

# THE POWER OF ONE

Storyteller Melodie Graves details the journey and contributions of Mathew "Bones" Hooks, a Texas Panhandle pioneer and rancher credited with founding North Heights and providing opportunities for the community for generations. Bones Hooks has since been inducted into a hall of fame at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, yet textbooks often omit stories of people like Bones Hooks who defy common narratives of history. Through the telling of Bones Hooks's story, Melodie illustrates how one determined person can lead change for himself and for those who come afterward. Why do you think Bones Hooks and other Black ranchers have been left out of the stories about the "Wild West"? What can we do to honor and reclaim their stories now? Take some time to learn more about Bones Hooks as well as someone in your community whose story may have gone untold or unheard. Then consider how you too can embrace the Bones Hooks spirit of "the power of one" to leave the world better than you found it.

**Who was Bones Hooks and what contributions has he made?**



**Who is someone in your community whose story should be shared?**



**How can you embrace the "power of one" like Bones Hooks and leave your community better than you found it?**

