



Fort McKavett 25th U.S. Infantry Regiment

Company C

July 1870 – July 1871

Company H

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Fort McKavett State Historic Site

Located on the western edge of the Texas Hill Country, Fort McKavett State Historic Site is one of the most complete Indian Wars army posts in Texas.

Several quarters and buildings have period furnishings and displays. The site was home to all four of the “Buffalo Soldier” regiments as well as several other cavalry, dragoons and infantry regiments. Fort McKavett was active from 1852–1859, then again from 1868–1883.

Fort McKavett and the 25th U.S. Infantry

In 1869, the 25th Infantry began with the consolidation of the 40th and 39th Infantry regiments. Both companies assigned to Fort McKavett were involved in guard duties at the post as well as at Kickapoo Springs Mail Station and Manyard Creek, Native American Indian scouts, wagon train escorts, the construction of the post, building and maintaining the roads, working in the post gardens, working as bakers and other frontier post chores. In July, 1871, they were transferred to Fort Clark.



Unfortunately, there are no individual photographs available of the officers of the 25th Infantry who had served at Fort McKavett. They were Capt. John Williams, Company C; 1st Lt. Jacob Paulus, Company C; Capt. Charles F. Robe, Company H; 1st Lt. David B. Wilson, Company H; and 2nd Lt. Frank M. Coxe, Company H.



Officers of the 25th Infantry in the 1880s.

FORT MCKAVETT AND THE 25TH U.S. INFANTRY



A company of the 25th Infantrymen after leaving Fort McKavett. They are in their dress uniforms used for parades.



An unknown 25th Infantryman with his winter buffalo coat in Missouri. The job of the Army on the frontier didn't take a break in cold weather.



A company of the 25th Infantry in winter campaign gear.



The patch of the 25th Infantry was adopted years after Fort McKavett. It shows their accomplishment during the Spanish American War.



25th Infantry
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