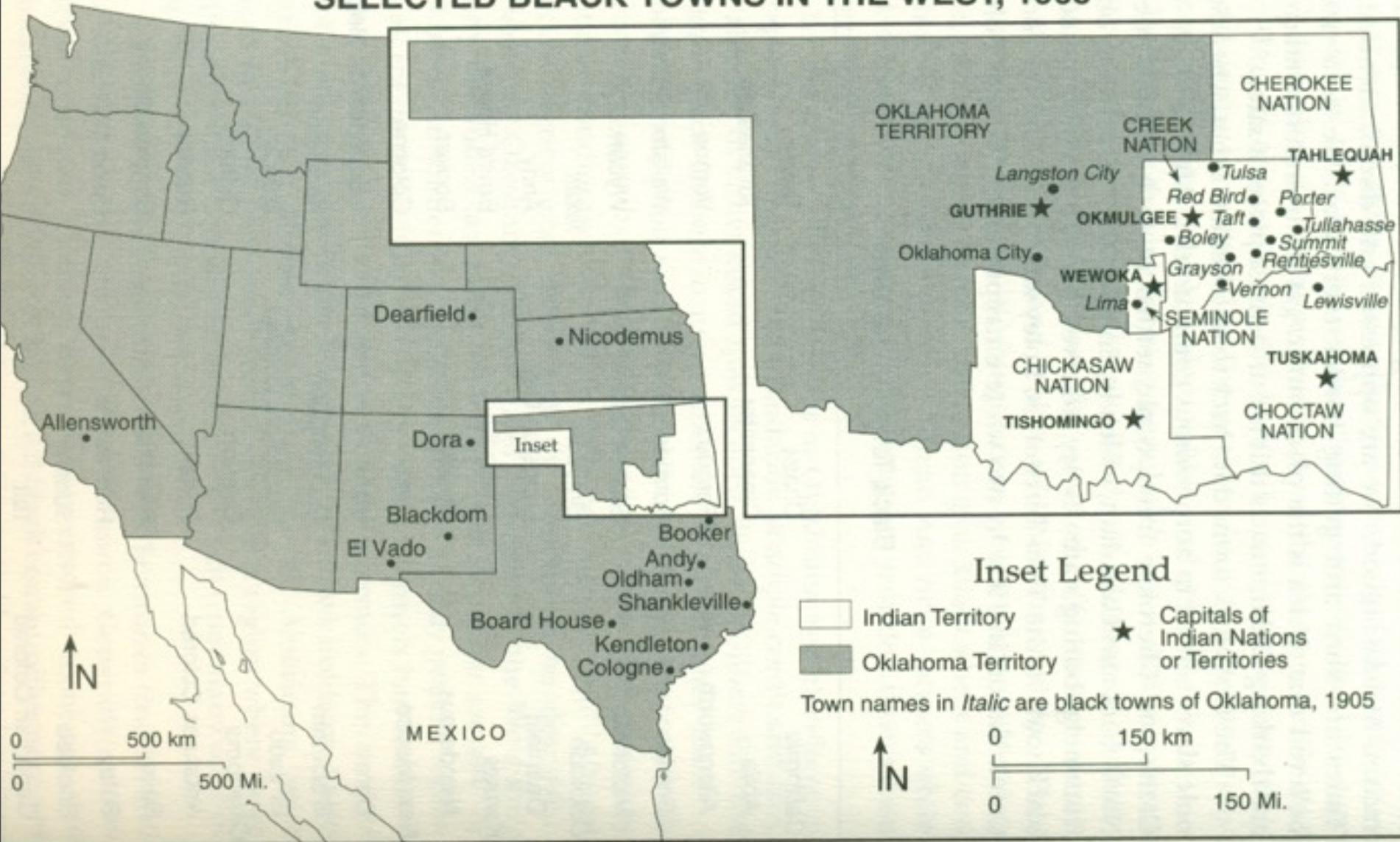


# Black Women Homesteaders in Oklahoma Territory, 1895





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# James and son, Zacharias Blakely, Selling Vegetables in Yankton, South



