

## Preface

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The authenticity of the data collected on the activities of the pioneer Negroes (excluding "Lee") who lived in Tucson during the early period is based entirely upon personal interviews with five pioneer Negroes who are still alive in Tucson and personal interviews with old settlers (other than Negroes) of Tucson.

The authority for statements made concerning Mr. Embers' being the oldest Negro in Tucson, on page 16; the oldest Negro home in Tucson, on page 24; the oldest tree in Tucson, on page 31; the Dining Room ran by Mrs. Lee at the Orndorff Hotel, on page 38; and the last of the Tucson Nineteenth Century Negroes is based upon personal interviews with the five pioneer Negroes who are still alive, and interviews with Mrs. G. F. Kitt, 2026 East Third Street; Mrs. Shaw, 937 North Stone Avenue; Mrs. Fred Roberts, 925 Tyndall Avenue; Mrs. Meneger, 534 South Stone Avenue; Mr. Vail, 933 North Stone Avenue; and Mr. Moses Drachman, 35 East Third Street.