

Tombstone's Boot hill Cemetery

Tombstone's famous "Boot hill Graveyard" was originally plotted in 1878 and was first named "The Tombstone Cemetery". It was used as the city's main cemetery until the current cemetery; "Tombstone Cemetery" at the end of Allen Street was opened up in 1884. Afterwards, additional burials would be added from time to time.

There was a section for all the Chinese and another area for the Jewish. It is believed some 300 persons in all were buried here. It was common for bodies to be found in various parts in and outside of town, with no one ever being able to identify them, and they were interred with no markings, or as "unknown".

After the new cemetery was opened up, Boot hill Graveyard went neglected. The original grave markers were all made of wood, with painted inscriptions, and withered away under the elements. Some markers were stolen by souvenir hunters. In 1923, the city contacted several of its residents to help locate and identify graves. A local boy-scout troop had also set about to clean up the cemetery. In the 1940's, Emmett Nunnally, a Tombstone resident, organized an effort to restore the cemetery to its original state. Harry Fulton Ohm, owner of the famous Bird Cage Theatre, donated new steel markers from his plant, which are the same markers that remain today.

One of the most notorious gunfighters, thought to be the fastest and most accurate shooter associated with the "Cowboy" gang was "Buckskin" Frank Leslie. He was not portrayed in either the movie "Tombstone" or "Wyatt Earp." Below there are four men that are buried in the "Tombstone Boot hill" cemetery that were killed by Leslie.

It is also thought by many historians that Johnny Ringo was also killed by "Buckskin" Frank Leslie. The night before Ringo's body was found, Frank Leslie and Johnny Ringo got into a heated argument at the Crystal Palace Saloon. Ringo called Leslie a cheat. Frank Leslie told Ringo that those words met only one thing, a duel was in the making. Ringo told him he had to go to the outhouse and then he would meet Leslie on the street. When Ringo did not return, Leslie was quoted as saying, "I know where he is and I will find him and finish this argument."

Below are the names in alphabetical order of the graves in Tombstone's Boot hill Cemetery.

??, ??, d. 1882, "Found in abandoned mine", Row 1, He was found at the bottom of the Minute Mine, well dressed, indicating he was probably not a miner
??, ??, d. 1881, "Killed by Apaches", Row 3, A teamster
??, ??, d. 1884, "Murdered", Row 6
??, ??, d. 1887, Row 7
??, **Dutch Annie**, d. 1883, Row 7, Also known as the Queen of the Red Light District
??, **Margarita**, "Stabbed by Gold Dollar", Row 2, Was one of two dance halls girls who lost a battle over a man
??, **Two Chinese**, "Died of leprosy", Row 11
??, **Two Cowboys**, "Drowned", Row 3
Alexander, Wm., d. 1880, Row 5, Old prospector, killed in a blast
Anton, Weiners, d. 1882, Row 10
Atkins, Geo., d. 1888, Row 8
Bancroft, Ed, d. 1882, Row 10
Barton, Jonathon, d. 1881, Row 1
Beather, John, d. 1881, "Hanged", Row 3
Bennett, Al, d. 1883, Fronteras, Mexico, Row 5, A teamster, ambushed by indians

Bennett, W.C., b. England, d. 1882, Row 4, Died of heart failure

Bill, Indian, Row 7

Billings, Eliz., d. 1886, Row 3

Blair, Johnnie, Row 9, Died of smallpox. A cowboy tied rope around his feet, and dragged him to his grave to avoid touching the body

Bobier, William, d. 16 Jul 1882, Location unknown. Died during a dispute over a cock-fight

Bowles, Frank, d. 1880, Row 2, Was thrown from his horse, which caused his gun to go off, and hit him in the leg, but he did not seek medical attention soon enough

Bradshaw, E.L., Former boyfriend of Blond Mollie. Believed to be shot by Frank Leslie, who began seeing Mollie

Brady, Brother, d. 1883, age 11 yrs, Row 9, Drowned in the San Pedro River, when one brother tried to save the other

Brady, Brother, d. 1883, age 12 yrs, Row 9, Drowned in the San Pedro River, when one brother tried to save the other

