

Convention of the United Colored Links

An advertisement for the convention of the United Colored Links, held in Topeka, Kansas. The convention aimed to "consolidate our race" and bring unity to the people. Listed are the callers of the convention, the executive committee, secretary, and president, Benjamin Singleton.

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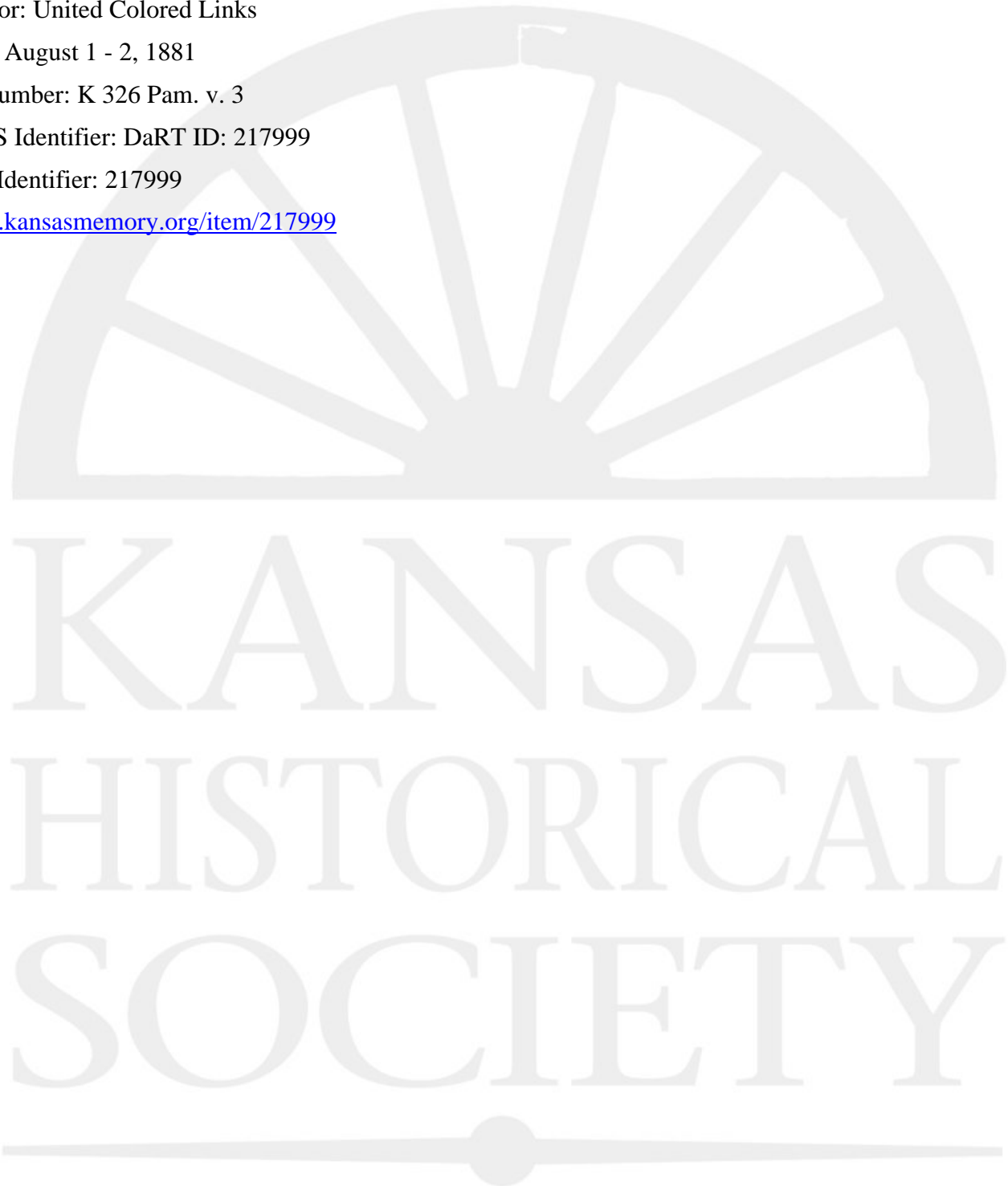
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"In Unity there is Strength." "United we Stand, Divided we Fall."

CONVENTION
OF THE
United Colored Links,
TO BE HELD
AUGUST 1 & 2, 1881, AT TOPEKA, KANSAS.

COME ONE! COME ALL!

It seems that this is an age of reason, and the time and person has at last arrived that we are to dissipate the errors that have overspread our race for the past generations of ignorance, and it behooves us as a race of color to harmonize ourselves together and consolidate as a band of brethren good, not only for ourselves alone, but for our children yet unborn.

In holding this convention, which is to consolidate our race, we do solemnly declare to not bring about any strife or conflict among the people in the way of regulating prices of work, but to labor at all regularly arranged prices which govern the masses.

We also want to see if we can unite our race and bring about a spirit of union among them, so as to build us manufactories and other institutions of industries, which will enable us to make men and women of our sons and daughters.

We also want all good, law-abiding citizens to encourage our efforts.

As we now stand divided, we are a hundred years behind, and if we unite, we drop off ninety years, and then we will be within ten years of the distance.

CALLERS OF CONVENTION.

Hon. G. B. Charles, ex-member Mississippi Legislature; Captain W. Buford, of St. John Guards, Topeka, Kansas; James Mitchell, formerly of Jackson, Miss.; Hon. E. Handy, ex-member of Mississippi Legislature; Alex. McClure, ex-president of David City Colony, Hodgeman County, Kansas; Dr. Seth Vernella, Topeka, Kansas; W. A. Sizemore, president of Singleton Colony in Morris and Lyon Counties, Kansas; Jerry White, Esq., formerly of Kentucky, now Topeka, Kansas; Rev. J. F. Thomas, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas; Henry Horton, formerly of Louisiana, now of Topeka, Kansas; and one hundred others.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Benj. Singleton, G. B. Charles, A. D. DeFrantz, E. Handy, W. A. Sizemore, J. F. Thomas, Jerry White, Charles Charles, H. W. Rolfe, Benj. Adams, Wm. Brooks, Henry Horton, Thos. Shaw, T. C. Gentry, Charles Spaulding, George Wiley, Thos. Lloyd.

BENJ. SINGLETON, *President.*

A. D. DEFRAITZ, *Secretary.*