

BOOTHILL GRAVEYARD



**A
DESCRIPTIVE LIST
of the more than
250 GRAVES in
BOOTHILL**



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Boothill graveyard was laid out as a burial plot in 1878. Called “The Tombstone Cemetery,” it was the burial place for the town’s first pioneers and was used as such until sometime around 1884, when the present plot was opened west of town as a burial place.

For years after this, Boothill was spoken of as the “old cemetery.” It lay for years neglected and much of the old cemetery had gone back to nature. Years of research and hard work by interested citizens of the town have helped to preserve the main part of the cemetery as you see it today.

Because of the many violent deaths of the early days, the cemetery became known as Boothill Graveyard. It is possibly a true symbol of this roaring mining town in the early 1880s. Buried here are outlaws with their victims, suicides, and hangings, legal and otherwise, along with the hardy citizens and refined element of Tombstone’s first days.

So much of the good and so much of the bad of early Tombstone lies buried here, and over the graves of both is growing the true crucifixion thorn.

In compiling this list, each history has been checked with all available sources of information, including relatives, old residents and the Arizona Historical Society records.

There are 256 graves of which there are 93 unknown or unmarked.

ROW 1

RODRIGUEZ PETRON, Stabbed

UNKNOWN, FOUND IN ABANDONED MINE, 1882

He was found at the bottom of a 60-foot shaft of the Minute Mine. He was well-dressed, indicating he was not a miner. No identification of any kind

PAT BYRNE, Pneumonia, 1882

EVA WATERS, Scarlet Fever, Age 3 months

FLORENTINO, Murdered, 1882

Florentino was found dead with several bullet wounds in his body. Sometimes called Indian Charlie.

VAN HOUTEN, Murdered, 1879

He was beaten in the face with a stone until he died. Trouble was over his mining claim, which he had not recorded.

TOM WATERS, Shot, 1880

He was the father of Eva Waters and likely the T. J. Waters who was shot over the color of his shirt.

CHAS. HELM, Shot, 1882

Shot by Wm. McCauley. Two hot-tempered ranchers, who disagreed over the best way to drive cattle, fast or slow.

JONATHON BARTON, 1881

LOUIS DAVES, 1882

THE HALDERMAN BROS.

William & Thomas - Hanged Nov. 16, 1900

THOS. GREGORY, 1882

GREGORY, 1882

Small son of Thos. Gregory, who died of meningitis.

HOLO LUCERO, 1882

Killed by Indians.

PETER SMITH, Killed, 1882

Smith, age 23, a native of Germany, was struck on the back of his head with a poker and killed by Thos. Donald (or Doland) during a fight.

MRS. H. C. SMITH, 1882

JASPER VON, Shot, 1882

**JEWISH MEMORIAL - Down the trail at the end of
row 1**

ROW 2

OLD MAN CLANTON

He, with several other men, was ambushed on a cattle drive by Mexicans. All but one man were killed.

BILLY CLANTON

TOM MCLAURY

FRANK MCLAURY

Murdered on the streets of Tombstone, 1881. Tragic results of the O.K. Corral battle, which took place between the Earp Brothers with "Doc" Holliday and the cowboys. Three men were killed and three were wounded.

JAMES HICKEY, Shot by Wm. Claiborne, 1881

He was shot in the left temple by Claiborne for his over-insistence that they drink together.

DENNIS CASSIDINE, Killed, 1879

JOHN HICKS, 1879

Hicks was shot by Jeremiah McCormick, superintendent of the Lucky Cuss Mine. A saloon brawl.

FRANK BOWLES, 1880

His horse became frightened and threw him off. This caused a rifle to discharge and badly injure his knee. He laid in camp for several weeks without medical attention and when friends took him to a doctor for amputation it was too late. (This information was given by his daughter.)

THOS. MORGAN, 1882

JOS. WETSELL, Killed, 1882

He was stoned to death by Apaches. His friends were not far away, and it was thought the Indians wanted to avoid attracting their attention by shooting him.

