

Transcript of Video of the Great St. John Encampment

Subject: Black in the Past

Title: The Great St. John Encampment (56 Seconds)

Scene 1: Picture of news clipping with two photographs in it. On the left side is a portrait of L.L. Campbell. On the right is a picture of a large three-story building, The St. John Orphan Home.

Text: Black Austin's Homecoming. The annual event was sponsored by the St. John Missionary Baptist Church Association and provided spiritual uplift to its members.

Scene 2: A picture of three different buildings - the first is the same three story orphanage, the second is a small, one story building, and the third, a building with two stories and two one-story additions to each side of it. A large button with a photo of the orphanage and the words St. John Orphan Home, Austin Texas fades in and out.

Text: The annual event served as a fund-raiser for the St. John Industrial Institute and orphanage that once stood where Highland Mall is today.

Scene 3: Two pictures fade in; one is a long shot of the orphanage. The second is an encampment of several tents, seen from a higher vantage point.

Text: From its beginning in 1869 the Encampments attracted thousands of Central Texas Baptists.

Scene 4: Image of a portrait of an Anglo man with a short white beard wearing a Victorian string tie and a suit.

Text: For an entire week in July, worshippers listened to guest speakers that included Governors, Mayors, Judges and members of the Texas Legislature.

Scene 5: Portrait of a clean-shaven African American man in a suit and bowtie; Booker T. Washington.

Text: Famous individuals who attended this event included Booker T. Washington, and the dynamic Black Billy Sunday...

Scene 6: Picture of an old Encampment program, a photo of a young Barbara Jordan is on the front cover.

Text: ...evangelist "Sin-Killer" Griffin and in more recent years, the late Barbara Jordan.

Scene 7: Credits for video showing Austin History Center and Austin Public Library logos on a black background with white lettering. It reads: Austin History Center Austin Public Library presents "Black in the Past", Executive Producer K. Anoa Monsho, Producer Karen Riles.

Text: I am Karen Riles inviting you to explore your past at the Austin History Center.