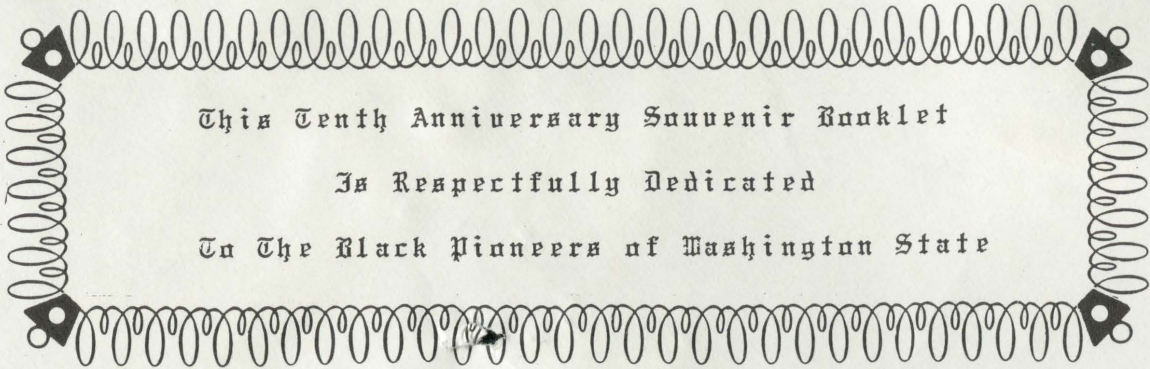




This Tenth Anniversary Souvenir Booklet

Is Respectfully Dedicated

To The Black Pioneers of Washington State

MEMORY: *what wonders it performs
in preserving and storing up things gone by.*
Plutarch

The founders of ROOTS and the many committee people who have planned and organized the reunion picnics over the past nine years, extend to you a warm WELCOME. The ROOTS movement has survived and grown as a result of your interest and desire to fellowship with old friends.

These reunions are a way of keeping alive the beautiful heritage and exciting history of our pioneer families who came from many parts of the world bringing with them little more than their faith, ambition, hope, and courage. They found few opportunities and many obstacles, but they achieved much. Our early families set high goals and high standards for themselves and their offspring who have contributed greatly to the total growth of the State of Washington.

Relatives of Old-Timers are proud of their heritage, not because their ancestors arrived ahead of some others, but because they know the hardship conditions through which they, their parents and grandparents united to survive. Memories, some bitter and some pleasant, are what make ROOTS the unique and special group that it is.

While the purpose of ROOTS Reunions is primarily social, we seek to provide some inspiration and knowledge to our youth and children that they may carry on in the spirit of true brotherhood, sharing and caring as was exemplified by our foreparents. May we encourage higher education, good citizenship and Christian attitudes in our youth.

May each moment of these two special days of celebration and fellowship add to your already rich storehouse of memories.

