

TUSCO TIMES

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"The Shooting Makes It Fun, the People Make It Special"

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August 6, 2022**



The Tusco Long Riders July, 2022 Monthly Shoot Results

1	Money Bags Mathias	Wrangler	116.82	CLEAN!
2	Cheyenne Culpepper	Senior Gunfighter	119.19	CLEAN!
3	Buckshot Charlie Bill	49er	120.91	CLEAN!
4	Gray Hare	Wrangler	122.73	CLEAN!
5	Swiss	Senior Gunfighter	129.47	
6	Hooligan Howes	Gunfighter	140.81	
7	N.A. Custer	Silver Senior Gunfighter	146.29	
8	Gray Squirrel	49er	148.69	
9	Sixgun Seamus	Classic Cowboy	150.36	CLEAN!
10	Stone Creek Drifter	FC Gunfighter	152.80	CLEAN!
11	Buckaroo Bubba	Duelist	156.45	
12	John Barleycorn	Gunfighter	161.16	
13	Life-R	Josey Wales	162.38	

14	Nitro Joe	49er	163.15	
15	La Porte Lefty	Duelist	163.82	CLEAN!
16	Cheatin Charlie	Duelist	167.44	
17	Thaddeus Jones	Senior	176.12	CLEAN!
18	Split Rail	FC Duelist	176.59	
19	Angie Oakley	Lady Gunfighter	183.56	
20	R.S. Dancer	Silver Senior Gunfighter	184.41	
21	Cayenne Kay	Classic Cowgirl	186.18	CLEAN!
22	Ole Rattlesnake	Silver Senior Gunfighter	188.99	CLEAN!
23	Moosetracks	Senior Duelist	195.20	CLEAN!
24	Bobtown Cooter	Silver Senior	197.08	
25	Harold Doc Adams	49er	202.15	
26	Thunder Creek Kid	Pale Rider	204.11	CLEAN!
27	Last Gun	EL Rey	207.31	CLEAN!
28	One Eye Jack	Gunfighter	207.40	
29	Rootin Tootin Dan	Cowboy	229.22	
30	Boonie Young	Frontiersman Gunfighter	233.56	
31	Flint N. Steele	Senior	235.38	
32	Old Iron Hip	Cattlebaron	239.58	
33	Cardiac Kate	Lady 49er	243.24	
34	Laramie Leadslinger	Silver Senior Gunfighter	248.48	
35	Whiskey T. Foxtrot	Cowboy	259.22	
36	Prairie Dawg	Josey Wales	297.60	
37	Coffinmaker	SS FC GunFighter	302.33	
38	Kit Coleen	Lady Senior	311.17	
39	Duke Hunter	Gunfighter	341.05	
40	Ricochet Eddy	Silver Senior	410.60	
41	Lonesome Lill	Lady Silver Senior	459.99	
42	Iris Rose Littleshot	Lady Senior	500.80	



July 2022 Major Shoots in Ohio

Ohio Valley Vigilantes -- Mt. Vernon, Ohio

The Final Showdown -- July 22 - 24

The Sandusky County Regulators -- Gibsonburg, Ohio

The SASS Ohio State Blackpowder Championship -- July 30



High Noon at Tusco 2022 Update:

As of July 4, we are half-full.

Keep those applications coming in, as knowing how many are coming, and how much \$\$ we have to work with, allows us to make informed decisions about what we will be able to offer at High Noon.

High Noon at Tusco -- September 30 - October 2

See High Noon Flyer at:

https://www.tuscolongriders.com/_files/ugd/a220d5_d54dd747bbe34436b27d646a2e2766eb.pdf

Friday, 9/30 -- Side Match Day:

Modified Plainsman, Long Range, Speed Pistol, Speed Rifle, Speed Shotgun

Saturday, 10/1 -- Main Match stages 1-5, Safety Meeting at 9:30 AM, Banquet at 6:00 PM

Sunday, 10/2 -- Cowboy Church at 8am (Stage 2), Stages 6-10 starts at 9:00 AM, Awards after Range Clean up.



Prairie Dawg's Old West Chronicles

A Compendium of Useful Information -- July, 2022

The Battle of Cimarron, Kansas -- January 12, 1889



Cimarron, Kansas in the 1880s

County Seat War

In the 1887 county seat election in Gray County, three towns were vying for the position: Montezuma, Ingalls, and Cimarron. Millionaire Asa T. Soule persuaded the residents of Montezuma to withdraw their petition for county seat and vote for Ingalls. To accomplish this Soule promised to build Montezuma a railroad, and freely dispersed checks ranging from \$100 to \$500 to its residents. In spite of Soule's efforts, Cimarron was the winner of the election. In validating the election returns, the Kansas Supreme Court ordered the county records to be moved to Ingalls. This is the story of an attempt to remove the remaining records from the Cimarron county clerk's office on the morning of January 12, 1889.

