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## Tombstone Movies

- In the Movie *Tombstone*: William Dafoe had been considered to play Doc Holliday, Richard Gere was considered for Wyatt Earp, & Mickey Rourke was first offered the role of Johnny Ringo - he turned it down

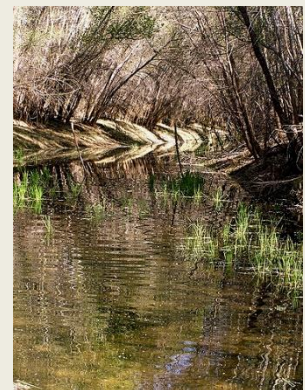


- The 1971 movie called *Doc* stars Stacy Keach as Doc Holliday. The whole Tombstone & O.K. Corral gunfight story takes place from Doc's viewpoint, with him as the most important and leading character.
- The filming locations for the 1993 movie *Tombstone* were: [Old Tucson](#), [Mescal AZ](#), [Babacomari Ranch](#) in Elgin AZ, [Patagonia AZ](#), [Empire Ranch](#) in Sonoita AZ, Texas Canyon off Interstate 10, [Little Dragoon](#) Mountains, other areas around [Elgin AZ](#),



Texas Canyon

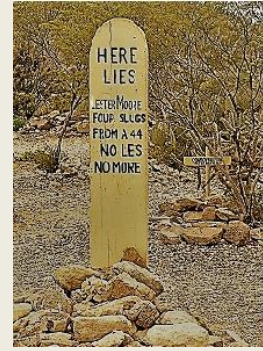
Skeleton Canyon 30 miles NE of Douglas AZ, [San Simon Valley](#) in SE AZ, [Harshaw AZ](#), [Fort Crittenden](#) near Sonoita & along the San Pedro River.



San Pedro River

- Hour of the Gun* released in 1967 stars James Garner as Wyatt Earp and Jason Robards as Doc Holliday. Based on the novel *Tombstone's Epitaph* by D.D. Martin, it essentially begins with the O.K. Corral shootout. Then moves on to subsequent results between the Earps, and Clanton sympathizing cowboys.

- There's an imitation Boothill cemetery & "Here Lies Lester Moore" tombstone at Knott's Berry Farm's "Wild West" theme section in Buena Park, California. Several *Tombstone* movie intro scenes were shot there & thanks appear in the credits.
- *Wyatt Earp*, the 1994 film starring Kevin Costner biographically depicts his life, including his time in Tombstone and the shootout.
- In the Movie *Tombstone* there's a discussion in Latin between Doc Holliday & Johnny Ringo - here's what they're saying...



- Doc: In vino veritas = In wine there is truth - meaning "wine loosens the tongue" or "wine will make you say what you're really thinking!"
- Ringo: Age quod agis = Do what you do - meaning "You better mind what you're doing!"
- Doc: Credat Judaeus Apella, non ego = Let Apella the Jew believe, not I - meaning "Don't tell me, get lost!"
  - Scholarly research says Romans used this phrase to show contempt for Judaism's belief that divine power interceded in normal life
- Ringo: Iuventus stultorum magister = Youth is the teacher of fools - meaning "Fools end up learning by experience"
- Doc: In pace requiescat = May he rest in peace - meaning "Well, rest in peace"



John Ringo's Grave, SE Arizona

- The movie *Wyatt Earp: Return to Tombstone* was filmed in Tombstone in 1994, starring Hugh O'Brian
- The actor who played Ike Clanton, Stephen Lang, has claimed that he had been inebriated for most of the time that *Tombstone* was filmed (just like Ike himself! - guess that's one reason why he was so authentic!)

