

Stage 1 – Railroad Depot & Mercantile

Always on the run!
Fall, 1880, Buzzard Gulch, OK

MATT VALENTINE just wanted a hot meal and after being on the run for what seemed like days he was finally getting a chance. Them Regulators, led by **MARSHALL FAGAN** and his deputies **INDIANOLA** & **ILLINOIS** were tenacious! **MATT** was **OKLAHOMA BOUND** when he found a likely spot to settle down in the town of Buzzard Gulch. Just as he was kneelin' down on one **RED KNEE** to start a fire he sees them Regulators coming for him with guns drawn. At the sight of the men, **MATT** drew his pistol and fired, hitting bystander **MALCOM REYNOLDS** in the belt buckle, knocking the wind out of him. **INDIANOLA** fired back but missed and instead hit the telegrapher, **PRUNE PICKER**, knocking his thumb and trigger finger off. The bullet then ricocheted and hit **MONTANA DAN** in *his* hand (who had been writing a telegraph), rendering him speechless. When the smoke had cleared **MATT VALENTINE** had stood the regulators off all by himself, hence the nick name **SMILIN MATT VALENTINE!** Newspaper man **MANGY MARV** later published the following quote from bystander **PUDGE** “Yes, sir. He licked that crowd to a finish!”

Stage 2 - Utters Freight

Hunnewell, Kansas Gunfight 1884

In the 1800's, when the cow towns in Kansas thrived with beef being shipped to the east, the small town of Hunnewell, KS sprouted up as yet another shipping point for Texas cattle. Located on the Kansas/Oklahoma border in Sumner County, the Leavenworth, Lawrence & Galveston Railroad provided quick access to the Kansas City stock yards. During Hunnewells heydays, it sported one hotel, two stores, a barbershop, a couple of dance halls and 8 or 9 saloons. With little more than railroad workers and cowboys, violence was not at all uncommon. As railroad worker **HUCKLEBERRY PACE** recollected years later "There was no **MARSHAL PACE** to control the casual use of firearms, and there was more shooting than I ever saw in Dodge City". It was during this time that two cowboys, **IRON BEAR & CHOCTAW JIM** were raising cain in the **BELLE MIMI** Saloon on October 5, 1884. When two local lawmen, **CAPTAIN JESSE PEAK & OKIE LAWDOG** walked into the saloon and tried to quite the disturbance, all hell broke loose! Before the incident was over, some of Hunnewells finest citizens including **CHAOS JUMBLES, SMOKIE & COLE WINTER** were involved in the gunfight. **CHAOS JUMBLES** died of his wounds a few days later as did deputy **OKIE LAWDOG**.

Stage 3 - Runnin Iron Coral

Heading off the Rustlers

August, 1890

Well, its summer time here in the Osage Hills and since it's hotter than the "hubs of hell" then it must mean its time to take the little doggies off to market. Range Boss **GUNNY BUCKSHOT** and his head wranglers **SHALAKO & BLACK RIVER JACK**, have all their cattle rounded up and are headed to the railroad over at Sand Springs when they are suddenly surrounded by a group of the meanest, mangiest bunch of cutthroats they ever saw. Immediately they recognized the leader **BRONCO RED** and his cohorts **BOIS D'ARC & FLAT TOP OKIE**. The brave cowboys aren't about to let those hombres steal their cattle so they pull their pistols and commence to shootin'! Soon both sides are firing away and when the dust clears you can only see the backsides of those hombres as they are hightailing back to OKC! Except for one lone figure, **MISSOURI MAE**, standing beside the fallen figure of a man. "I'll get you for that **GUNNY**, if it's the last thing I do" she was heard to exclaim! Now **GUNNY** had seen her shoot and he figured he had better get out of there fast!

