### GUNFIGHT at the O.K. CORRAL



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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.)

But ... 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. His sustained injuries to his left arm, and he was never able to fully use that 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 <u>Wyatt</u> 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 (like <u>Wyatt's parents</u> Nicholas and Virginia Earp) they grew old together. (<u>Wyatt</u>, parenthetically, called his <u>wife</u> "Sadie," after her second name.)

By some accounts, even though they were together fifty-three years, they never officially 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 <u>lke Clanton</u>, 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. People soon forgot where he was until June 26, 1996, when his namesake, Terry "Ike" Clanton, rediscovered the grave.

If Ike isn't already back in Tombstone, he will be soon - buried next to the brother he lost in the Shoot-Out at the <u>O.K. Corral</u>.

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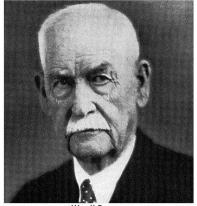


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Wyatt Earp

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