- Roy Rogers starred in a 1941 film named *Sheriff of Tombstone*. Done in the comic vein, it really has no basis in historical Tombstone AZ. But it's a fun movie, including Gabby Hayes. It's also available free in the public domain, and can be downloaded by [Clicking Here>](#)
- The real Doc Holliday didn't actually say "I'm your huckleberry" - as did Doc in the movie *Tombstone*. The term of the day that he may have used was "I'm your huckle bearer" which meant I'm the person holding the handles on a casket - the pall bearer. The movie went with this other term - and often he used it to mean, "I'm your man!" or "Yep, that's me!"
- *My Darling Clementine*, directed by John Ford in 1946, was also based on the unreliable Lake biography *Wyatt Earp: Frontier Marshal*. Henry Fonda starred as Wyatt Earp. It does feature the other Earp brothers, Doc Holliday, the Clantons and an O.K. Corral gunfight.
- *Tombstone* movie director, George Cosmatos, has noted that all storms in the movie with lightning strikes are true lightning strikes



- *Frontier Marshal* was a 1939 film based on the Wyatt Earp dubious biography by Stuart N. Lake. Randolph Scott played Wyatt.
  - A 1934 *Frontier Marshal* was produced starring George O'Brien, based on the same biography. Josephine Earp (Wyatt's common law wife) sued to eliminate the connection to the Earps as an "unauthorized portrayal." She essentially won; the main character was called "Michael Wyatt." No recognizable names are in the script.
- According to Josephine Marcus Earp, who lived with Wyatt Earp as his wife for 47 years, his last words as he lay dying were, "Suppose, suppose..." - and that was it! We'll never know what he was supposing!!
- Robert Mitchum was originally to play Old Man Clanton, Ike & Billy's father. When *Tombstone* began filming he fell off his horse, was physically injured & couldn't do the part. They rewrote the script without the Old Man, and Mitchum narrated instead.
- The 1993 *Tombstone* movie had a lot of accuracy, and was based on fact - but it also had a lot of inaccuracies - you can see our assessment & also comment on any you know that we've missed! - [Read More>](#)

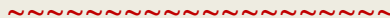
- In 2017, two main actors from the movie *Tombstone* lost their lives, unfortunately at a fairly early age:
  - Bill Paxton, who played Morgan Earp, passed on from surgical complications at 61 years of age, on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>



- Powers Boothe, who played Curly Bill Brocius, passed on in his sleep on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, from what's been termed as natural causes at 68 years old



- In 1957 the film *Gunfight at the O.K. Corral* was released, starring Burt Lancaster as Wyatt, and Kirk Douglas as Doc Holliday. The plot has a lot of facts weaved in with a lot of fantasy. The O.K. Corral gunfight isn't portrayed accurately.
- In 1942, *Tombstone: The Town Too Tough to Die* was named appropriately - as the town itself was the star! Richard Dix plays Wyatt Earp, Kent Taylor is Doc Holliday.



## Tombstone's Physicians



- Dr. Henry M. Matthews was the first Tombstone physician in 1879, writing prescriptions in town

- Dr. Henry M. Mathews and Dr. George Goodfellow shared responsibility for doing autopsies on Billy Clanton and Tom & Frank McLaury after they were killed in the Gunfight at the O.K. Corral.
- It was January 1890, when Dr. George E. Goodfellow was given the contract to take care of local patients who were indigent
- Dr. George E. Goodfellow and his wife had a baby girl in Tombstone on Saturday, May 20, 1882 - they named her Edith
- Dr. Goodfellow had an office above the Crystal Palace Saloon, and he had a home at the SE corner of Toughnut and First Street.

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## Tombstone Life

- Allen Street was intended to be the through thoroughfare with the March 1879 city survey. But Fremont Street became the main road through the town, as Allen Street was cut off by the Tombstone Gulch



Allen Street Ends – Fremont is Rt. 80 Beyond the Rail on the Left

- On July 23, 1880 there were 48 saloons in Tombstone
- In 1880 when Tombstone census taker Philip Thurmond interviewed residents, he counted 2,170; with people who had immigrated from Germany, Ireland, England, Canada, Sweden, Switzerland, France, Spain, Japan, China & South America. Mexicans also, as it had been a part of that country.
- A very short-lived town newspaper called *The Tombstone Daily Union* was first published on Monday, May 23, 1881 by Thomas Gardiner. It only lasted until June 8, 1881

