



# TIMELINE OF EVENTS



## TOM THE BARBER

1878: Son Eugene is born in Texas according to AZ Certificate of Death

Born Nov. 30, 1857 to Charles & Alace Massey Thomas, TX according to AZ Certificate of Death.

1880 Census: Working as barber, married to Maggie & one son, age 2. 1880: listed in Dallas City Directory as barber.

### Newspaper Mentions

July 7 1898: Quoted in regards to Roosevelt's Rough Rider's at San Juan Hill, Cuba. *Phoenix Weekly Herald*.

July 20, 1899: Listed as pitcher for all-black baseball team that challenges white team. *Republican Herald*.

June 14, 1900: Skull fractured in an accident. *Republican Herald*.

Aug. 28, 1900: Recovering from injury, right side paralyzed. *Arizona Republican*.

Nov. 14, 1901: Announcement for "colored ball" and expectations of fancy footwork dancing from Thomas. *Arizona Republican*.

May 26, 1908: Organizing locals for abolition of slavery in British West Indies celebration in Tucson. *Arizona Republican*.

1919: Living/working in Tempe as a barber. Phoenix City Directory.  
1920: Living/working in Tempe as a barber. Tempe Census.

1925: Living/working in Tempe as a barber. Phoenix City Directory.

1928: Living/working in Tempe as a barber. Phoenix City Directory.

April 4, 1928: Thomas passes away at home. AZ Certificate of Death.

April 6, 1928: Arizona Republican Obituary. Mentioned as "Tempe pioneer citizen."

April 7, 1928: *Tempe News, Weekly Edition* Obituary. "Old Tom," had a large circle of friends in all walks of life, and his death is regretted by many."

1892 & 1894: Listed as living in Phoenix on Maricopa County Voter Registrations. 1895: Listed as working as barber in the Phoenix City Directory.

1917: Son Eugene, a musician, passes away in Bisbee. AZ Certificate of Death.

1857

1878

1880

Time gap in the records for Tom the Barber.

1892-95

1898-1908

1917

1919-28

1882

April 1882: Enlists in the 10th Cavalry, Company I at Fort Davis, TX. Return Record.

April 1882: Company I at to Camp Rice, TX (now Fort Hancock). Return Record.

1884/1885

May 1884: Company I at Camp Rice, TX. Return Record.

May 1885: Company I at Fort Verde, AZ. Return Record.

1886/1887

Jan. 1886: Company I at Fort Grant, AZ. Return Record.

April 1886: Company I at Fort Verde, AZ. Return Record.

Jan. 1887: Company I at Fort Verde. Discharged at end of enlistment.

## THOMAS THE SOLDIER