A. DELOACH, 1882

MARGARITA, Stabbed by Gold Dollar

Two dance hall girls quarreling over a man, and Gold Dollar won.

WM. CLAIBORNE, Shot by Frank Leslie, 1882

Claiborne, while drinking, sought to settle a real or fancied wrong with Leslie. This took place in front of the Oriental Saloon, where Leslie tended bar.

DICK TOBY, Shot by Sheriff Behan

VERONE GRAY, Suicide

JERRY SULLIVAN, 1881

DAN DOWD RED SAMPLE TEX HOWARD BILL DELANEY DAN KELLY

Legally hanged on March 28, 1884. These men were found guilty of killing several people during the robbery of a store in Bisbee that is known as the Bisbee Massacre. They were all hanged on one scaffold in the Court House yard.

ROW 3

JOHN BEATHER, Hanged, 1881

TWO COWBOYS, Drowned

JOHN KING, Suicide, 1881

By strychnine

ERNEST BRODINES, Murdered in 1882

A miner, native of Germany, was found dead in his cabin with four bullet wounds in his body. Suspected of the killing was his partner, with whom he had been quarreling and who had now disappeared.

TEAMSTER, Killed by Apaches, 1881

J. D. McDERMOTT, Killed, 1882

His spinal column was fractured when his horse fell with him while crossing the San Pedro River.

JUDGE C. LINDLEY, 1882

Chas. Lindley, in his younger years, was one of the ablest members of the bar in California. His health was impaired by overwork, and he died in Tombstone in September, 1882.

JOHN MARTIN, Killed, 1882

He was killed while working on the Huachuca water line. A tested pipe was unplugged and a blast of water hurled a jack against his chest. He was a native of England

ROOK, Shot by a Chinaman

This occurred in front of the Yapple's store on Fremont Street, for years the Wagon Wheel Inn, lately the Bella Union.

JOS. MANADA, 1882

FREDDIE FUSS, 1882

A small boy who died from drinking stagnant or poison mine water.

MRS. R. L. BROWN, 1882

Proprietress of a hotel, and died a natural death. (Information from friends of family.)

ELIZ. BILLINGS, 1886

FRANCIS SOUTHY, 1881

JOHN HEATH

Taken from county jail and lynched by a Bisbee mob, Feb. 22, 1884. He was called the leader of the five men who were legally hanged and was said to have planned the robbery. He was hanged from a telegraph pole a short distance west of the Court House.

ROW 4

MILES SWEENEY, Murdered, 1880

JOHN MACKENZIE, 1881

THOS. COWAN, age 11 months, 1881

Diphtheria. (From an old resident)

MAY DOODY, Diphtheria, 1881

(From an old resident)

JOHN GIBSON, 1881

GIBSON, a driver for Nadeau's ore teams, fell from a wagon and his skull was crushed when a wheel of a heavy wagon ran over his head.

W. C. BENNETT, 1882

Native of England, he died of heart trouble and was buried by the Knights of Pythias Lodge.

THOS. KEARNEY, Killed, 1882

Kearney and Simon Constantine were blown up by a blast.

HILLY HICKSON, 1882

It was said that death never took a holiday in Tombstone. On this day, Hilly, a school boy, fell while walking on a pair of stilts and injured his back. He seemed only slightly injured, but the next morning he died suddenly with a spasm.

C. O. RIDGEWAY, 1882

His team of horses and wagon were found on a road leading out of Tombstone. Investigation showed "Old Man Ridgeway" to be lying dead in the wagon.

H. B. COOK, 1882

HAYES

PAT LYNCH, 1883

MRS. R. B. CAMPBELL, 1882

Wife of restaurant owner of that name. She died very suddenly of severe stomach cramps and spasms. Suspected poisoning.

MALCOLM CAMPBELL, 1882

A kindly, devout Christian man who died of pneumonia.

