

0. THE REST OF THE STORY - Story Preface

1. THE TROUBLE STARTS

2. THINGS GET WORSE

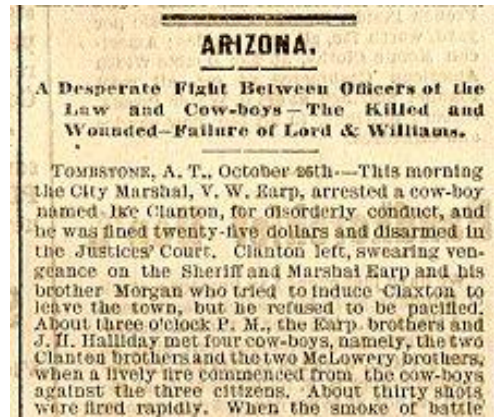
3. FAMOUS GUNFIGHT ON FREMONT STREET

4. BODIES FALL

5. A CORONER'S INQUEST

6. THE TRIAL OF WYATT EARP

7. THE REST OF THE STORY



What did contemporary news articles say about the famous shoot-out at the OK Corral? This image depicts an 1881 excerpt which says: "A Desperate Fight Between Officers of the Law and Cow-Boys--The Killed and Wounded--Failure of Lord & Williams"

"Tombstone, A.T., October 26th -- This morning, the City Marshall, V. W. Earp, arrested a cow-boy named Ike Clanton, for disorderly conduct, and he was fined twenty-five dollars and disarmed in the Justices' Court. Clanton left, swearing vengeance on the Sheriff and Marshall Earp and his brother Morgan who tried to induce Clanton to leave the town, but he refused to be pacified. About three o'clock P.M., the Earp brothers and J.H. Halliday met four cow-boys, namely the two Clanton brothers and the two McLowery brothers, when a lively fire commenced from the cow-boys against the three citizens. About thirty shots were fired rapidly. When the smoke of battle ..."(hereafter the image breaks away).

Not long after his decision, Judge Spicer received a threat that it would be "only a matter of time" before he was assassinated. (He wasn't.) On December 28, 1881 while he was crossing the street, Virgil Earp (who was still Marshall and had recovered from the O.K. Corral injuries) was shot in the left arm. He was never able to fully use his left arm again.

In February of 1882, Ike Clanton brought more murder charges against the Earps - this time in another town. Since no new evidence had surfaced, the charges were thrown out, even though Wyatt had been arrested again. (The "double jeopardy" law prohibited another trial.)

The next month, while playing billiards at a Tombstone saloon, Morgan Earp (Wyatt's favorite brother) was shot in the back. Another bullet narrowly missed Wyatt who became intent on finding his brother's killer. Within weeks, he had done just that. Instead of bringing the suspects in for trial, Wyatt took the law into his own hands.

Now on the run himself, Wyatt and Josie left Tombstone. Traveling as far north as Alaska, they eventually settled in California where they grew old together. (Wyatt, parenthetically, called his wife "Sadie," after her second name.) By some accounts, even though they were together fifty-three years, they never married. They had left their friend, Doc Holliday, in Colorado where he was treated in a tuberculosis sanitarium. It wasn't long before Doc was dead.

And what of Ike Clanton, the unarmed man who ran from the fight on Fremont Street? He was shot and killed on June 1, 1887 when he was 40 years old. Some folks say he was shot while rustling cattle. Other folks say he was killed by a hired gun.

Ike was buried in an unmarked grave along Eagle Creek, near Springerville, Arizona. Folks soon forgot where he was until June 26, 1996, when his namesake, Terry "Ike" Clanton, rediscovered the grave. If he isn't already in Tombstone, he will be soon - buried next to the brother he lost in the Shoot-Out at the O.K. Corral.

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Allen Street at Fifth Street in 1880. The Grand Hotel is on the left and Virgil was shot right in front of where the man is sitting on the right when he was ambushed.

Allen Street in Tombstone

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Josephine Earp

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Wyatt's saloon in Tonopah, Nevada in 1902. It's very likely that his wife, Josie, is on the horse on the left.

Josie in Front of Wyatt's Saloon

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After the May 25, 1882 fire

O.K. Corral Photo

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