Stage 4 - Fort Red Castle

Frisco Shootout October 1, 1884

In Frisco, **SMOKIN OKIE** and his friend **BRAZOS VALLEY KID** were celebrating the good life with a shooting spree inside the **DUDLEY DEPOT** when Saloon owner **BACKWOODS BUTCH** requested Marshall **TRADER JOHNS** assistance. **TRADER JOHN** quickly rounded up 2 locals, **DON 44 & HALAPENO CHARLIE**, who immediately disarmed the men, keeping their revolvers and arresting them. What **TRADER JOHN** did not know was that **SMOKIN OKIE & BRAZOS VALLEY KID** were members of the notoriously rowdy **VERDIGRIS RIDER** Ranch. Frisco judge **SMACKWATER JACK** was too intimidated to try the case so **TRADER JOHN**, who was running for Soroco Co Sheriff, took the men to an adobe house belonging to **PANCHO LOPEZ**. In no time, word of a “Frisco War” had spread to outlying ranches. The next day, some 80 cowboys, led by **PONCA PETE & ROWDY REBEL** surrounded the house and demanded that their friends be released.

When **TRADER JOHN** refused to surrender, the cowboys began firing and kept it up for the next 33 hours. The outlaws managed to escape but **TRADER JOHN** survived by lying prone on the sunken dirt floor, returning fire from crevices between the wooden slabs. When the dust had cleared, the unwounded **TRADER JOHN** had killed 4 cowboys and wounded 8 others. He was tried for murder but acquitted when the door of the house was entered as evidence. It had over 400 bullet holes in it.

Stage 5 – Greener Pastures Cemetery

El Paso Gunfight

April 14, 1881

The whole affair began when **THE BRISCO KID & COWBO** teamed up to steal a heard of about 30 cattle from the **KIAMICHI QUEEN** (a locally famous cattle rustler and dead eye shot) in Mexico and drive them into Texas to sell. When Texas Rangers, **TUSCON & J.P JONES** and a Mexican farmhand investigated, the Mexican farmhand was killed. A Mexican Posse, led by **PONCHO LOPEZ** crossed into Texas seeking an investigation. **FAST FINGERS GREEN**, an El Paso constable accompanied the posse to the ranch of **ANNIE HICKOK**, another local cattle rancher and known cattle rustler. There they find the body of the Mexican farmhand. An inquest was soon held. The **BRISCO KID & COWBO** were acquitted on a technicality, there were no witnesses. Dead men tell no tails!

After their release **THE BRISCO KID** went next door to the **DOUBLE DOWN DAN** Saloon, one of the worst pest holes in El Paso. His partner in crime, **COWBO**, was already in the bar and heavily intoxicated. There they put their heads together and hatched a plan to steal the saloon owners lovely wife, **ODESSA ROSE**. Cooler heads finally prevailed when they spied the 8 gauge shotgun she had pointed in their direction.

Stage 6 - Cowboys Repent Church

Kids prevent Kidnapping! Sept, 1886

It's the first day of school! **ECHO BELLE** & her friend **CHAQUITA BANDITA** are sitting at their desks, legs dangling, chalk & chalk board in hand, practicing their numbers. They were so excited to be back in school! When they looked up from their studies they see their teacher, the lovely Miss **PRAIRIE DIAMOND**, a woman whom they love almost as much as their mothers.

During the afternoon recess the girls were running and playing and pulling each other pigtails while **PRAIRIE DIAMOND** watched over them diligently. Suddenly they see **HAWKEYE OKIE & LITTLE SMOKIE** riding their ponies towards them as fast as they can. Breathing hard, they jump off their ponies and announce that **OKIE BOB** is headed this way and he is after their school marm! Quickly, **ECHO BELLE** formulates a plan (she's always thinking, you know). So quickly did the students act that when **OKIE BOB** rode into the school yard it seemed deserted. At **ECHO**'s signal the school yard erupted! Marbles & rocks & sticks and all manner of flying objects came hailing down on **OKIE BOB**. "Leave our **PRARIE DIAMOND** alone" they shouted. **OKIE BOB**, seeing that he had been outnumbered and outsmarted, hightailed it out of town, never to return. The kids had saved the day *and* the lovely **PRARIE DIAMOND** (whose heart secretly belonged to that dashing cowboy **COWBO**)!