BOBBY JACKSON 1882 FRANK HART

FRANK SERROUX

Shot over his mining claim.

MRS. STUMP, 1884

She died in childbirth, from an overdose of chloroform, given to her by the doctor. (This information given by her family.)

ROW 5

WM. SUMMERS, 1882

He was a teamster for James Carr and was found dead from a blow on the back, which broke two ribs and ruptured the liver.

MEAD, Sudden death, 1881

Mead was a blacksmith for Sandy Bob's stables, and was found dead early one morning in the rear seat of one of the coaches.

M. E. KELLOGG, Died a natural death, 1882

SEYMOUR DYE, Killed by Indians, 1882

Dye, aged 35, and Harry Curry were wood cutters. This day they were bringing in a load of hay, when they were shot by Indians, who after their victims had fallen from the wagon, dragged them for 150 feet.

GEO. JOHNSON, hanged by mistake

Johnson innocently bought a stolen horse and suffered the consequences.

JOHN GILLESPIE, 1882

He was one of the officers sent to arrest Billy Grounds and Zwing Hunt, suspected killers of M. R. Peel. He died instantly when Hunt shot him in the head.

M. R. PEEL, 1882

A young mining engineer, who was shot one night in his office as he worked late. Suspicion fell on Zwing Hunt and Billy Grounds.

BILLY KINSMAN, 1883

He was shot by a woman much older than he, who was jealously in love with him. (Information given by his niece.)

GEORGE FRYER, 1881

WM. ALEXANDER, 1880

An old prospector who was fatally injured when a blast went off prematurely.

RED RIVER TOM, Shot by Ormsby

ALFRED PACKREL, 1882

English. He was a young miner, aged 24, who died from inflammation of the bowels.

DERON, Shot by Slaughter

Deron was shot when Slaughter sought to arrest him for his part in a train robbery.

BEN SCOTT 1883 AL BENNETT

Teamsters ambushed by Indians.

WM. GROUNDS, Died of wounds - 1882

He was shot in the face with a shotgun, by one of the officers sent to question him in connection with the murder of M. R. Peel.

HANS CHRISTIANSON, 1891

CHRISTINA B. CHRISTIANSON, 1892

DELIA WILLIAM, 1881. Suicide

Delia was the African American proprietress of a lodging house on Toughnut Street. Suicide by taking arsenic.

ROW 6

MINNIE DOWE, 1881

M. MCALLISTER, 1882

"Happy Jack" had suffered a lung injury when he was shot in a fight over a piece of land. He was sent to Tombstone to recover but died of the old injury. (Information by grandson.)

ALFRED CANTRELL, Shot. 1881

"Old Man" Cantrell was murdered by a man named Brown, who later hanged for his crime.

JOSEPH ZIEGLER, Murdered. 1882

Ziegler, age 27, was shot one night through the left breast and lived only a few minutes. He and Ed Williams, who shot him, were miners and had been quarreling while working that day. The murder took place behind the old ice house, near the corner of Toughnut and Fifth Streets.

BEN OLLENEY, Shot by Chacon

WM. CARPENTER, 1881

This grave was located by his son who said his father had been the first Baptist minister in Tombstone. Death caused by Nephritis.

SIMON CONSTANTINE, Killed. 1882

He and Thos. Kearney were blown up by a blast.

CHARLEY STORMS, Shot by Luke Short. 1880

Guns blazed again as these two gambling men met. Storms was shot in front of the Oriental Saloon, where Short dealt cards.

ROSENTHAL, 1881

DOUGLAS LILLY, Killed, 1881

Lilly, a driver for the Sycamore Water Co., was thrown from the wagon, trampled by the horses and died instantly when the wagon ran over his head.

STINGING LIZARD, Shot by Cherokee Hall

MARSHAL WHITE. Shot by Curly Bill, 1880

He was accidentally shot as he started to take Curly Bill's gun. This took place on the lot where the Bird Cage Theatre now stands.