# African American Women Homesteaders, New Mexico and Nebraska, ca. 1890





# Children of Homesteaders Near the All-Black Settlement of Dewitty, Nebraska,



# The Joe Wells Family

## Homesteaders near Moscow, Idaho Territory,



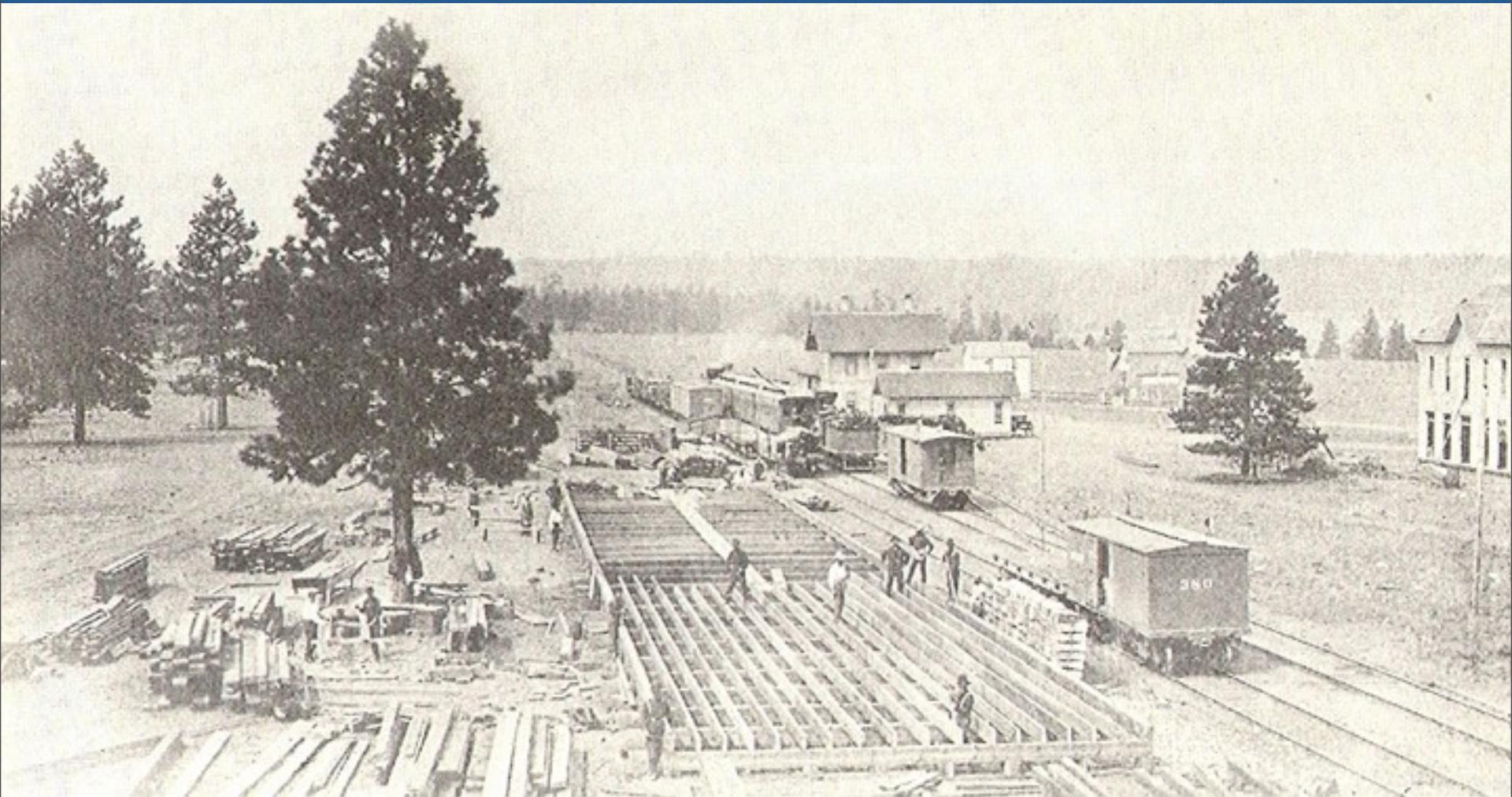


# Black Settlement in Alberta and Saskatchewan,





# Spokane Falls, Washington Territory,





# Rev. Peter Barrow and Calvary Baptist Church



# Spokesman Review, March 6,

- For the purpose of giving the Negroes of Spokane an opportunity to make good on the farm, and to prove their worth as farm laborers, a band of Spokane colored folks has organized a development company, bought 140 acres of land near Deer Lake and will start this spring to develop the land with Negro labor only. No similar company exists in the United States...
- Quoting Peter Barrow Jr.
- “Here we establish a place where a demonstration of the possibilities of the colored farmhand can be made. In this enterprise we have decided to go to the soil, the base of all values, and demonstrate a fitness to survive in the Northwest



# Booker T. Washington Giving a Speech in Lakeland, Tennessee,



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# Objectives of the Deer Lake Irrigated Orchard Company

- 1. Grow different winter apples in a scientific manner.
- 2. Operate the biggest and best orchard in Stevens County
- 3. Be both economical and profitable in our business undertakings.
- 4. Help defray expenses by growing truck garden vegetables between trees.





