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Writing and compiling this history book has been an experience, one which we shall never forget and we are grateful for the opportunity. It is a book we know will provide you many hours of pleasurable reading. It certainly would not have been possible if you had not made the material available. Our town records were few as they were destroyed in several fires, but with the help of Edna Buck's scrapbook, Plato Kreamer's writings and the old fair books, we made it.

The committee spent many hours traveling to gather information and to make sure it was just right. We are sure there will be discrepancies but we put the material together to the best of our ability. We are also sorry for any omissions and errors.

Our search has been an enjoyable and memorable one. Most of our older residents are gone, but those who are here have been a tremendous help. We love to watch their eyes light up when you talk about the past. Their memories are very precious, "Roots" are very deep here as our "Past" is our "Heritage".

We feel we have lived in the past with our pioneers and all their struggles. What a beautiful community this must have been as you will see as you go through this book. When you think of the way things use to be I'm sure you will all agree we have a very good motto, "Down Memory Lane, Trails to Rhodes."

We would like to thank all who contributed, helped on this book and a special thanks to Mrs. John (Lynn) Duff, of Rhodes, for a fine job on our cover.

Our Centennial will be held July 8th, 9th, and 10th of 1983. The Logo says it all, "A Century of Good Living". If people lived here for but one year or all their lives, the statement which is heard the most is "Rhodes Is My Home Town."

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