HELENTINA KOHLER, 1882

LATHAM KOHLER, 1884

RALPH KOHLER, 1882

M. MCCARTY, Shot. 1882

A Miner who was shot by a man named Poplin.

WILL DELONG, Killed while playing cards. 1883

LESTER MOORE

*Here lies Lester Moore,
Four slugs from a .44,
No Les, no more.*

Moore was a Wells Fargo agent at Naco and had a dispute with a man over a package. Both died. (Information from an old resident.)

HARRY CURRY, Killed by Indians, 1882

He was killed with Seymour Dye while hauling hay.

DANIEL OWYER, Drowned. 1881

KANSAS KID

A cowboy killed in a stampede.

THOS. FITZHUGH, 1882

He was found dead one morning in the water closet back of Mrs. King's lodging house on Toughnut Street, where he roomed.

M. LOPEZ, 1880

A closed room and charcoal fumes

ROW 7

INDIAN BILL

MRS. JOHN CLUM (MARY), 1880

JIM RILEY, Murdered, 1881

3-FINGERED JACK DUNLAP, Shot by Jeff Milton

Dunlap, one of a band of train robbers, attempted to rob an express car which Milton guarded. He was critically wounded and his friends left him to die. He was found and brought to Tombstone, where he lived long enough to inform on his friends.

DUTCH ANNIE, 1883

Sometimes called the Queen of the Red Light District.

PETER CRAWLEY, Killed. 1881

JOS. THOMAS, Shot. 1881

He was a teamster for Shearer's Lumber wagons and was found with four bullet wounds in his body. Indian Joe, another teamster, was believed to have killed him, as both teams were found abandoned by the roadside.

JAMES TULLEY, Killed. 1881

Tulley was a miner employed by the Grand Central Mining Co. To avoid being crushed as the cage shot upward toward the timbers overhead, Tulley jumped and fell 250 feet to the bottom of the shaft.

KILLEEN, Shot by Frank Leslie. 1880

Results of a disagreement over Killeen's wife. Leslie later married the widow.

McNEMONY, Shot. 1882

GLEN WILL, Arrived COD, 1953

Glen Will, AKA Bronco Bill, wanted to visit Tombstone one last time. Upon his death in 1953 Glen's son sent his ashes to Edna Landin, president of the Chamber of Commerce. He arrived COD at \$1.92. Mrs. Landin arranged his burial in Boothill on March 27, 1953.

JOHN GIBBON, 1882

With Malvina Lopez "he climbed the golden stairs on the fumes from a pan of charcoal."

ORMSBY. Shot

COWBOY BILL KING. Shot by Burt Alvord

JOHN WICKSTRUM, 1882

A Swede who was killed when a well he was digging caved in. (Information from an old resident.)

SIX-SHOOTER JIM, Shot by Burt Alvord. 1885

ROW 8

WM. WHITEHILL. 1878

JACK KING. Shot by Cherokee Hall

GEORGE WHITCER. 1882

A miner, who was killed when a cable broke hurling the cage to the bottom of the shaft.

JAMES McMARTIN, 1881

"Rapid Consumption"

GUADALUPE ROBLES

Robles, who gave shelter to some robbers (one of whom was his brother), was shot when the officers came to arrest them.

BRONCHO CHARLEY, Shot by Ormsby

G. RENACCO, Killed. 1882

He fell head first from a cliff

PESQUIRA, Killed. 1881

GEO. ATKINS, 1888

HANCOCK, Shot. 1879

Shot by John Ringo when he made a disparaging remark about some women.

JOHNNIE WILSON. Shot by King

Two gunmen's discussion of the fastest way to draw, ended here.

ROW 9

STEVE BRAMMER, 1882

MRS. PRING, Suicide. 1881

While her husband was away trying to sell mining shares, Mrs. Pring, who lived on Toughnut Street, took a large dose of Hydrate chloral.

