

Chronology of Significant Events

1835-1935

1835 Texas provisional government formed at San Felipe and independence declared by several assemblies, notably one at Goliad on December 20.

1840 Notorious Texas gunman Robert A. Clay Allison was born in Tennessee. Allison killed at least five men before his violent life ended in a wagon accident on July 1, 1887, in Pecos, Texas.

Joseph L. Hood, first sheriff of Bexar County, was killed in a melee with Comanche chiefs within the Town Council House during the course of peace negotiations (prior to April 18).

1841 Renowned black lawman Bass Reeves was born this year or perhaps the previous year in Arkansas, then removed with the Reeves family to Grayson County, Texas. Reeves was apparently the first black deputy U.S. marshal to be appointed west of the Mississippi.

Charles W. Jackson, a participant in the Regulator-Moderator War, was killed. A year earlier, a judge sent to try Jackson for killing Joseph G. Goodbread was himself killed near Pulaski, Texas, after fleeing for his life.

Thomas D. Yocum, proprietor of the Yocum Inn in the Big Thicket country of East Texas, was executed by a Regulator posse on information that Yocum had murdered several people.

1843 John V. Morton, first sheriff of Fort Bend County, was killed by his former deputy, George W. Pleasants (February 7).

- 1844 Texas Ranger George W. Arrington was born in Alabama.
- 1847 Approximate birth year of Longhair Jim Courtright, probably an Illinois native who moved to Fort Worth in about 1875, then served from time to time in a series of law enforcement positions before starting his own detective service, described by detractors as nothing more than an extortion operation.
- 1850 Noted Texas Ranger John Barclay (Barkley) Armstrong was born in McMinnville, Tennessee.
- 1853 Jesse Evans, Lampasas County, Texas, cowboy and Lincoln County War participant, was born in Illinois.
- 1854 Texas bank robber extraordinaire Reuben Burrow was born on December 11 in Lamar County, Alabama.
- 1856 Road agent Texas Jack and two other bandits were confronted near Folsom, California, on September 30 by the Placer County sheriff, who killed Ned Conway. Tom Bell escaped, but was soon found by a lynch mob, leaving only Texas Jack to tell the tale in places yet unknown.
- 1862 Billy the Kid associate David Anderson, known as Billy Wilson, was born in South Texas. Anderson finished his career as sheriff of Terrell County, Texas.
- 1863 Civil War guerilla William C. "Bloody Bill" Anderson wintered in Sherman, Texas, and married a local woman before resuming his murderous career.
- 1865 Confederate colonel George Wythe Baylor quarreled with Gen. John Austin Wharton and killed him on April 6. Later, he became a Texas Ranger and was credited with filling El Paso jails with rustlers and thieves.
- 1871 Notorious bandit William T. "Black Jack" Christian was born near Fort Griffin, Texas.

Wild Bill Hickok killed his last gunfight opponent, Gonzalez County, Texas, native Phillip Houston Coe, at the Bull's Head Saloon in Abilene, Kansas (October 5).

1873 Nineteen-year-old Seldon Lindsey protected his father by shooting a vigilante out of the saddle. Later he became a deputy U.S. marshal and was credited with killing the outlaw Bill Dalton.

1874 William Sutton, supposed agitator of the Sutton-Taylor feud, was assassinated with his associate Gabe Slaughter by Taylor factionists as Sutton boarded a steamboat at Indianola, Texas (March 11).

Jim Reed and two associates from Butler, Missouri, robbed the Austin-San Antonio stage near Blanco, taking about \$4,000 (April 7).

Bat Masterson, Bill Tilghman, and others were attacked by Indians led by mixed-blood Quanah Parker at Adobe Walls, in the Texas Panhandle (July 27).

1875 Former Texas Ranger Scott Cooley became an interloper in the Mason County War, whose victims included his friend and mentor Tim Williamson. Cooley killed former deputy sheriff Worley (Wohrle) on August 10, then scalped him.

Doc Holliday dueled with a Mr. Austin in a dispute over a Dallas card game. Neither was injured.

Leading Taylor factionist Jim Taylor was assassinated at Clinton, Texas, possibly with the collusion of Martin King, who carelessly allowed Taylor's horse to become loose, eliminating his chances for a quick escape (December 27).

1876 John B. Armstrong and other Texas Rangers surprised and killed three reputed cattle rustling associates of John King Fisher at Espantosa Lake near Carrizo, Texas (October 1).

