

# Reflection of History Luminating History of Black Fort Dodge

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Curators Statement:

**“Almost always, the creative dedicated minority has made the world better.”**

**– Martin Luther King,**

**Jr.**

The history of Black Fort Dodge is a tale of resilience, culture, and enduring community. "Reflection of History" invites viewers on a journey through this vibrant history from early development to Urban Renewal, and celebrates the community's successes while addressing present challenges.

This exhibition comprises photographs, articles, heirlooms, and personal stories, connecting us to the past. It reflects the enduring spirit of Black Fort Dodgers, who found strength in close-knit communities and churches that served as more than places of worship they nurtured cultural traditions and provided a sense of belonging.

Preserving this legacy is a collective effort, vital for understanding, growth, and progress. Community events like Juneteenth serve as moments of reflection and celebration.

The story of Black Fort Dodge is a testament to the enduring strength of culture, preserved through heritage and community. It is a legacy that inspires and enriches the very fabric of Fort Dodge's history, reminding us of the indomitable spirit of those who have contributed immeasurably to the town's vibrant tapestry.