Stage 7 – Livery

Hyde Park Gunfight, aka Newton Massacre 1871

Occurring in the Kansas cow town of Newton, the whole affair began with an argument over politics between **WISE COUNTY KID** & **ROYS CREEK DAN** in the **GUN KILLER** Saloon on August 11, 1871. When the dispute turned violent, the **WISE COUNTY KID** shot **ROYS CREEK DAN** who died the next day, even after the swift medical attention from **LITTLE DOC**. The **WISE COUNTY KID** immediately fled town to avoid arrest, but returned a few days later after he heard that the shooting would be deemed self defense. Though **ROYS CREEK DAN** never produced a weapon the **WISE COUNTY KID** claimed that he feared for his life, because **ROYS CREEK DAN** had been in three previous gunfights where he had killed 2 men.

When **WISE COUNTY KID** returned, he found **ROYS CREEK DANs** Texas cowboy friends **LEROY ROGERS** & **QUERIDA KATE** were waiting for him, ready to take revenge. Late on the evening of August 19, 1871 **WISE COUNTY KID** strode into the **BOBO** Dance Hall, in an area of town called **SMACKWATER** and began to play Faro. After midnight, **PRINCE CHARLES** & **MUD PUPPY** also entered the Saloon. Their leader, **NOZ** approached **WISE COUNTY KID** calling him a coward and threatened to kill him. Although dance hall lovely **NEETER BEAR** attempted to stop the violence, **NOZ** shot him in the neck. **WISE COUNTY KID** returned the shot, but his pistol misfired and fell to the floor. **NOZ**, now standing over him, pumped several more shots into his back. **BOBO** dance hall madam, **MISS AMY** wrestled the gun out of **NOZ's** hand and quickly tossed it out the window.

Bystander, **NOON KILRONE** also began firing, perhaps to keep the crowd back. However, an 18 year man (**DILLARD**) opened fire into the smoke filled room, killing two bystanders **BOOGER COUNTY BILL** & **CURLY THOM MABRY**. He also injured **STUPADSO** who had nothing to do with the squabble.

Stage 8 – Billy James Bordello

Buzzard Gulch, OK - September, 1879

In the fall of 1879 the wicked little town of Buzzard Gulch had not yet been tamed, a fact that would soon show itself in the form a gunfight at the Billy James Bordello & Saloon. The Bordello enjoyed a bit of notoriety being that it was run by 3 of the most famous “entertainers” in the county. The luscious **CATOOSA RED**, the Raucous **ROCK CREEK BOTTOMS** & the brains of outfit, the cold and calculating **JUST L**. Collectively they were known as **JUST RED BOTTOMS**.

The fight involved **BURLY BILL**, a notorious Buffalo Hunter and card shark and **ROCK CREEK RUSTLER**, a professional gambler and ladies man. Though **BURLY BILL** was known as a slow and awkward man he also had a reputation as an excellent gunfighter. The boys often met at the Bordello to play the many games of chance offered there and they soon became friends. Somewhere along the line **BURLY BILL** decided that the luscious **CATOOSA RED** was the woman for him and the raucous **ROCK CREEK BOTTOMS** fell for the dashing **ROCK CREEK RUSTLER**, although no one knows why. Sounds like matches made in heaven, doesn't it? But pretty soon the girls got tired of supplying “credit” and the arguments started.