Former Texas Ranger Lark Ferguson became Pete Spence following dismissal from the Texas Rangers after two questionable killings and a Seeligson bank robbery (August 24).

- 1877 Sam Bass and other members of the Joel Collins gang robbed a stagecoach near Deadwood, South Dakota, and killed driver Johnny Slaughter (March 25).

John B. Armstrong captured John Wesley Hardin on a train at Pensacola, Florida, and killed his associate Jim Mann (August 23).

The Joel Collins gang robbed the eastbound Union Pacific No. 4 train at Big Springs, Nebraska, taking some \$60,000 (September 18).

- 1878 Texas impresario Kitty Leroy was killed by her jealous husband in Deadwood, Dakota Territory, when he became concerned over Kitty's real or imagined relationships with Sam Bass and Wild Bill Hickok. Kitty owned the Mint Gambling Saloon at the time of her death.

Supposed former Texas Ranger Andrew L. "Buckshot" Roberts went to Blazer's Mill, New Mexico, for mail containing the proceeds from the recent sale of his ranch, but was killed in an encounter with Billy the Kid and other Regulators (April 4).

Texas Rangers and the Wise County sheriff attacked surviving members of the Bass gang, killing associate Arkansas Johnson and all the horses, forcing the other gang members to flee on foot (June 13).

- 1879 Barney Mason, Lee Hall, and other Texans rode as a posse under the command of Pat Garrett in pursuit of Henry McCarty (Billy the Kid) and got their man at Stinking Springs, New Mexico (December 23).

1880 Texas possemen James East, Lon Chambers, and Louis “The Animal” Bousman, joined Pat Garrett, then pursued and encountered Billy the Kid and his Texas associates Dave Rudabaugh, Tom East, Tom O’Folliard, and Charlie Bowdre at Fort Sumner (December 19). O’Folliard was mortally wounded.

1881 Texan and deputy sheriff James W. Bell was killed while guarding Henry McCarty (Billy the Kid) at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Lincoln, New Mexico (April 28). The Kid then killed Deputy Sheriff Bob Olinger with his own shotgun from a second-story window.

Texas troublemakers Ike Clanton, Billy Clanton, the McClaury brothers, and Billy Claiborne faced former Fort Griffin, Texas, visitors Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, Morgan Earp, and Virgil Earp in a Tombstone, Arizona, gunfight at the O.K. Corral on October 26. Both McClaurys were killed, along with Billy Clanton.

James-Younger gang member Frank James moved to Denison, Texas, for a new start. Later, he worked as a shoe salesman at the Sanger-Harris Department Store in Dallas.

1882 James Manning, owner of the Coliseum Saloon in El Paso, killed Doc Cummings, brother-in-law of Sheriff Dallas Stoudenmire, on February 14, then killed Stoudenmire himself seven months later.

Former DeWitt County, Texas, resident and Sutton-Taylor feudist John Peters Ringo was killed, in the mountains near Tombstone, by his own pistol or otherwise (July 14).

1884 Former Dallas saloon impresario John A. Heath was hanged impromptu by a mob unhappy with the life sentence he received for planning a robbery in which several innocent citizens were killed and wounded (March 28).

- 1885 Williamson County, Texas, gunman Judd Roberts killed his first victim in Fredericksburg, Texas. Roberts himself was killed in July 1887 in Williamson County by lawmen Ira Aten and John R. Hughes.
- 1886 Texas gunman Print Olive was killed at Trail City, Colorado, by Joe Sparrow, who owed Olive ten dollars (August 16).
- Notorious outlaw Dave Rudabaugh quarreled over a card game with two locals in Parral, Mexico, and lost his head—quite literally (February 18).
- 1887 Mannen Clements, Sr., cousin of John Wesley Hardin, was killed in Ballenger, Texas, by City Marshal Joe Townsend in an election-related gunfight (March 29).
- 1889 Vernon, Texas, area resident and murder suspect Boone Marlow was poisoned then shot by bounty hunters with the collusion of his young sweetheart (late January).
- 1890 Lawman George Scarborough was mortally wounded by cattle rustlers about twenty miles southwest of San Simon, New Mexico (April 3).
- 1892 “Texas Invaders” eliminated Nate Champion, a Round Rock, Texas, area native and leader of small Wyoming ranchers during the Johnson County War (April 9).
- 1893 Texas Ranger Frank Jones was killed by the Olguin gang at Tres Jacales, Mexico (June 30).
- 1894 Gainesville, Texas, native Nate Sylva and others attempted to rob a Rock Island train near Pond Creek, then a thriving community in northern Oklahoma Territory (April 9), but were captured. Sylva escaped from captivity and was never heard from again.