S. MACFARLAND. 1882

J. GARDINER, Shot. 1882

He was shot by Kellogg. Two saloon men were also indicted for this killing.

BRADY BROS. (FRANK & JOHN), 1883

These boys were drowned while swimming in the San Pedro River. One died in a vain attempt to save his brother. Ages 11 and 12 years.

GEO. RUSSELL, 1882

An efficient foreman of the Epitaph, who died while being operated on for cancer of the stomach.

FOO KEE

He owned a grocery store here and died from ptomaine poisoning.

ARCHIE McBRIDE, 1882

Proprietor of the Grand Hotel until he died in May of consumption.

JOHNNIE BLAIR

Died of Smallpox and a cowboy threw a rope around his feet and dragged him to his grave.

ROW 10

WEINERS ANTON, 1882

RAYMOND VERRA, Stabbed. 1882

CHAS. GADELA, 1882

MIKE NOONAN, Killed by Indians

A lone rancher who was shot when he went out to chop wood. He was buried with his rifle. (Information from relatives.)

ED BANCROFT, 1882

CHINK SMILEY, Shot. 1884

SING WAN

TONG LEE

QUONG KEE, 1938

Quong, who ran the Can Can Restaurant in the 1880s, was first buried in a pauper's grave. His friends had his body moved and laid to rest in Boothill beside the friends he knew in life.

MRS. AH LUM (China Mary)

Born in China and buried in Boothill in 1906, she had great influence among the Chinese residents here. Some believed she had Tong affiliation in China.

HOP LUNG

ROW 11

EMMETT NUNNELLEY, 1946

With the help of townspeople, he spent the last year of his life seeking to restore, as much as could be restored, this old cemetery. It was his request to rest here.

GEO. HAND, Killed by Indians

TWO CHINESE. Died of Leprosy

JOHN SWAIN SLAUGHTER, 1945

Old John was nearly 100 years old when he died. He came here in 1879 with the John Slaughter family, and spent his life in and around Tombstone.

RESEARCH has shown the following to be buried in some of the many unknown graves.

MRS. STEWART, 1880

This information was given by her son and also by the people who attended her funeral. Said to be the first woman buried in the cemetery.

SAM HARRIS, 1889

Age 1 year, 4 days. Buried in the old Jewish plot.

JOHN HOLLY, 1880

Keeper of Rural Dining hall.

KETTLEWELL

Child of Mrs. Lizzie Kettlewell. (Information from Jean Nuttall who, as a child, would go with the mother to put flowers on the grave.)

WM. BOBIER, 1881

He and his partner disagreed over a cock fight with tragic results.

MR. HUGGINS, 1882

He was burned to death in Tombstone when a hotel burned in 1882. (Information from his niece.)

JOHN TALLIDAY, 1881

Shot by Harper, who hanged for the crime.

THOS. HARPER, Hanged. 1881

Harper was hanged for shooting Talliday in a quarrel over money. The evening before he was hanged, Harper wrote a long letter to his friend Curly Bill, admonishing him never to be provoked into shooting a man. "I shot a man," he wrote, "and after tomorrow I will be no more." He was hanged in the old jail house yard.

ROSE CAMPION, 1882

Death was caused by stillborn birth. (This information given by her son.)

ROBERTSON

Two infant sons of S. C. and Alice Robertson are buried in this cemetery. (Information given by their oldest sister.)

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JOHN WHITE, 1882
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MITCHELL, 1880
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AGNES KENNEY, 1878
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Age 1 year. The baby was given calomel by the doctor. After eating an orange, she became salivated and died.



As far as can be seen from the records, the following are also buried in this graveyard.

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CAMPBELL, 1883
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Suicide

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DR. McLOON, 1883
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STANIFOR, 1883
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Stage driver, suicide.

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CONTRERAS, 1883
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Murdered.

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J. D. DERNITT, 1881
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Fell to his death in a mine shaft.

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GADELIA 1881
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