A few weeks later on September 18, 1879, with their “credit” dried up, the boys believed it was time to hit the trail. **BURLY BILL** strode purposely into the Bordello, looking for his friend. He thought that surely he would find him there because it had become his favorite place to gamble, but he wasn't there. Undaunted, **BURLY BILL** headed to the bar for a drink before settling in front of the potbellied stove to wait. Soon enough **ROCK CREEK RUSTLER** came thru the door and motioned his friend to sit with him. The two were speaking lowly and although no could hear what they were saying, the general consensus was that they were planning a get away! The next thing you know, the Bordello is filled with the sounds of gunfire and the smell of smoke. **FLY**, the duly elected Marshal of Buzzard Gulch, heard the shots from way out back in the privy and soon came running, dragging Deputy **SIX GUN SON** with him. When the smoke cleared, there was the coldly calculating **JUST L**, holding her fancy little “purse” gun and it was smoking! Looking down at the lifeless bodies of the men she exclaimed “That will teach you not to run out on my friends!”

Two day later on Sept 20th, 1879 the coroner's inquest ruled that the killings were “justifiable homicide” and **JUST L** was immediately release into the arms of her loving man Marshall **FLY**. **FLY** was later overheard telling Deputy **SIX GUN SON** – “Women, you can't live with them but they can sure live with you!”

Stage 9 - Doctors Office

Cherokee Courtroom Shootout 1872

In what is now Adair County, Ok a Cherokee Indian by the name of **CHEROKEE RUNNER** and a white settler named **OKALHOMA BOUND** had long been feuding over the lovely **MISS MARY MATILDA**. When **CHEROKEE RUNNER** found **OKALHOMA BOUND** flirting with **MISS MARY MATILDA** at the **MONTUSKA** Mill on Feb 13, 1872 the two began to argue again. Suddenly, **MISS MARY MATILDA** threw herself between the two men to try and stop their fighting. However, a bullet sailed into **MISS MARY'S** chest. Holding the smoking gun, **CHEROKEE RUNNER** ran for his life while **OKLAHOMA BOUND** shot at him, hitting only his coat tails. The lovely **MISS MARY MATILDA** lay dead at his feet.

On April 15, 1872 the trial began in a make shift courthouse in the Cherokee School House in Whitmore, OK. **OKIE ONE EYE & NAIL DRIVER** were there to support **CHEROKEE RUNNER** while **OKLAHOMA BOUND** had his own supporters, including **C.B. BARR & SAILOR JAY**. A federal posse, led by US Deputy Marshall **TUCKER** stood guard over the proceedings.

As soon as the posse began to push its way into the courtroom all hell broke lose. Shot after shot was fired. After the smoke cleared there were 7 posse men were killed including the grieving, **OKLAHOMA BOUND**. **CHEROKEE RUNNER** was never brought to justice.

Stage 10 – Buzzard Gulch Jail

Mistaken Identify or just Foolishness?

Dec 4, 1896

A heavily armed posse of six men **QUICK FUSE, RIO LOBO, MAYS COUNTY KID, TAOS WILLIE, NAIL BENDER** & their leader, Deputy **KANGAROO PETE** surrounded a shack near Sand Springs, OK intending on capturing a gang of bank robbers led by the **CHEROKKE GUN HAWK**. Deputy Sherriff **KANGAROO PETE** called to the men inside “Throw up your hands!” Instead, the outlaws answered with a burst of gunfire. At this, some of the posse immediately turned and ran. However **KANGAROO PETE & QUICK FUSE** stayed. They thought they had bagged the much wanted outlaw, **COWBO**, who was wanted for bank robbery and had a \$3,500 reward on his head. Instead the dead man inside was petty thief **ROUND UP RANDY**, alias **ONEHIPGONEBAD**. The second outlaw was only wounded and turned out to be **SHAWNEE**, a well known cattle rustler and all around bad guy. Only the heroic efforts of a local soiled dove named **MARY ANN PAINTER** saved his mangy life. The posse soon took **SHAWNEE** into custody but he later escaped from the **BUZZARD GULCH JAIL** with the help from his secret love, **WIND BLOWN**, who had slipped a file into his birthday cake during a visit.