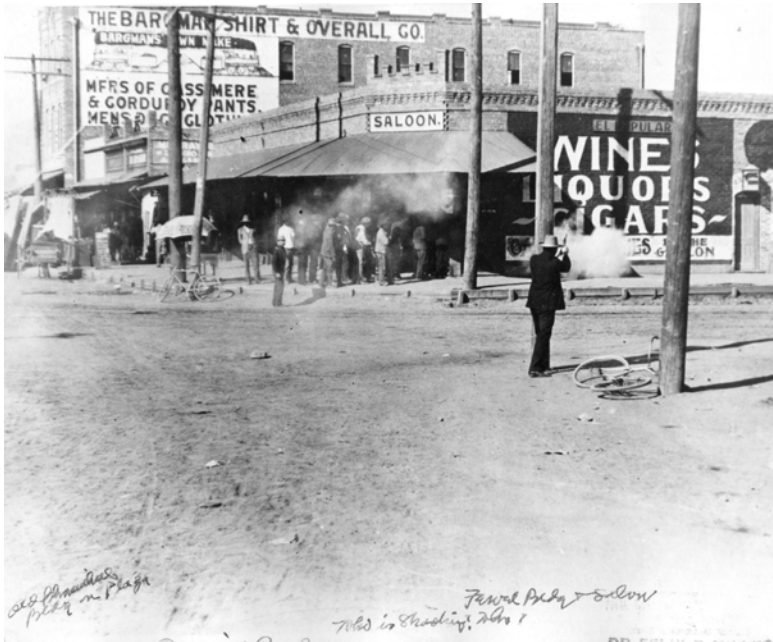


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Actual gunfight. A photographer captured forever this gunfight as it actually occurred in El Paso at Seventh and El Paso streets in late 1907. (Courtesy of the El Paso Public Library, Southwest Collection)

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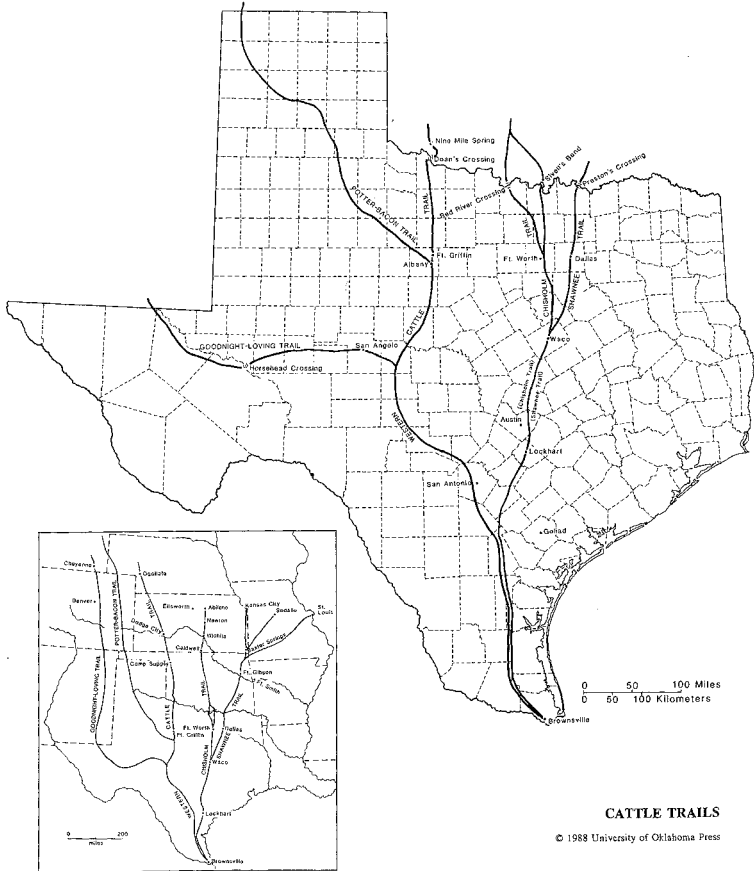
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Preface

This popular history is an outgrowth of our previous book, *100 Oklahoma Outlaws, Gangsters, and Lawmen, 1839-1939*. Once again, we have largely relied upon the scholarship of leading Western writers for the stories told here. The principal author's lifelong interest in Texas was inspired by the frontier lives of rancher Samuel Burk Burnett and other distantly related Missouri kinsmen who settled in nineteenth-century Texas.