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# Presidents as Cowboys





# Black Cowboys Bonham, Texas, 1909

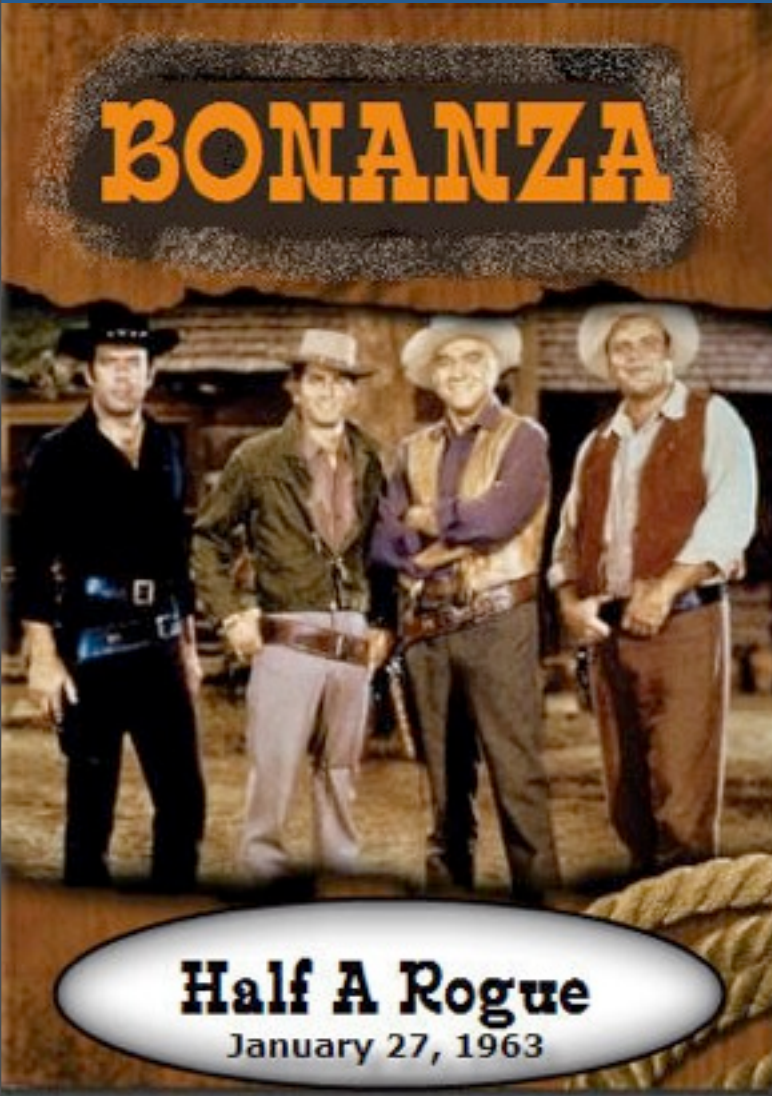


# East Texas Farmers





# Bonanza TV Series





# Rancher Ben Palmer of Virginia City,



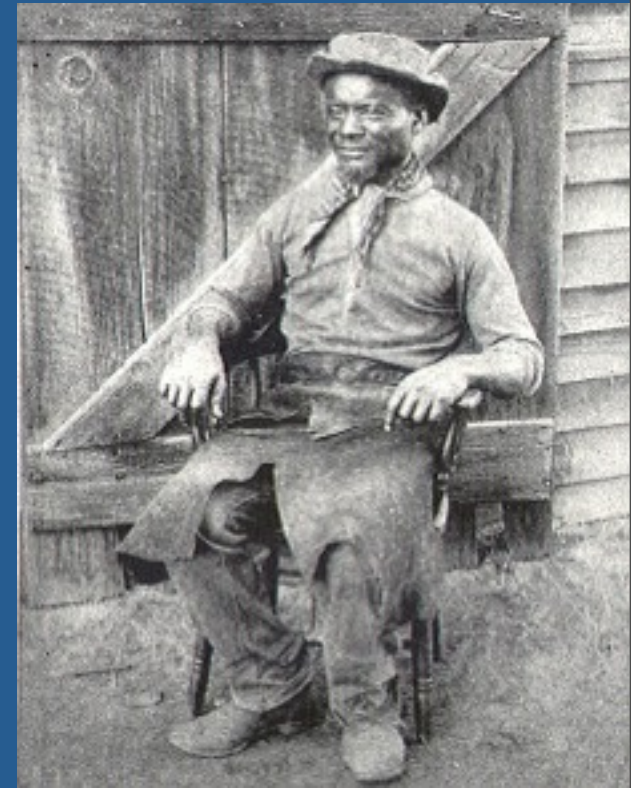
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# Henrietta Williams Foster, Texas



# Black Cowboys in Colorado and Kansas





# Black Cowboy in North Dakota Saloon,



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# Black Cowboy and Chicano Vaquero on the Rio Grande, ca. 1880





# Black Yakima Cowboy, ca.



# Theodore Roosevelt, Dakota



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# Theodore Roosevelt, Dakota Rancher

- Some of the cowboys are Mexicans who generally do the actual work well enough but are not trustworthy. They are always regarded with extreme disfavor by the Texans in an outfit. Southern-born whites will never work under them and look down upon all colored or half-caste races.
- One Spring I had with my wagon a Pueblo Indian, an excellent rider and roper, but a drunken, worthless, lazy devil; and in the summer of 1886 there were with us a Sioux half-breed, a quiet, hardworking, faithful