Brammer, Steve, d. 1882, Row 9

Brodines, Ernest, b. Germany, d. Jun 1882, "Murdered", Row 3, A miner, was found dead in his cabin with bullet wounds

Brown, R.L. Mrs., d. 1882, Row 3, Hotel proprietor, died of natural causes

Byrne, Pat, d. 1882, "Pneumonia", Row 1

Cambell, d. 1883, Location unknown. Suicide

Campbell, Malcolm, d. 1882, Row 4, Died of pneumonia

Campbell, R.B. Mrs., d. 1882, Row 4, Wife of restaurant owner, suspected poisoning

Campion, Rose, d. 1882, Location unknown. Died during a stillborn birth

Cantrell, Alfred, d. 1881, "Shot", Row 6, Shot by a man named Brown

Carpenter, Wm., d. 1881, Row 6, Belived to be the first Baptist minister of Tombstone, died of nephritis

Cassidine, Dennis, d. 1879, "Killed", Row 2

Cazares, Gregorio, Killed by Angel Otero and Loretto Teutima

Charley, Bronco, "Shot by Ormsby", Row 8

Christianson, Christina B., d. 1892, Row 5

Christianson, Hans, d. 1891, Row 5

Chung, Sam, Killed by Stephen Ruff

Claibourne, William, d. 14 Nov 1882, "Shot by Frank Leslie", Row 2, Also known as Arizona's Billy the Kid

Clanton, Billy, d. 26 Oct 1881, Row 2, Killed in the gunfight at the O.K. Corral

Clanton, Newman Haynes (Old Man), Row 2, Killed by Mexicans while driving a herd of stolen cattle. Originally buried in the Animas Valley in New Mexico, but later reinterred at Boothill

Clum, Mrs., Row 7, Possibly Mary Dennison Ware Clum, wife of John P. Clum

Constantine, Simon, d. 1882, "Killed", Row 6, Blown up from a blast

Contreras, d. 1883, Location unknown. Murdered

Cook, H.B., d. 1882, Row 4

Cowan, Thos., d. 1881, age 11 mos., Row 4, died of diphtheria

Crawley, Peter, d. 1881, Row 7, thought to have been shot by Frank Leslie

Cruz, Florentino, d. 1882, "Murdered", Row 1, Allegedly shot by Wyatt Earp while looking for Indian Charlie and Pete Spencer

Curry, Harry, d. 1882, "Killed by indians", Row 6, Killed with Seymour Dye

Daves, Louis, d. 1882, Row 1

Delaney, W.E. (Bill), d. 8 Mar 1884, Row 2, Hanged for taking part in the Bisbee Massacre

Deloach, A., d. 1882, Row 2

Dernitt, J.D., d. 1881, Location unknown. Fell into a mine shaft

Deron, "Shot by Slaughter", Row 5, Shot while resisting arrest for train robbery

Doody, May, d. 1881, "Diphtheria", Row 4

Dowd, Daniel (Big Dan), d. 8 Mar 1884, Row 2, Hanged for taking part in the

Bisbee Massacre

Dowe, Minnie, d. 1881, Row 6

Dunlap, Jesse (Three Fingered Jack), d. 1897?, "Shot by Jeff Milton", Row 7, Train robber, member of the High Five Gang

Dye, Seymour, d. 1882, "Killed by indians", Row 5, Wood cutter, killed with Harry Curry

Eisele, Joseph, d. 1884, Mining accident

Elias, Manuel, age 29 yrs, Died in a mining blast

Fat, Wong, b. Oct 1809, China, d. 27 Sep 1908, age 98 yrs

Figueroa, Antonio, d. 10 May 1882, Shot by Marshal Dave Neagle

Fitzhugh, Thos., d. 1882, Row 6, Found dead at Mrs. King's Lodging House

Foos, Freddie, d. 1878, age 7 yrs, died of diphtheria, among the first of the burials in Boothill

Fryer, George, d. 1881, Row 5

Fuss, Freddie, d. 1882, Row 3, Small boy died from drinking bad water

Gadela, Chas., d. 1882, Row 10

Gagelia, d. 1881, Location unknown.