A bank at Longview, Texas, was robbed by men traditionally

identified as the William C. "Bill" Dalton gang (May 23).

- 1897 Texas gunman David Kemp mortally wounded his archenemy Les Dow on February 18 at the Carlsbad, New Mexico, post office as the unsuspecting Dow read his last letter. Predictably enough, Kemp was later acquitted on the grounds of self-defense.
- 1898 Rancher and former Texan John Slaughter caught the bandit Peg-Leg Finney dozing under a tree on Slaughter's San Bernardino Ranch in Arizona and settled his hash (September 19).
- 1900 Deputy Sheriff Ed Scarborough killed murder suspect Ralph Jenks near Silver City, New Mexico (September 3).
- 1901 Will Carver, former associate of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, was killed by the Sutton County sheriff (April 2).
- 1903 Pink Higgins killed his archenemy Bill Standifer near Higgins's Kent County, Texas, ranch then reported the incident to the county sheriff by telephone, only to be told to make sure Standifer was dead, or so the story goes (October 4).
- 1907 Upshur County, Texas, native Jim Stevenson killed Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, city marshal Randolph Cathey, shortly before statehood (November 3). Stevenson escaped conviction through the efforts of noted criminal lawyer Moman Pruiett, only to be beaten to death by a burglar in Tulsa forty-four years later for fifteen dollars.
- 1909 Notorious killer Clyde Chestnut Barrow was born near Teleco, Texas (March 24).
- 1922 Frank Hamer and other Texas Rangers killed Ralph "Red" Lopez and nine Lopez gang members in a gunfight.

- 1923 Lawmen Dave Allison and Horace Roberson were murdered on Easter Sunday in Seminole, Texas, by Hill Loftis and Milt Good, against whom they were scheduled to testify the next day.
- 1924 The Newton brothers, formerly of Cottonwood, Texas, robbed a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad train near Rondout, Illinois, taking approximately three million dollars, the largest train robbery in American history (June 12).
- 1927 Marshal Ratliff, better known as the Santa Claus robber, escaped from a Cisco bank on December 23, with a large amount of cash, only to leave it behind in a stolen getaway car, after mortally wounding two lawmen. Ratliff was lynched two years later following an escape attempt.
- 1928 Texas native Charles Siringo, who tracked Butch Cassidy, Billy the Kid, and many others as a Pinkerton detective, died peacefully in Altadena, California, after writing six books about his exploits (October 18).
- 1934 Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were ambushed and killed near Gibsland, Louisiana (May 23)
- Town builder Asa Borger was killed at one of the towns he founded, Borger, Texas, on August 31, by his nemesis, former county treasurer Arthur Huey. Borger was finished off with his own pistol.
- Wheeler County, Texas, bank robber Irvin "Blackie" Thompson was killed at point-blank range by Deputy Sheriff Roy Brewer on Route 66 in Amarillo, east of Tenth Street, while resisting arrest (December 6).
- 1935 Barrow gang stalwarts Joe Palmer and Ray Hamilton were executed on May 10.

Texas Outlaw Hideouts, Hangouts, and Locales

Abilene, Texas

Texas mythology says that John Wesley Hardin killed Charles Cougar here on July 6, 1871, in a hotel for snoring, although contemporary newspaper reports make no mention of such a newsworthy motivation.

Austin, Texas

Billy Thompson, younger brother of noted gunman Ben Thompson, killed his friend Sgt. William Burke after a night on the town, on September 2, 1868. Five years later he killed another friend, Sheriff C. B. Whitney, at Ellsworth, Kansas.

The Iron Front Saloon, 605 Congress Avenue, was home away from home to Ben Thompson, John Wesley Hardin, and other hard cases. During demolition of the Iron Front, a skull was reportedly found embedded in its walls. In later times, the site was occupied by the American National Bank.

Birthplace of pioneer Texas Ranger James Gillett, November 4, 1856, and place where Texas Ranger John B. Jones died on June 19, 1881.

Austin County, Texas

Dreaded shootist Wild Bill Longley was born here on October 6, 1851, then participated in many Reconstruction-era killings before he was hanged in Giddings, Texas.

Bakersfield, California

Barney Mason, noted Texas lawman and associate of Pat Garrett, died here of natural causes on April 11, 1916.