History of the strange life of Captain  
**Joe Bruce,** a Young Scout, Indian  
 Fighter, Miser and Ranger,  
 and the Protege of J. B.  
 Omohundro, the famous  
**Texas Jack.**

BY COL. PRENTISS INGRAHAM,  
 AUTHOR OF "FERRIS'S AFLOAT," "FLORA, THE  
 FLOWER GIRL," "ADVENTURES OF BUFFALO  
 BILL," "TEXAS JACK," ETC., ETC.

CHAPTER I.  
 A BOY FORTUNE-HUNTER.  
 A WOMAN dressed in deep black, and a boy  
 slapping her hand, stood by the side of a new-  
 made grave.

\* A living character of to-day, and the hero of  
 many a wild adventure.—THE AUTHOR.

THE  
 Boy  
 PARD OF TEXAS JACK

BUT WHAT OF THE EBONY STAR? A PRODIGIOUS FEAT HE PERFORMED WHILE TEXAS  
 JACK RODE BEYOND AND HELD THE SAVAGES AT BAY WITH HIS TERRIBLE RIFLE.



# Nat Love (Deadwood Dick)

The Life and Adventures

OF

NAT LOVE

BETTER KNOWN IN THE CATTLE COUNTRY AS

"DEADWOOD DICK"

— BY HIMSELF —



A TRUE HISTORY OF SLAVERY DAYS, LIFE ON THE  
GREAT CATTLE RANGES AND ON THE PLAINS  
OF THE "WILD AND WOOLLY" WEST,  
BASED ON FACTS, AND PER-  
SONAL EXPERIENCES  
OF THE AUTHOR



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The Roping Contest at Deadwood, S. D.