Gardiner, J., Shot by a man named Kellog

George, Albert, d. 31 Dec 1882, Black Diamond Spring, Killed by Apaches

Gibbons, John, d. 1880, Suicide, with lover Malvina Lopez

Gibson, John, d. 1881, Row 4, Employed by Nadeau, fell off a wagon and the wheel crushed his head

Gibson, John, d. 1882, Row 7

Gillespie, John A., d. 1882, Row 5, Deputy, shot by Zwing Hunt

Gray, Verone, "Suicide", Row 2

Gregory, Thos., d. 1882, Row 1

Gregory, d. 1882, Row 1, Son of Thos. Gregory, died of meningitis

Grounds, Wm., d. 1882, "Died of wounds", Row 5, Shot by Bill Breakenridge in the Chandler's Ranch shootout

Halderman, Thomas, d. 16 Nov 1900, Row 1, Hanged with brother William on conviction of murder

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Hancock, d. 1879, "Shot", Row 8, Shot by John Ringo

Hand, Geo., "Killed by indians", Row 11

Harper, Thos., b. Missouri, d. 8 Jul 1881, Location unknown. Hanged for shooting John Talliday

Harris, Sam, d. 1889, age 1 yr 4 days, Buried in the old Jewish plot

Hart, Frank, d. 1882, Row 4

Hayes, Row 4

He, Sing, d. Jul 1898, A vegetable peddler, killed by Francisco Morales

Heath, John, b. Texas, d. 22 Feb 1884, age 32 yrs, Row 3, Leader of the Bisbee Massacre, and hanged by a lynch mob

Helm, Charles, d. 1882, "Shot", Row 1, Killed by Wm. McCauley over a dispute about how to drive cattle.

Hickey, James, d. 1 Oct 1881, "Shot by Wm. Claibourne", Row 2

Hicks, John, b. 1 Aug 1849, Hallettsville, TN, d. 10 Jul 1879, Row 2, Shot by Jeremiah McCormick in a bar brawl. Son of Aretus William Hicks, and brother of Boyce and Robert

Hickson, Hilly, d. 1882, Row 4, injured his back after falling from stilts and died the next day

Holly, John, d. 1880, Location unknown. Keeper of the Rural Dining Hall

Howard, Jack (Tex), d. 8 Mar 1884, Row 2, Hanged for taking part in the Bisbee Massacre

Huggins, Mr., d. 1882, Location unknown. Burned to death in hotel fire

Jackson, Bobby, d. 1882, Row 4

Jim, Six-Shooter, d. 1885, "Shot by Burt Alvord", Row 7

Johnson, Geo., "Hanged by mistake", Row 5, Bought a stolen horse, and was assumed to be the thief

Kearney, Thomas, d. 1882, "Killed", Row 4, Blown up from a blast

Kee, Foo, Row 9, Operated a grocery store, accidentally stabbed by a friend

Kee, Quong, Row 10, Operated several restaurants. Was first buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Bisbee and later moved to Boothill

Kee, Tong, Row 10

Kelley, Daniel (Mike), d. 8 Mar 1884, Row 2, Hanged for taking part in the Bisbee Massacre

Kellogg, M.E., d. 1882, "Died a natural death", Row 5

Kenney, Agnes, d. 1878, age 1 yr, Location unknown.

Kettlewell, Location unknown. Child of Mrs. Lizzie Kettlewell

Kid, Kansas, Row 6, Cowboy, killed in a stampede

Killeen, Mike, d. 22 Jun 1880, "Shot by Frank Leslie", Row 7, Leslie shot Killeen, and married his widow

King, Cowboy Bill, "Shot by Burt Alvord", Row 7

King, Jack, "Shot by Cherokee Hall", Row 8

King, John, d. 1881, "Suicide", Row 3, from strychnine

Kinsman, William, d. 23 Feb 1883, age 25 yrs, Row 5, Shot by May Woodman

Kohler, Helentina, d. 1882, Row 6

Kohler, Latham, d. 1884, Row 6

Kohler, Ralph, d. 1882, Row 6

Lilly, Douglas, d. 1881, "Killed", Row 6, Driver for the Sycamore Water Co., was thrown from the wagon, tramped by the horse, and head crushed by the wheels.

