

...with such trees of said town & cedar  
 ...well as claimed cities and there are  
 ...shall pass to the city authorities  
 Land Improvement and Indenture Company  
 L. H. Ruff, President  
 G. A. Nelson, Secretary

D. A. Ford

not be filled in as  
 render the water unfit for use without my signature  
 picking in said well  
 Witness } Geo. A. Nelson  
 H. T. Mulligan

Witness my hand & seal this 10 day  
 January 1898  
 Geo. A. Nelson

**CEDAR LAKE NEGROES.**

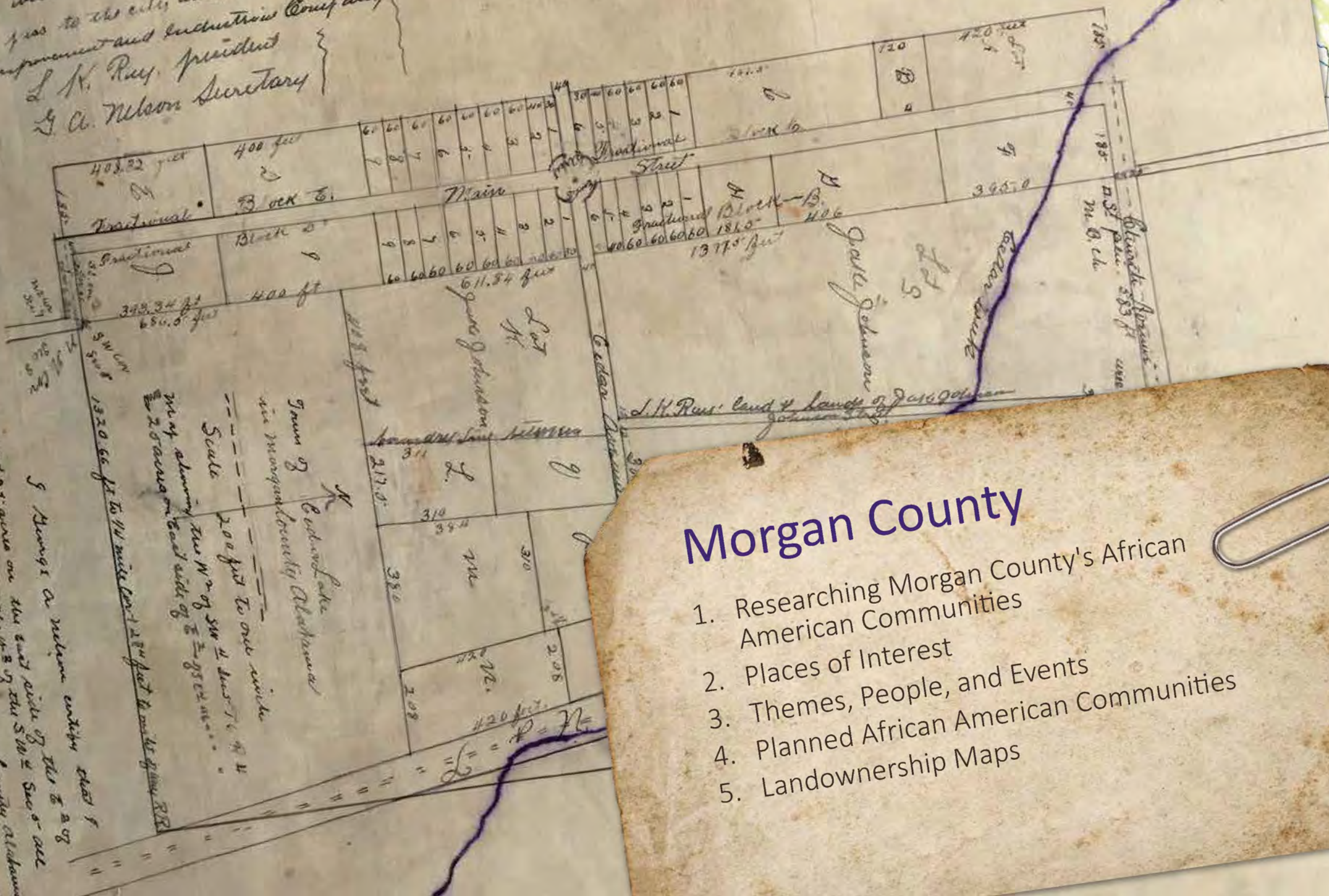
**Speeches Made by Prominent Members of the Race.**

Decatur, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—For some time past there has been considerable talk among the better class of negroes of the Decatur and surrounding country, relative to the organization of the negroes for political, educational and industrial purposes.

The talk crystallized in a mass meeting held at Cedar Lake a few nights ago. Cedar Lake is an exclusively negro town about two miles south of here on the main line of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. This town was started about nine years ago and now has a postoffice, cotton gin, brick yard, etc.

Many prominent negroes were present at the meeting from New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta and other places who addressed the meeting. It was presided over by Charlie Sykes of Decatur, who made a forcible talk before the meeting upon taking the chair. Among other things he said: "Get away from the idea that a colored man has no rights in the South. The South is the only place where a colored man has any rights. If he will get down and acquire property and live like the white people, he has done

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