In this work, we have focused on notable luminaries of Lone Star outlawry and the law officers who pursued them from the opening days of the Republic to the middle years of the Great Depression. Loosely applying standards used by the eminent scholar Bill O'Neal in his seminal work *Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters*, we have profiled the better known Texas outlaws who engaged in at least two gunfights or armed robberies in which significant gunfights occurred. Certain colorful characters, such as Judge Roy Bean, the self-appointed "Law West of the Pecos," and high-profile lawmen, outlaws, and gangsters from elsewhere who operated in Texas or who were one-time Texas residents, have also been included. These individual profiles cover the one hundred-year period beginning with the first declaration of Texas independence in assemblies in Goliad and elsewhere in 1835 and ending with the Depression-era crimes of Machine Gun Kelly and the Barrow gang. Altogether, this volume contains more than two hundred profiles featuring more than five hundred outlaws, gangsters, and lawmen, including a fistful of Texas feudists, Rio Grande border warriors, and Indian fighters.

We have also included a section identifying still accessible outlaw hideouts and locales for those who enjoy treading in the footsteps of history, as well as a Texas outlaw chronology. Usually, we have relied upon traditional narratives of events using standard sources and the works of authors generally accepted as reliable. However, in some instances we have rejected traditional narratives of events, offering

alternative versions or related new interpretations based on recent scholarship or variations we deem reliable. Usually the variant theories are referenced, but not expounded, since this is a book of popular history rather than a work of academic scholarship. Generally we reviewed books, magazines, and periodicals available to us as late as January 2007.

Once again, the distinguished historian Robert Barr Smith (*Tough Towns, Outlaw Tales of Oklaboma*) took time from his own writing schedule to guide our efforts as Consulting Editor. Nevertheless the judgments we have made concerning the relative credibility of competing sources, and any errors sifting fact from mythology, have been our own.

Regrettably, but of necessity, a great many colorful, compelling Texas outlaws and lawmen have been set aside for another time. And so, dear reader, enjoy these pages with the assurance that our Texas outlaw tour has only just begun.

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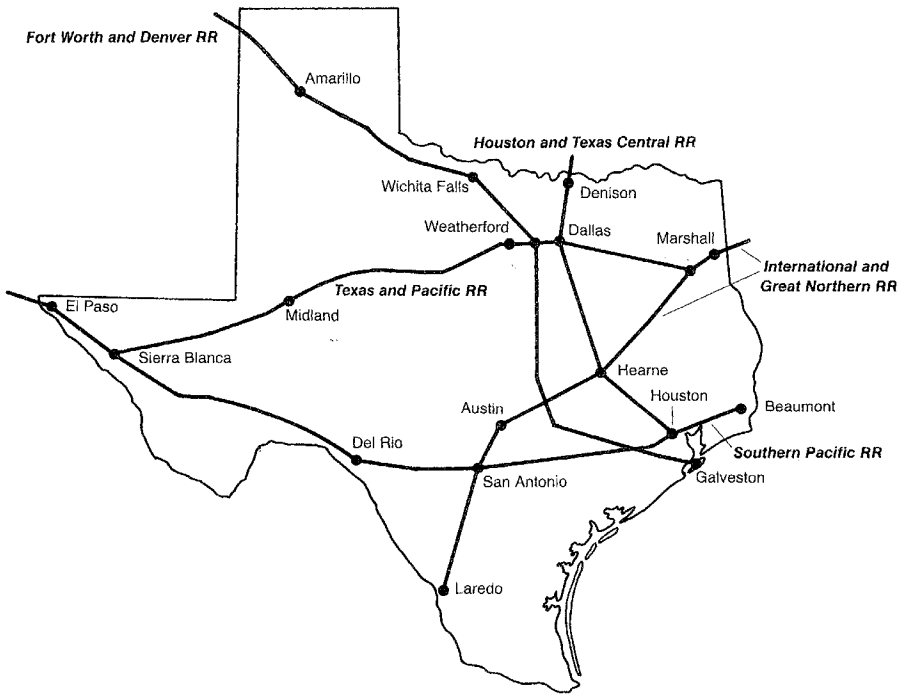
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