- The first Tombstone baseball club was formed in the Spring of 1882, their premier game played on May 12<sup>th</sup> - they lost to Tucson
- Enrico Caruso and Sarah Bernhardt had performed at the Bird Cage Theatre in its heyday
- Quong Kee donated \$2.50 to the Tombstone AZ collection for the San Francisco April 18, 1906 earthquake



## Governmental Dealings

- Incorporated Tombstone's first mayoral election results, January 4, 1881: John P. Clum - 532; Mark P. Shaffer - 165
- In the Spring of 1890, with depressed city financial times, leaders considered disincorporating the town & changing its name to Richmond - the name of the area's first settlement in 1878.
- Cochise County, which included Tombstone in early 1891, at that time had 1308 children in elementary and high schools; the expenditure per pupil was \$707
- Even with a current population under 2000, Tombstone operates as a City according to its petition granted by Pima County on November 1, 1879



## Tombstone Lawmen

- On Monday, May 31, 1880, Wyatt Earp was listed as the registered mine owner of the Long Branch in Tombstone - the location was in the NW section of town, today approximately just East of where Boothill is located - try to locate it on our 1880s page, with the link to Tombstone Mines map: [Click Here>](#)
- The first elected City Marshall, Fred White died on October 30, 1880 after Curly Bill Brocius gunned him in the gut; his funeral was on October 31<sup>st</sup>, the largest in town up to that date - with 400 in attendance.
- Fred White's father, Henry, went to Merced California the next year after his son was killed by Curly Bill. There he committed suicide on June 16, 1881.



Henry White committed suicide at Merced yesterday morning with a pistol.

# Tombstone's Beginnings

- The area where Tombstone was built was originally called "Goose Flats"
- In March 1879, the town was surveyed & streets laid out. Numbered streets went North to South, from First to Thirteenth. Today the numbered streets extend to Fifteenth. Allen & 15<sup>th</sup> Street →
- The main visitor area - Allen Street - was named in the Spring of 1879, after the town's first merchant, who had a store, stable & blacksmith shop: John "Pie" B. Allen
- The first hotel in town was built (November 1879), owned & run by a woman - Semantha E. Fallon - San Jose House on the NW corner of Fremont & Fifth St. It survived the devastating fire of May 1882. So...



It's still there today ↓



- The *Nugget* was the original town newspaper, first published on October 2, 1879
- Father J. Bloise was the first assigned parish priest at The Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church
- Tombstone's first bank was inside the Pioneer Store, corner of Fourth & Allen Streets



## Tombstone Well-Knowns

- On June 18, 1880 Ed Schieffelin, known as the founder of Tombstone, purchased a 12-acre estate in East Los Angeles to be a home for his parents. It set him back \$21,000 in cash. Ed →
- On Fri., Oct. 15, 1880 Milton Joyce was shot through the hand in his own Saloon - the Oriental, by a gambling customer named D. C. Hoyle.
- Eli "Bud" Philpot, the driver of the Kinnear Stage, who was shot & killed when it was robbed by Tombstone Territory cow-boys, was buried on March 22, 1881 in Calistoga, California. The funeral was well-attended.
- In the autumn of 1882, editor of the *Tombstone Daily Epitaph* - Samuel Purdy challenged the editor of the *Tombstone Independent* - Patrick Hamilton to a duel. They crossed the border into Sonora Mexico & were to shoot their pistols until one of the men went down. Hamilton had the choice of weapons, but Purdy couldn't manage the pistol with a prior wrist injury - and the duel was called off.
- On May 12, 1883 the trial of May Woodman began in Tombstone. She was accused of murdering Billy Kinsman on Allen Street outside the Oriental Saloon. This trial was the first time a woman was tried for capital murder in Arizona.
- On October 30, 1883 a 20-foot section of the Oriental Saloon wall along 5<sup>th</sup> Street fell over. It had been found to be undermined by a leaking bar-room waste-water pipe.



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