

Clues for Episode Eight

1. Born into slavery in the late 1860's seventh of nine children in the Bluegrass state.
2. Once was called an Exoduster when in his late twenties headed for the sunshine state.
3. It is said he walked more than 500 miles before he settled in the Great Kaw Valley in a place called Armourdale near Kansas City.
4. Landed a job working for J.T. Williamson earned 40 cents a day. Worked hard and several months later got a raise in pay to 75 cents a day and still later because of his hard work earned 125 cents a day as a supervisor.
5. Dreamed of owning his own land but couldn't afford it. So, he rented a piddling 9 acres, paying Williamson with a share of the crops.
6. In 1880 married Matilda Steward, who helped him plant and harvest the rented fields which grew from 9 to 20, to 66 acres.
7. They lived a frugal life, saving all their money and in 1884 took a gamble, purchased 80 acres using all their saving (\$2200.00 and promising to pay an additional \$1400.00 within a year.
8. In 1894 Junius named Potato King of Wyandotte County Kansas, Potato King of Kansas in 1900, and in 1902 named Potato King of the World because he harvested roughly twelve million potatoes. In that year.
9. (J.C.G.) keeps working hard and purchasing land for his farm which is now more than 500 acres by 1910. Ships potatoes by rail to Canada and Mexico.
10. Remembers his early years in slavery and builds comfortable farmhouses for his hired hands, donates to the building of a Groves Park and a community center.

Mystery Guest Answer: Junius G. Groves