Brown's Hole, Colorado

Isham Dart, alias Ned Huddleston, a black Texan associated with the

Tip Gault gang, was reportedly killed here on October 3, 1900, by bounty hunter and convicted assassin Tom Horn.

Brownsville, Texas

Arkansas native Nathan Reed claimed in his memoirs that he robbed a bank here in April 1891 and then was chased by Texas Rangers into Indian Territory, earning the often-claimed sobriquet Texas Jack.

Caldwell, Kansas

Texas troublemaker James D. Sherman alias Jim Talbot and fellow Texans Tom Love and Jim Martin opened fire on former city marshal Mike Meagher and his replacement John Wilson the afternoon of December 17, 1881, in violent epilogue to a disagreement between Meagher and Talbot the previous evening. Meagher was mortally wounded, while Sherman escaped, only to be assassinated himself in California fifteen years later by persons unknown, possibly his wife's paramour, or so the story goes.

Cottonwood, Texas

Hometown of the Newton brothers, perpetrators of the largest train robbery in American history (June 12, 1924).

Dallas, Texas

John Younger of the James-Younger gang killed Deputy Sheriff Charles Nichols in Dallas while resisting arrest, on January 15, 1871, according to contemporary newspaper accounts. The previous year, his better known older brother Cole Younger served as a census taker in the Dallas area during the 1870 United States Census.

The Barrow family gas station and residence is located at 1221 Singleton Road, not far from the first Dallas residence of Bonnie Parker, 2908 Eagle Ford Road. Deputy Sheriff Malcolm Davis was killed by Clyde Barrow at 507 County Avenue, West Dallas, on January 6, 1933.

Decatur, Texas

Assumed 1865 birthplace of colorful outlaw Richard "Little Dick" West, who preferred to dine and sleep outside at all times. West was

a member of the notorious Doolin gang of Oklahoma Territory, then joined the comedic Al Jennings gang, the Titanic of Oklahoma criminal organizations. Shadowy John Armstrong, later known as Milton J. Yarberry, killed a man in Decatur during an 1877 saloon brawl.

Denton, Texas

Motor Mark Garage, 311 West Oak, was burglarized by Clyde and Buck Barrow on November 29, 1929.

Dimick Township, La Salle County, Illinois

Boyhood home of Texas saloon impresario and gunfighter Rowdy Joe Lowe, who was killed in a Denver gunfight on December 1, 1899. Wild Bill Hickok grew up nearby in Troy Grove, Illinois.

Dodge City, Kansas

Former Dallas resident Mysterious Dave Mather and his brother Josiah killed young Ashland, Kansas, grocer David Barnes over a card game at the Junction Saloon on May 10, 1885.

Dryden, Texas

Ben Kilpatrick, the Tall Texan and former member of Butch Cassidy's Wild Bunch, was killed with his partner Ole Beck attempting to rob a train here on March 12, 1912.

Eastham, Texas

Clyde Barrow and Floyd Hamilton mortally wounded Major (given name) Joseph Crowson during a prison farm break on January 16, 1934.

El Paso, Texas

Dallas Stoudenmire came to the aid of Constable Gus Krempkau, who had been mortally wounded by John Hale on the street between the Globe Restaurant and Coliseum Saloon. Stoudenmire shot and killed Hale as Hale peered from behind a pillar after shooting Krempkau on April 14, 1881. Stoudenmire himself was killed in an El Paso gunfight the next year.

John Selman, Sr., assassinated John Wesley Hardin at the Acme Saloon on August 19, 1895. The next year (April 5, 1896) Selman

himself was killed by lawman George Scarborough near the Wigwam Saloon before Selman could even draw his weapon.

The Coliseum Saloon and the Gem Saloon were on El Paso Street, while the Wigwam stood nearby on San Antonio Street. The site of the Coliseum Saloon was more recently occupied by the Camino Real Hotel.

Fort Concho, Texas

Birthplace of noted Indian Territory gang leader Crawford Goldsby, better known as Cherokee Bill.

Fort Griffin, Texas

John Selman, Sr., and Sheriff John Larn killed a half-deaf suspect who walked away from them after being ordered to halt in early March 1877.

Fort Worth, Texas

Sam Bass robbed the Weatherford and Fort Worth stage of \$400 near here on January 26, 1878.