Lindley, Judge Chas., d. Sep 1882, Row 3, Member of the California Bar

Lizard, Stinging, "Shot by Cherokee Hall", Row 6

Lopez, Malvina, d. 1880, Row 6, Suicide, with lover John Gibbons

Lucero, Holo, d. 1882, Row 1, Killed by indians

Lum, Ah, Mrs. (China Mary), b. China, d. 16 Dec 1906, Row 10, Leader of Tombstone's chinese community

Lung, Hop, Row 10

Lynch, Pat, d. 1883, Row 4

Mackenzie, John, d. 1881, Row 4

Malcolm, Henry, age 52 yrs

Manada, Jos., d. 1882, Row 3

Martin, John, b. England, d. 1882, "Killed", Row 3, Killed during an accident on the Huachuca Water Line

Martin, Thomas, b. Cornwall, Died in a mining accident

McAllister, M., d. 1882, Row 6, Also known as Happy Jack, died of complications stemming from a shot in the lung

McBride, Archie, d. May 1882, Row 9, Proprietor of the Grand Hotel

McCarthy, M., d. 1882, "Shot", Row 6, A miner, shot by a man named Poplin

McDermott, J.D., d. 1882, "Killed", Row 3, Fractured his spine after falling off his horse while crossing the San Pedro River

McFarland, S., d. 1882, "Shot", Row 9, Shot by Kellogg

McLaury, Robert Findley (Frank), d. 26 Oct 1881, Row 2, Killed in the gunfight at the O.K. Corral.

McLaury, Thomas Clark (Tom), d. 26 Oct 1881, Row 2, Killed in the gunfight at the O.K. Corral

McLoon, Dr., d. 1883, Location unknown.

McMartin, James, d. 1881, Row 8, Died of consumption

McMenomy, Pat, d. Mar 1882, "Shot", Row 7, A sheepman

Mead, d. 1881, "Sudden Death", Row 5, Blacksmith, found dead in a coach

Mitchell, d. 1880, Location unknown.

Moore, Lester, "Here lies Lester Moore, Four slugs from a .44, No Les, no more", Row 6, A Wells Fargo agent at Naco, disputed with a man over a package

Morgan, Thos., d. 1882, Row 2

Noonan, Mike, b. Ireland, Sulphur Springs Valley, "Killed by indians", Row 10, A lone rancher, was shot when he went out to chop wood

Nunnelley, Emmett Crook, b. 1884, d. 1946, Row 11, Led the restoration of the Boothill Graveyard

Ollene, Ben, "Shot by Chacon", Row 6

Orante, Filomento, b. Hermosillo, Sonora, d. 12 Jul 1882, Shot by Deputy Kiv Phillips

Ormsby, "Shot", Row 7

Owyer, Daniel, d. 1881, "Drowned", Row 6

Packrel, Alfred, d. 1882, age 24 yrs, Row 5, Young english miner died from bowel inflammation

Padden, J., d. 2 Aug 1884, Fell down a mine shaft

Peel, M.R. (Robert), b. 31 May 1854, d. 25 Mar 1882, Row 5, A young mining engineer, son of Judge B.L. Peel

Pesquira, d. 1881, "Killed", Row 8

Petron, Rodriguez, "Stabbed", Row 1

Pring, Mrs., d. 1881, "Suicide", Row 9, Died from chloral hydrate

Renacco, G., d. 1882, "Killed", Row 8, Fell off a cliff

Ridgeway, C.O., d. 1882, Row 4, Found lying dead in a wagon outside of town

Riley, Jim, d. 1881, "Murdered", Row 7

Robertson, Location unknown. Two infant sons of S.C. and Alice Robertson

Robles, Guadalupe, d. 1888, Row 8, Shot by officers who came looking for Guadalupe's brother Manuel

