

The Big B Girls Band, Topeka, Kansas

This photograph and roster shows the Big B Band of Topeka, Kansas. The brass band was organized in 1910 and was comprised primarily of African American girls and a few boys. The name "Big B" was likely a play on the surname of the director G. A. Bigbee.

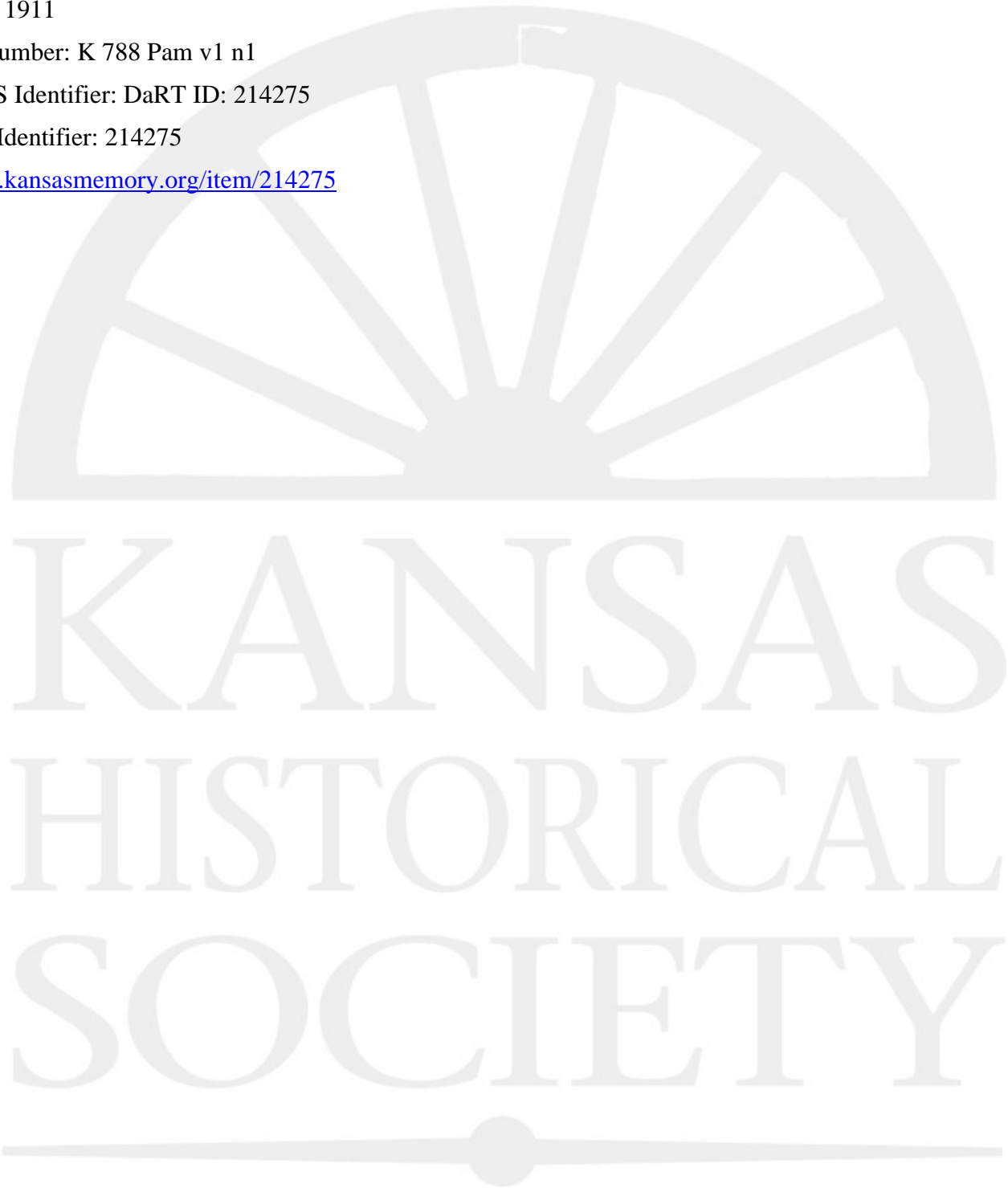
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THE BIG B GIRLS BAND

ORGANIZED JULY 31, 1910

First Clarinet.....	*VERGAL POTTINGER	Third Alto.....	*EARL JARRETT
Second Clarinet	FABIAN CANNON	Solo Trombone	ZELLA KING
Solo B Flat Cornet.....	SIMON HOE	First Trombone.....	NINA SCOTT
Solo B Flat Cornet.....	JESSIE HAGAN	Second Trombone.....	COLUMBUS HAGAN
Solo B Flat Cornet.....	EMMET CUNNINGHAM	Third Trombone.....	*ALBERT POTTINGER
First B Flat Cornet	*EDITH JARRETT	Baritone.....	EVA SMILEY
First B Flat Cornet.....	ANNA BELL SAWYER	Tuba.....	ALBERT HOLDER
Second B Flat Cornet....	BEULAH LANE	Tuba.....	CATHERINE REEVES
Third B Flat Cornet.....	BERTHA LANE	Snare Drum.....	MINNIE HOE
Solo Alto.....	*ESTOLA JONES	Snare Drum.....	ALTA SAWYER
First Alto.....	ALBERTA HOLDER	Bass Drum.....	ELIZABETH HAGAN
Second Alto.....	EDNA SMILEY	Cymbals.....	DANEVA BROWN
President.....	JOSEPH ROLLINS		
Drum Major.....	JULIA HOARD		
Director.....	G. A. BIGBEE		

Children whose names are marked thus * are not on the picture.