Butch Cassidy, the Sundance Kid, and three associates unwittingly informed authorities of their whereabouts by posing for a photograph at the Swartz Studio, 705 South Main, in 1900. An observant Wells Fargo agent noticed the picture and picked up their trail.

Longhair Jim Courtright and others were ambushed by railroad strikers on December 20, 1876, at Buttermilk Switch, about two miles south of the Fort Worth depot. His fatal gunfight with Luke Short occurred near the White Elephant Saloon, then located at 306-310 Main Street, on a site later occupied by the S. H. Kress Building. After 1896, the White Elephant Saloon was located at 606-608 Main Street, while the affiliated Turf Exchange gambling facility was nearby at 610 South Main.

Grand Saline, Texas

Hometown of Wiley Post, renowned aviator and perhaps the only former bandit in America for whom a state building was named.

Grapevine, Texas

Henry Methvin killed State Highway Patrolmen E. B. Wheeler and H. D. Murphy near the intersection of Highway 114 and Dove Road, on April 1, 1934.

Haskell, Texas

Legendary lawman George Scarborough killed a man whom he had recently arrested for cattle rustling. The QT Saloon grew noisy as Scarborough and his brother resolved the dispute permanently on October 15, 1877.

Houston, Texas

Former Texas residents Harry and Jennings Young perpetrated the largest massacre of lawmen in United States history on January 2, 1932, near Springfield, Missouri, then fled to Houston. The brothers were trapped at 4710 Walker Avenue and committed suicide there three days later.

Houston Press reporter Harry McCormick interviewed Barrow gang members Ralph Fults and Ray Hamilton near the intersection of Hempstead Road and Satsuma on March 18, 1935.

Former Barrow gang member W. D. Jones meddled in a domestic dispute at 10616 Woody Lane and was shot to death on August 20, 1974.

Hutchins, Texas

Texas Express messenger Heck Thomas prevented the Bass gang from stealing about \$4,000 during a train robbery by simply hiding the money before the train trip even started on March 18, 1878. Heck's brother, also a Texas Express employee, had been the victim of an earlier train robbery.

Joplin, Missouri

The address of 3347½ 34th Street was the site of a June 13, 1933, shoot-out between the Barrow gang and local police, two of whom were killed.

Kaufman, Texas

Bonnie Parker, Clyde Barrow, and associate Ralph Fults were forced

to flee from an attempted hardware store robbery in a humiliating mule-back escape after their car stalled in mud. The burro-powered bandits fled to nearby Kemp, where Parker and Fults were captured on April 18, 1932.

Lampasas, Texas

Epicenter of the Horrell-Higgins feud, which began in 1873.

Las Cruces, New Mexico

About four miles outside town, former lawman Pat Garrett was assassinated on February 29, 1908.

Lubbock, Texas

“Deacon” Jim Miller assassinated defense attorney James Jarrott near town after Jarrott successfully defended small ranchers derisively called “Nesters” by larger ranching interests (1904).

Marshall, Texas

Railroad detective James Currie shot Maurice Barrymore, remote kinsman of actor Drew Barrymore, and killed performer Benjamin C. Porter during a late-night restaurant argument on March 19, 1879.

McKinney, Texas

A posse surrounded the John T. Morris house near McKinney on May 23, 1874, hoping to capture Jim Reed, an outlaw. Reed avoided the trap, but Morris became a specially appointed deputy U.S. marshal and killed Reed himself about three months later near Paris, Texas.

Medicine Lodge, Kansas

Henry Brown, a former Oldham County, Texas, deputy sheriff and New Mexico associate of Billy the Kid, was killed by irate citizens on April 30, 1884, after taking time off from his position as city marshal in nearby Caldwell, Kansas, to rob a bank.

Mobeetie, Texas

Bat Masterson killed Sergeant King of the Fourth United States Cavalry here on January 24, 1876, in a quarrel over the affections of young

Molly Brennan, who was accidentally killed by King in the melee.

Near Mundy Springs, Franklin Mountains, Texas

About eight miles north of El Paso, Texas Ranger Charles Fusselman was fatally ambushed on April, 17, 1890, in the canyon which now bears his name.

Oakland, California

Former Texas lawman John Coffee Hays and others founded Oakland in 1850. Gunman Frank Leslie walked away from a pool hall in Oakland in 1927 and was never heard from again.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Barrow gang stalwart Joe Palmer learned about the death of Bonnie and Clyde while lounging in the lobby of the Hutchins Hotel, at 16-26 North Broadway, on May 23, 1934.

