

The Gunfight at the O.K. Corral

It took place on October 26, 1881. It began in the 18-foot-wide lot behind the O.K. Corral next to C.S. Fly's Boarding House and Photo Studio. This inevitable showdown over control of Tombstone climaxed months of threats, romantic rivalries, stage robberies, pistol whippings, and arrests.

Police Chief Virgil Earp deputized brothers Wyatt and Morgan Earp and Doc Holliday to help him disarm the cowboys who were waiting to confront Doc when he returned to his rented room at Fly's.

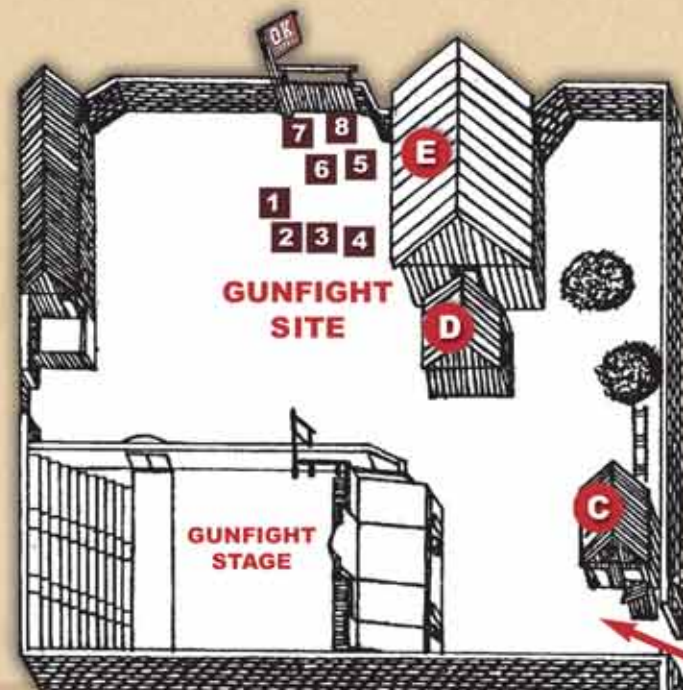
When the shooting started, unarmed cowboy Ike Clanton ran into Fly's and kept on running. In the next 30 seconds nearly 30 shots were fired. The three cowboys who stood their ground were all killed.

Tom McLaury, who may have been unarmed, was cut down by a blast from Doc's shotgun. Frank McLaury stumbled onto Fremont Street and was shot in the head. Morgan Earp shot 19-year-old Billy Clanton.



C.S. Fly's photo of the dead cowboys. All were buried in Boothill Cemetery.

Both Virgil and Morgan Earp were badly wounded, while Doc Holliday suffered a superficial hip wound. Only Wyatt Earp walked away unscathed.



GUNFIGHTER LEGEND

Approximate Location of Gunfighters

THE COWBOYS

- 1 BILLY CLANTON
- 2 IKE CLANTON
- 3 FRANK McLAURY
- 4 TOM McLAURY

THE LAWMEN

- 5 WYATT EARP
- 6 VIRGIL EARP
- 7 MORGAN EARP
- 8 DOC HOLLIDAY



For details of the gunfight and murder inquest buy the 1881 Tombstone Epitaph.



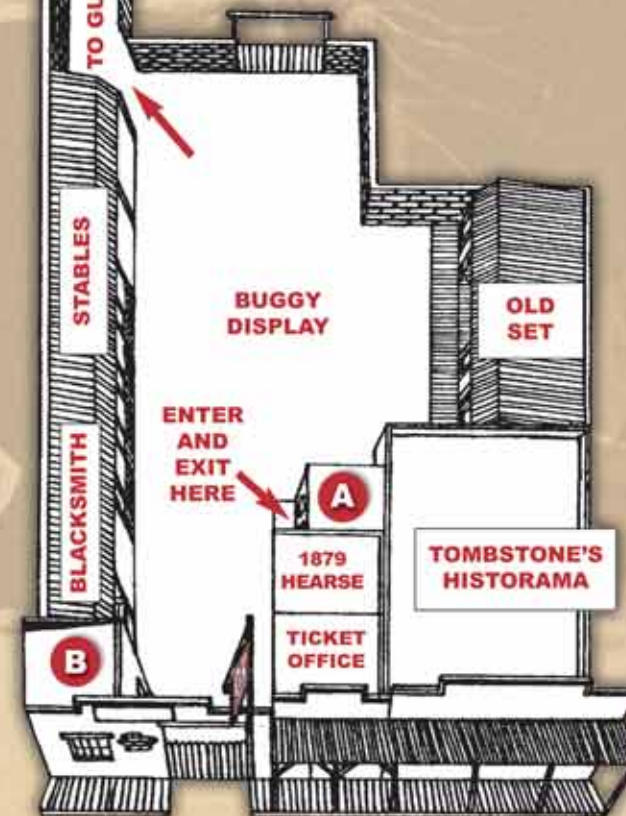
C.S. Fly photo of GERONIMO



Mollie Fly ran a boarding house next to the Gunfight site.



The O.K. Corral sign still stood after the disastrous May 1882 fire.



Be Sure to See All Five O.K. CORRAL MUSEUMS

A COWBOY BUNKHOUSE

The caretaker tended stock and took night orders for the local undertaker. See antique cowboy saddles and gear.

B ORIGINAL CORRAL OFFICE

Learn about daily life in the Corral and the two murders that took place here. Find out why the famous Gunfight didn't actually happen inside the O.K. Corral.



C PROSTITUTE'S CRIB

Prostitution was perfectly legal in 1881. Soiled doves worked in cribs like this one. Learn the tricks of their trade.



D C.S. FLY'S PHOTO STUDIO

C.S. Fly's portrait studio contains original cameras and photographs. Discover why Fly didn't take photos of the Gunfight.



E FLY'S BOARDING HOUSE

Visit Doc Holliday's room where Big Nose Kate witnessed the Gunfight. See C.S. Fly's extraordinary photos of early Tombstone and the Apache Geronimo.