# Black Cowboys and Hollywood: Clint Eastwood and Woody Strode in Rawhide



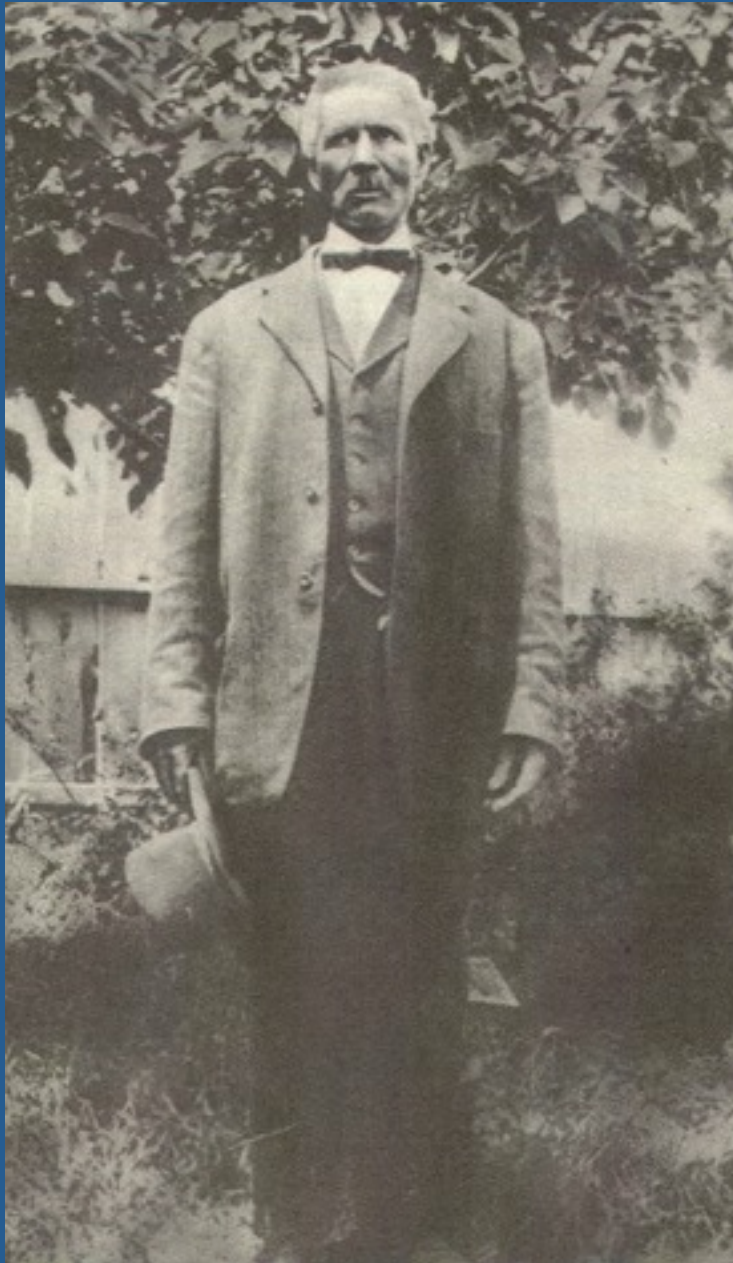


# Texas to Kansas Cattle Drive, ca.



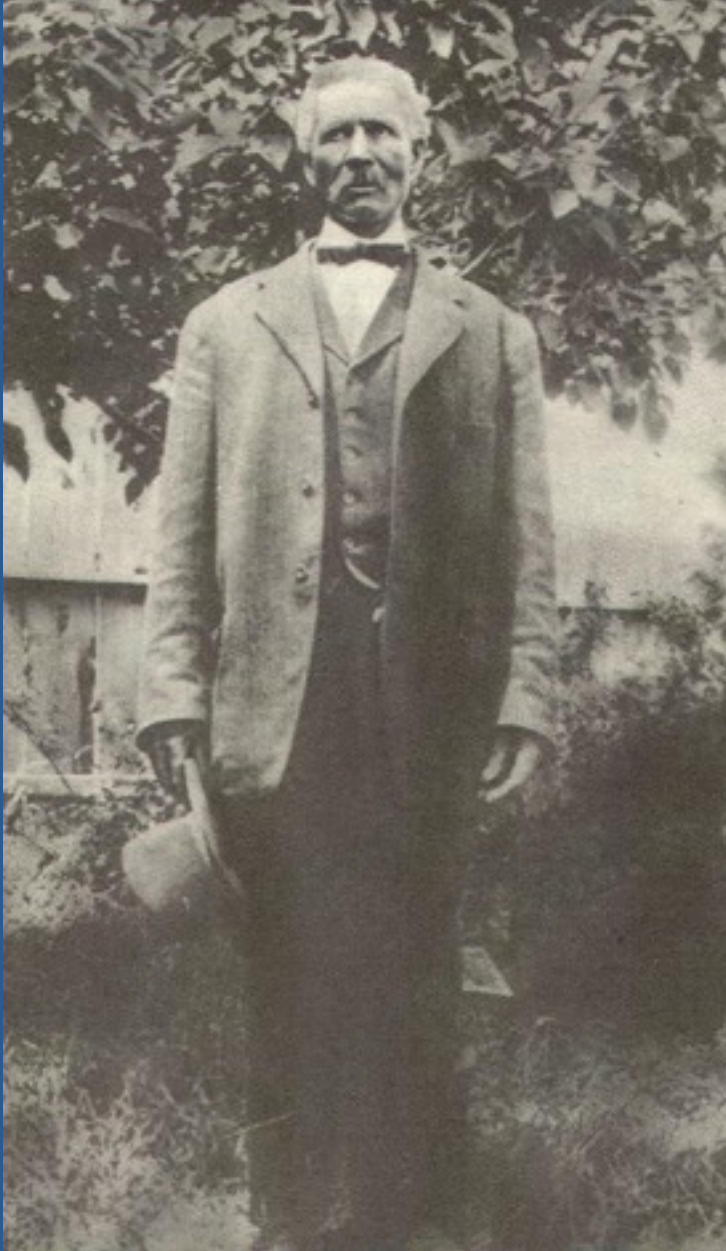


# Bose Ikard and Charles



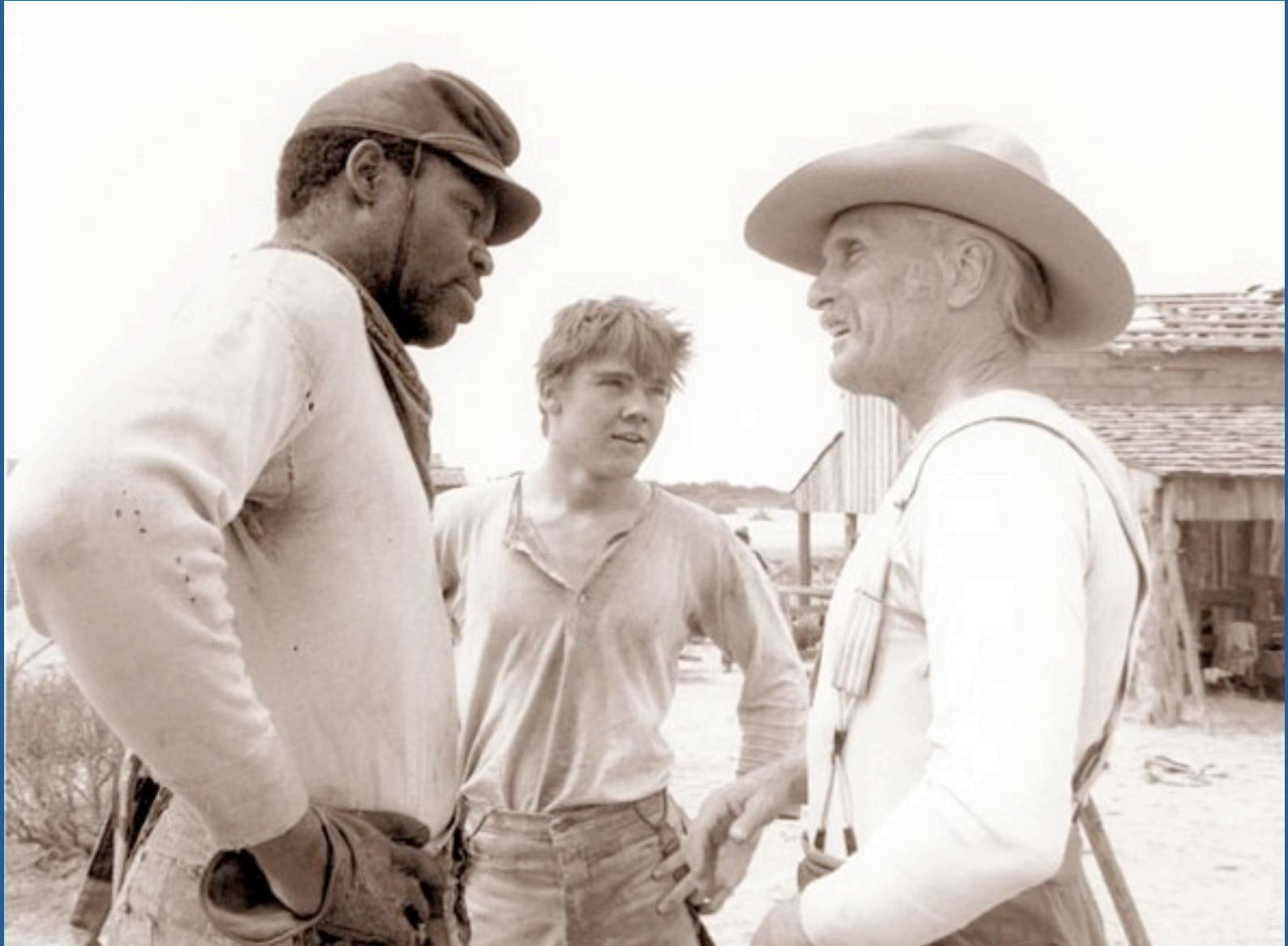


# Bose Ikard and Charles



- Bose Ikard surpassed any man I had in endurance and stamina. He was my detective, banker, and everything else in Colorado, New Mexico and the other wild country I was in. We went through some terrible trials during those four years on the trail. He was the most skilled and trustworthy man I had.

# Danny Glover, Rick Schroeder, and Robert Duvall in Lonesome





# Daniel Webster “80 John” Wallace and His West Texas Cattle Ranch



# Daniel Webster “80 John” Wallace Describes His Early Years as a



- Everyone slept on the ground in all kinds of weather with our blankets for a bed, a saddle for a pillow, and a gun under his head.
- Without medical attention one either got well or died. I have seen a pitiful sight of a cowboy groaning with pain while we stood around helpless, had nothing or



# John M. Hendrix on the Role of

- [Negro cowboys] were usually called on to do the hardest work around an outfit such as taking the first pitch out of the rough horses. It was the Negro hand who usually tried out the swimming water when a trailing herd came to a swollen stream, or if a fighting bull or steer was to be handled, he knew without being told that it was his job. On cold rainy nights, Negroes would stand a double guard rather than call the white folks.