Paris, Texas

Seat of the federal district court for the Eastern District of Texas. In March 1892, Deputy U.S. Marshal Tom Smith recruited about twenty law officers here for the Johnson County War. The outlaw Jim Reed, first husband of Belle Starr, was killed sixteen miles northwest of Paris on August 6, 1874.

Pecos, Texas

Gunman Barney Riggs killed "Deacon" Jim Miller associates John Denson and Bill Earhart here on March 3, 1896. Riggs himself was killed in a family feud four years later.

Platte City, Missouri

A gunfight between the Barrow gang and local authorities erupted on July 18, 1933, at the Red Crown Tourist Court, then at the intersection of highways 59 and 71, about six miles south of Platte City,

Price, Utah

Former Texas Ranger Jack Watson was assassinated here in 1890,

five years before Texas gunman Joe Walker shot the place up for no reason at all.

Round Rock, Texas

Suspicious lawmen confronted Bass gang associates inside the building at the southeast corner of Georgetown Avenue and May Street, then occupied by Koppel's General Merchandise Store, triggering a shoot-out in which Deputy Sheriff Ellis Grimes and bandit Seaborn Barnes were killed. Sam Bass was mortally wounded while escaping. He was captured and returned to Round Rock, where he died two days later on his twenty-seventh birthday, July 21, 1878.

Rowena, Texas

Hometown of the notorious Bonnie Parker. Train robber Wylie "Doc" Newton capped his career by robbing a bank here at age seventy-seven.

San Antonio, Texas

The northwest corner of Soledad and Main Plaza was occupied on July 11, 1882, by the Harris Vaudeville Theater and Saloon owned by Jack Harris. Ben Thompson killed Harris at the theater that day, then met death there himself about two years later with his friend John King Fisher.

Scyene, Texas

Belle Starr, Jim Reed, and the Younger brothers lived in and near Scyene after the Civil War.

Shafter, Texas

Texas Rangers John R. Hughes and Ira Aten and undercover informant Ernest St. Leon, a former Ranger, intercepted and killed three mining thieves here in 1889.

Sherman, Texas

Jesse James undoubtedly visited his younger sister, a Sherman schoolteacher and wife of former guerilla Allen Parmer, here before his death in 1882.

Clyde Barrow murdered the elderly manager of the Little Food Store, at the intersection of Vanda and Wells Avenue, on October 11, 1932, during a robbery.

Spokogee, Creek Nation, Indian Territory

Cooke County, Texas, transplants Willis Brooks, Jr., and Clifton Brooks were killed in a gunfight on September 2, 1902, in present-day Dustin, Oklahoma. The deaths resulted from a longstanding feud with the McFarland family. The sole surviving Brooks patriarch, one Peg Leg, removed to the ancestral home in Alabama after serving six years for horse theft. Alabama authorities killed him in 1920 during a gunfight.

Tascosa Texas, near Amarillo

Billy the Kid sold his prized but stolen sorrel horse to Dr. Henry F. Hoyt here on October 24, 1878. Legend has it Billy bested Temple Houston and Bat Masterson in a shooting match on the same trip.

Temple, Texas

Clyde Barrow and W. D. Jones killed Doyle Johnson in cold blood when he resisted their theft of his automobile at 606 South Thirteenth Street on Christmas Day 1932. Legendary Texas Ranger James Gillett died in Temple five years later.

Tombstone, Arizona

Texas gunman Luke Short killed Charles Storms in a gambling argument at the Oriental Saloon on February 25, 1881.

Upper Calaveritas, Calaveras County, California

Texan Longhair Sam Brown and others killed three miners in a gambling dispute, on July 8, 1855, then retreated to a nearby cabin where he calmly surrendered to Sheriff Ben K. Thorn. Sam served two years in San Quentin for manslaughter, then was killed by a hotelkeeper in 1861.

Uvalde, Texas

Birthplace of Thomas O'Folliard, a protégé of Billy the Kid. Young

Tom was killed at Fort Sumner, New Mexico, on December 19, 1880.

White Sands, New Mexico

Former Texas state senator, New Mexico politico, and one-time gun-fighter Albert Fountain disappeared in the desert on April 1, 1896, with his young son Henry. The suspects in his disappearance are legion.

Yorktown, Texas

Residence of Sutton stalwart Joseph “Captain Joe” Tomlinson during the Sutton-Taylor feud, in which Captain Joe was nearly killed in a June 1873 DeWitt County ambush.