WYATT EARP

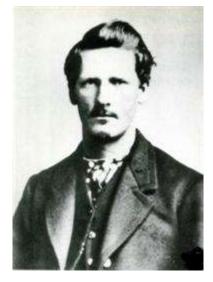


LEGENDARY
LAWMAN
OF THE
WILD, WILD WEST

Wyatt Earp was born in Illinois in 1848. He was the Wild West's most famous **lawman** even

though only six of his 80 years were spent in that job.

He was over six feet tall and was blond and blueeyed. A good dresser, he never left his house without coat and tie.



His first law job was in Missouri in 1870 when he was hired as a **constable**. But he left town in 1871 after his first wife died.

He travelled to Kansas, Texas and New Mexico where he worked as a **gambler**, buffalo hunter, railroad worker and lawman. He was as a

policeman in Kansas in 1875 and then in 1878 he became city **marshal** in Dodge City, where he met "Doc" Holliday and his second wife.

He and his wife travelled to Tombstone, Arizona in December of 1879. He was joined by his 4 brothers and their families. His brother Virgil was appointed town marshal in 1880 while Wyatt worked at the saloon and sometimes as a stagecoach guard. He also filled in occasionally as brother's **deputy**.



The shootout at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone occurred on October 26, 1881 and is known as the most famous gunfight in the history of the

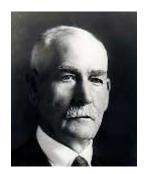


American Old West. The gunfight only lasted about 30 seconds, was fought between outlaw cowboys and the Earp brothers.



Wyatt and his 3rd wife Josie travelled throughout the west on adventures finally **settling** in California. During this time he met two actors and began telling them his adventures.

Wyatt Earp died in 1929 but his **legend** lives on in the many books and movies written about his life.



GLOSSARY

constable – a policeman

deputy - a person chosen to help a sheriff

gambler – a person who plays games of chance



lawman – a person who enforces the law



legend - a story handed down from earlier times, especially one believed to be historical

marshal - a federal lawman similar to a sheriff

