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Troop "A", 10th Regiment of Cavalry, "Buffalo Soldier"
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Biographical Note: Section 3 of “an Act to increase and fix the military peace establishment of the United States”, the Army Reorganization Act of 1866, provided “that to the six regiments of cavalry now in

service, there shall be added four regiments, two which shall be composed of colored men". The colored regiments were organized generally the same as the white regiments. The six white regiments, already in service, were numbered one through six. The two newer white regiments were numbered seven and eight. The colored regiments were numbered nine and ten.

The United States Congress created the 10th Regiment of Cavalry from an order given by Lieutenant-General George Sherman, Commander of the Military Division of the Mississippi, in his headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri, on August 9, 1866. The reorganization act "to increase and fix the military peace establishment of the United States, (created) two divisions, "one of cavalry, to be entitled the 10th Regiment United States Cavalry, and one of infantry to be entitled the 38th Regiment United States Infantry". Enlistment was for five years for the cavalry and three years for the infantry.

Another Enactment which affected both white and colored regiments, deemed an important distinction was: "That no person shall be commissioned in any of the regiments authorized by this act until he shall have passed a satisfactory examination before a board to be composed of officers of that arm of the service in which the applicant is to serve, to be convened under the direction of the Secretary of War, which shall inquire into the services rendered during the War, capacity and qualifications of the applicant; and every such appointment when made, shall be without regard to previous rank, but with the sole regard to qualifications and meritorious services."

When Daniel Blue became a member of the 10th Regiment United States Cavalry's "A" Troop, the regiment had eight troops. Troop "A" was organized February 18, 1867. The commanding officers were Capitan Nicholas Nolan and Lieutenants G. W. Graham and G. F. Raulston. The troop's color was bay.

(Source: "Historical Sketches of Staff and Line with Portraits of Generals-In-Chief", Lieutenant John Bigelow, Jr. U.S.A.; R. O. M Tenth Cavalry)

Daniel Blue began his military career as a private. He was promoted to corporal at Ft. Ethan Allen in Vermont. He had served in Cuba in 1898. He was ordered to station as a sergeant in 1904. He reported to the 10th Cavalry on November 23, 1909 where he served as a corporal, sergeant, Quartermaster Sergeant, senior grade; and Master Sergeant.

(Source: "On The Trail of the Buffalo Soldier: Biographies of African Americans in the U. S. Army, Frank N. Schubert, p. 43)

Scope and Content: The collection is comprised of several family photographs; military service papers and photos; letters, certificates and announcements.

Series: The papers and photographs document his personal family life; and, his service in the 10th Regiment of Cavalry of the United States Army. He was a member of "A Troop" of the three-regiment unit that became famously known as the "Buffalo Soldiers.

Container Listing:

Series I: Personal Papers and Photographs

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| Box 1 | Plastine Wrap – Small blue/green velvet Bible from Eva Coleman |
| Box 1 | FF1 – Postcard photo of Master Sergeant Daniel Blue, France, May 24, 1919 |
| Box 1 | FF2 – Private Mailing Card – Dr. E. W. Lee, AME Church, March 17, 1908 |
| Box 1 | FF3 – Two photos: M/Sgt Blue and wife (Ailleen Blue written on back); no date, and, M/Sgt Blue and wife seated on sofa, December 29, 1957 |

- Box 1 FF4 – High school graduation portrait, Miss Maurice Blue, Spencer HS, Columbus, GA, 1945
- Box 1 FF5 – n.d., Photograph of “Daddy and Brother Cleveland”
- Box 1 FF6 – Color portrait by Olin Mills, 1988 – Mrs. Ailleen Blue
- Box 1 FF7 – Photograph of boy child, 2 girl children, and a woman in front of mother’s house, 1920’s.
- Box 1 FF8 – n.d., Photograph of mother, Maurice Blue, grandfather, Daniel Blue; wife, Ailleen and Eva.
- Box 1 FF9 – n.d., Two scrapbook photos: “Brookie and G_____”, “OH Boy”, and, scrapbook photo of Juanita.
- Box 1 FF10 – n.d., two scrapbook photos: Ailleen (mother) on tricycle with her mother kneeling next to her; and, photograph of Grandmother Ailleen, Eula, and Laurie May.
- Box 1 FF11 – n.d., 2 scrapbook photos at Fort Benning, GA; Family group picture and Ailleen and Daniel with unidentified service man.
- Box 1 FF12 - two drafts on the Atlantic National Bank, Douglas Coleman, \$15, 12/15/1908 and Adline Martin, \$10, 12/29/08.
- Box 1 FF13 – Social Security card of Daniel Blue, dated 1/28/1943
- Box 1 FF14 – n.d., Color photo of Maurice & Leon Sawyer, parents of donor, Denise A. Sawyer.
- Box 1 FF15 – 5 Certificates of Honorable Discharge from the Army of the United States for Daniel Blue, all Troop “A”, 10th Regiment. Enlistment record dated: 2/28//1920. Original and two copies of Transcript of Military Record, dated 9/6/1922.
- Box 1 FF16 – n.d., Congratulatory letter from John J. Pershing, Office of the Commander in Chief, American Expeditionary Forces, to W. W. Atterbury, Brigadier General, USA, Director General of Transportation
- Box 1 FF17 – n.d., Itinerary of the March of the 10th Calvary from Fort Ethan Allen, VT, to Winchester, VA, June 16 through July 4
- Box 1 FF18 – Appointment certificates as Sergeant; 11/2/1902; QM Sergeant, Senior Grade, dated 8/10/1918; and, as Master Sergeant, dated 7/1/1920 for Daniel Blue.

- Box 1 FF19 – Copies of Certificate of Death, U. S. Soldiers’ Home Hospital, Washington, DC 6/10/1960; Western Union telegram to Mrs. Aileen Blue to announce husband’s death, 6/10/1960.
- Box 1 FF20 – n.d., Memorial Certificate honoring Daniel Blue signed by Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States.
- Box 1 FF21 – State of Alabama, Lee County, Marriage certificate Daniel Blue to Earlean (sp) Coleman, July 21, 1924.
- Box 1 FF22 – n.d., Picture of the Spencer High School faculty, “To Maurice From Lizzie”. Newspaper clipping of Mr. Leon C. Sawyer’s appointment as Regional Director for the GSA Region 8, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota.
- Box 1 FF23 – United States Civil Service, Retirement Division letter regarding annuity as a retired employee of the United States Government. Civil Service Annuity Certificate, dated 9/10/1947.
- Box 1 FF24 - Two letters to Mrs. Aileen Blue, US Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Washington DC, January 10, 1967 and Veterans Administration, Veterans Benefits Office, Washington, DC, dated May 5, 1972.
- Box 1 FF25 – Sepia full length portrait of Daniel Blue, Washington, DC, 1916.