Rook, "Shot by a Chinaman", Row 3

Rosenthal, d. 1881, Row 6

Ruff, Stephen, Killed by Sam Chung

Russell, Geo., d. 1882, Row 9, Employed by the Tombstone Epitaph, died while being operated on for stomach cancer

Sample, Omar W. (Red), d. 8 Mar 1884, Row 2, Hanged for taking part in the Bisbee Massacre

Scott, Ben, d. 1883, Row 5, A teamster, shot by his own rifle when it fell over and discharged. Buried with Al Bennett

Serroux, Frank, Row 4, Shot over a mining claim

Slaughter, John Swain, b. Jun 1845, Texas, d. 8 Feb 1945, Row 11, Settled in Tombstone in 1879, a former slave who took the name of his master, John Slaughter

Smiley, Chuck, d. 1884, "Shot", Row 10

Smith, H.C. Mrs., d. 1882, Row 1

Smith, Peter, b. Germany, d. 1882, age 23 yrs, "Killed", Row 1, Killed by Thos. Donald (or Doland) in a fight

Southy, Francis, d. 1881, Row 3

Stanifor, d. 1883, Location unknown. Stage Driver, suicide

Stewart, Mrs., d. 1880, Location unknown. Said to be first burial in Boothill

Storms, Charley, d. 25 Feb 1881, "Shot by Luke Short", Row 6, Died in a duel

Stumpf, Mrs., d. 1884, Row 4, Died in childbirth after being given chloroform

Sullivan, Jerry, d. 1881, Row 2

Summers, William, d. 1882, Row 5, Teamster for James Carr, found dead with broken ribs and ruptured liver

Sweeney, Martin A., d. 28 Jun 1878, Murdered by Oliver Boyer in a drunken quarrel

Sweeney, Miles, d. 1880, "Murdered", Row 4

Talliday, John, d. 1881, Location unknown. Shot by Harper

Thomas, Joseph, d. 1881, "Shot", Row 7, A teamster, believed to be shot by Indian Jim

Toby, Dick, "Shot by Sheriff Behan", Row 2

Tom, Red River, "Shot by Ormsby", Row 5

Tulley, James, d. 1881, "Killed", Row 7, A miner with the Grand Central Mining Co., fell 250 ft. in a shaft

Van Houten, d. 1879, "Murdered", Row 1, Beaten in the face with a rock until he died, due to a dispute over a mining claim
Vasquez, Ramon, d. 6 Oct 1882, Knifed by Dan Allen
Verra, Raymond, d. 1882, "Stabbed", Row 10
Von, Jasper, d. 1882, "Shot", Row 1
Wan, Sing, Row 10
Waters, Eva, age 3 mos, Row 1, Died of scarlet fever, believed by some to be the first burial in Boothill
Waters, Tom, d. 24 Jul 1880, "Shot", Row 1, Father of Eva Waters, and believed to be T.J. Waters, who was killed because of the color of his shirt.
Wetsell, Jos., d. 1882, "Killed", Row 2, Stoned to death by indians
White, Fred, d. 30 Oct 1880, "Shot by Curly Bill Brocius", Row 6, First Marshal of Tombstone, shot on Oct 27, and died a few days later
White, John, d. 1882, Location unknown.
Whitehill, Wm., d. 1878, "Shot", Row 8
Wickstrum, John, d. 1882, Row 7, A swede who died after a well he was digging caved in
Will, Glenn Efrom, b. 1871, d. 1953, "His ashes arrived collect on delivery", Row 7, He was cremated in Oakland, CA, and sent to Tombstone for interment
Williams, Delilah, d. 1881, "Suicide", Row 5, Proprietress of a lodging house, died from arsenic
Wilson, Johnnie, d. 30 Jul 1880, "Shot by King", Row 8
Witcher, George, d. 1882, Row 8, A miner, died in a mining accident
Yen, Too, d. Jul 1887, Bitten by a hog
Ziegler, Joseph, d. 1 Nov 1882, age 27 yrs, "Murdered", Row 6, Shot by Ed Williams over a quarrell