










# NOGALES BUFFALO SOLDIERS

The black regiment of the 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry was known as the Buffalo Soldiers. Historians believe they were named by the Cheyenne for their fierce fighting and curly black hair. Some of these soldiers were stationed at Camp Little and raised their families in Nogales. Read about each soldier and write your comments, thoughts, or connections for each biography.

## Who were some of the real Nogales Buffalo Soldiers?

	Soldier Biography	Your comments
	<p><b>Master Sargent Fernandez Jennings, Sr.</b> was known as “Boots”. He was an athlete in high school and enlisted in the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Company L from 1929 to 1951. Boots traveled in the military including to Alaska during World War 2. The Jennings children attended Grand Avenue/Frank Reed School in Nogales.</p>	
	<p><b>Master Sargent Clifford Irving Ray</b> was known as Roy. He served in the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry from 1928 to 1940 when he chose the army over going to jail. He was stationed in Nogales and Fort Huachuca. After his discharge, he eventually settled in Tucson.</p>	
	<p><b>Sergeant Daniel Thornton, Jr.</b> loved the cowboy, western life, horses and his Mexican rancho friends. He enlisted in the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Company H in 1940 and served until 1945.</p>	
	<p><b>Private Emerson Smith Mays</b> was inducted into military service in 1918 and eventually served in the 25<sup>th</sup> infantry until 1923. The Mays children attended Grand Avenue/Frank Reed School in Nogales.</p>	
	<p><b>Master Sergeant Levi Biggs, Sr.</b> enlisted in the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry from 1915 to 1945 serving in various locations including Hawaii, Nogales and Ft. Huachuca. After leaving the Army Biggs worked at the Nogales Post Office and could be seen sitting at the downtown park in Nogales.</p>	
	<p><b>Sergeant Lucius Franklin Monroe Jackson</b> joined the US Army 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry serving from 1915 to 1923 in various locations including Hawaii and Nogales. Lucius was a master cook and is remembered for his sweet potato pie and other dulces. The Jackson family donated the historical plaque for the Grand Avenue/Frank Reed School where the children attended.</p>	

	<p><b>Private First Oscar Matthews, Sr</b> served in the US Army, 10<sup>th</sup> Calvary from 1914 to 1939 including Ft Huachuca and Nogales. The Mathews children attend the Grand Avenue/Frank Reed School in Nogales.</p>	
	<p><b>Warrant Officer William McKinley Jones</b> enlisted in the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry from 1918 to 1949 in a unit that was to build morale for the troops and community. William was the leader of the 25<sup>th</sup> infantry band. His younger children graduated from Nogales High School.</p>	
	<p><b>Private First Class Thomas Maken</b> was one of the youngest and last of the Buffalo Soldiers serving in World Wars I and II and stationed in Nogales. He became the first black man to work for US Customs in Arizona while also working at the Nogales Post Office.</p>	
<p>No Photo Available</p>	<p><b>Corporal Grown Thomas Clark, Sr.</b> served in the US Army from 1914 to 1919 in multiple locations including with the 10<sup>th</sup> Calvary Troop H at Camp Naco and Camp Little in Nogales. Grown married and lived in Nogales</p>	

What is the general time period these soldiers served in the military?

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Which soldiers children attended school in Nogales?

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What are some characteristics you would use to describe soldiers who protected Nogales in the Wild West?

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