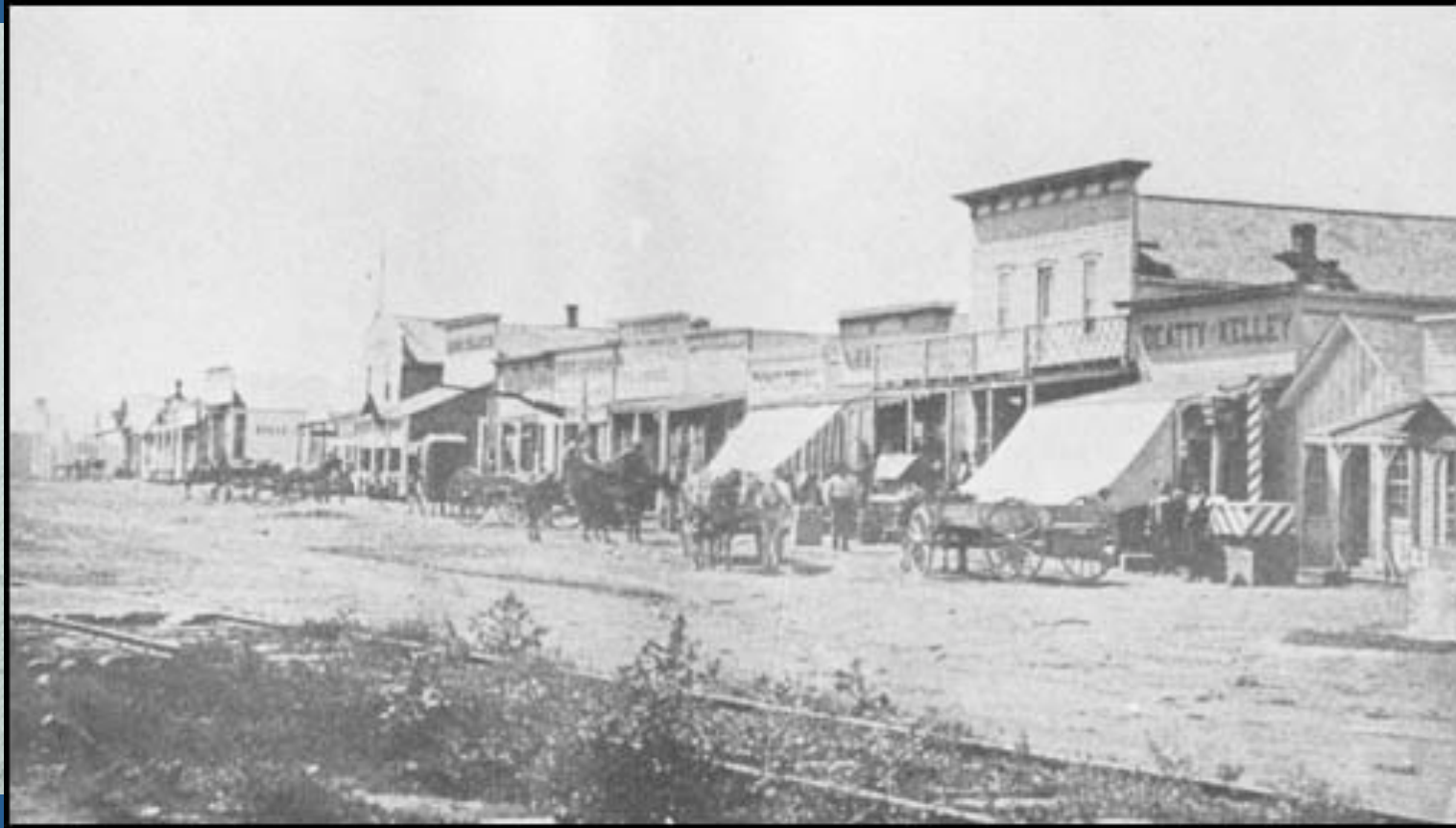
# Unidentified Texas Cowboy on the the





# Dodge City, Kansas, End of the Trail

## Ben Hodges

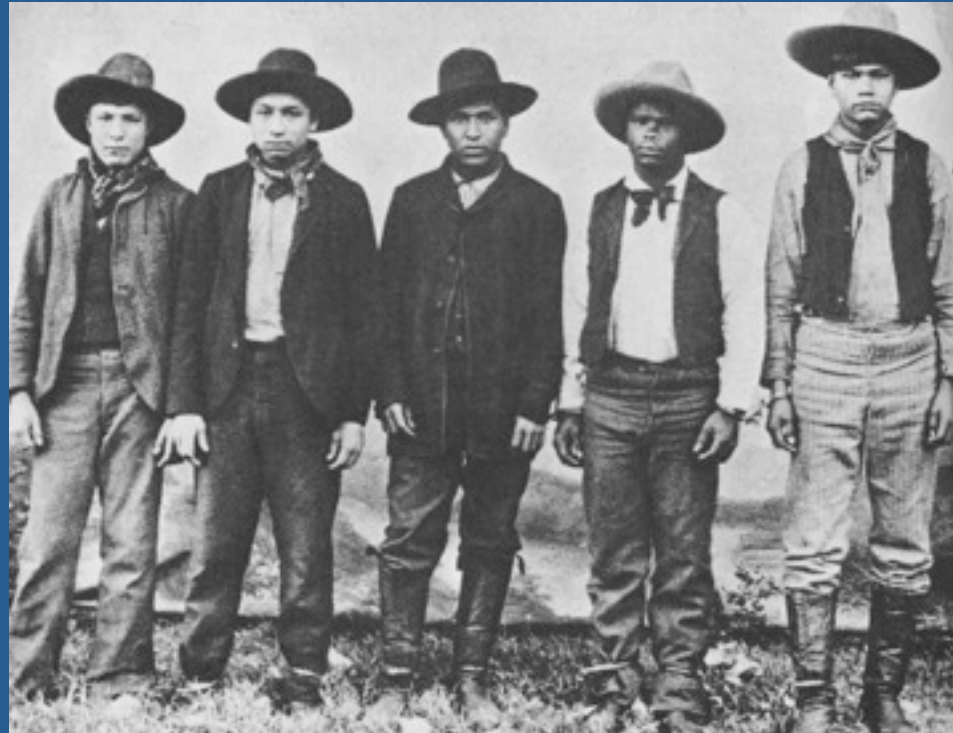


# Billy the Kid and the Lincoln County (New Mexico Territory)





# Crime and Punishment in the West:



# Isom Dart on the Left Discussion of Lawson Fleetwell on the



Lawson Fleetwell, a bad man from the Indian Nation, was shot and killed by an officer in Trinidad (Colorado) on Monday night. Fleetwell was in a gambling institution and got up a gun play in which he himself was killed.

The cowboy seems to be keeping up his reputation this year as well as ever, and the mortuary reports are as entertaining as usual. It's generally the cowboy that gets the worst of the racket and he is not