The County Seat War in Gray County

The stories of the different county-seat wars that marked the history of the development of western Kansas, differed each from the other, but there was one point of resemblance common to them all. All of them were distinguished by a disregard of honor, and a willingness on the part of both parties, to violate about every civil and moral law in order to win. In most of the

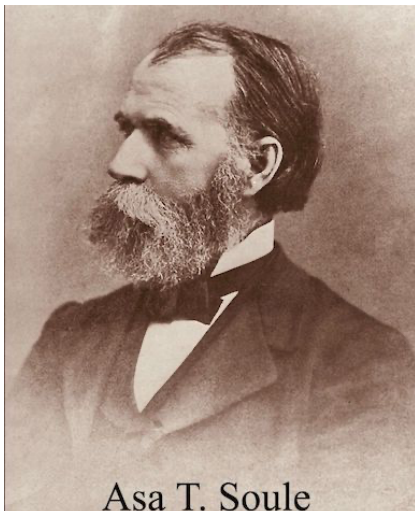
county-seat wars, the fighting and the real killing, commenced before, at, or immediately after, the alleged election. But, in the case of Gray County, the bloody finale was postponed for more than a year. The county-seat war in Gray County did not differ in that respect from the others, but it had wider ramifications and elements that distinguished it from all the rest.



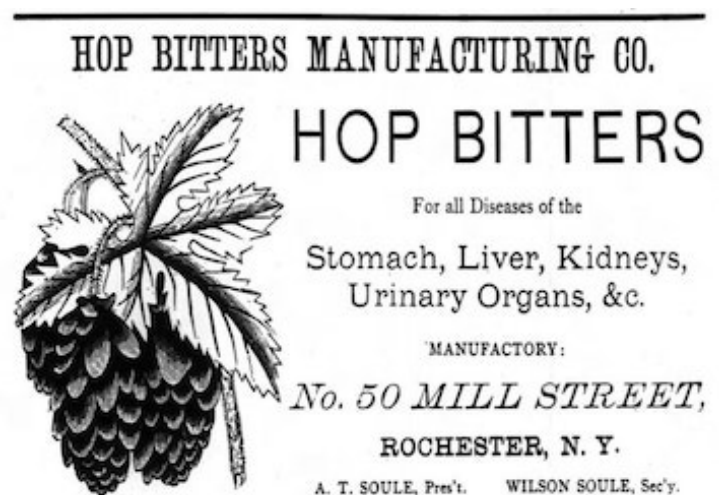
Ingalls, Kansas in the 1880s

Asa T. Soule

The central figure in the drama, was A. T. Soule, of Rochester, New York, reputed to be worth \$10,000,000, accumulated from the sale of Hop Bitters to a credulous public. Why Soule came to Kansas is somewhat hard to understand. He had, if reports were true, more money than he could spend in the purchase of mere creature comforts, and did not understand the dangers of life on the wind-swept plains of western Kansas.



Asa T. Soule



Asa t. Soule founded the town of Ingalls, and to insure it as the gray county seat, he built a bogus railroad. His other exploits included arming men to raid the town of Cimarron, and invested in Dodge City land to take advantage of the growth Soule was sure would come, with successes of irrigation. His main interest lay in the profits to be made from the **Eureka**

Irrigation Canal Company. It took two years to dig the 96-mile canal, that snaked up the north side of the Arkansas River through gray and ford counties.

He built a great irrigating ditch in western Kansas, which did not irrigate, although he did succeed in floating many hundreds of thousands of dollars of bonds. His plan to locate the county seat, and build a great town on the banks of the Arkansas River, finally came to naught. The town he organized still lingers, but had less than a hundred inhabitants, and the county seat has long since gone to its rival.

It may be that there was the lure of adventure drawing him, or it may be that he saw an empire of which he would be the builder. At any rate he came, resulting in strife and bloodshed, the memories of which last among the older inhabitants. For a man who had succeeded in building up a great fortune in a business venture in the East, A. T. Soule's projected enterprises in Kansas were singularly unsuccessful.



The Battle of Cimarron occurred on January 12, 1889, during the Gray County War, between the people of Cimarron, Kansas, and a group of lawmen, led by Bill Tilghman. The gunfight, which lasted several hours, and resulted in the death of at least one man and the wounding of seven others, began when Tilghman and his raiders attempted to take the county records from the Old Gray County Courthouse back to Ingalls.

In the late 1880s, Cimarron and its neighbor to the west, Ingalls, were locked in a contest to decide which town would become the new county seat. Because towns in the 19th century often relied on their county seat status to survive, the county seat contests often resulted in violence. The election ended with accusations of fraud and protests from both sides, and the matter was sent to the Kansas Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, a man from Ingalls, named Newt Watson, became the new county clerk. He demanded that the county records in Cimarron be taken from the courthouse, and brought to him. When the citizens of Cimarron refused to turn over the records, the Ingalls faction organized a group of raiders to go into town and take them by force.

The raiding party was a group of "cowtown mercenaries", including George Bolds, Ed Brooks, and Billy Allensworth, who were led by Bill Tilghman. With Tilghman, were other former Dodge City peace officers, including Jim Masterson, brother of the famous Bat Masterson, Ben Daniels, "Neal" Brown, and Fred Singer. To give them "semi-official status," all of the men in the group were deputized by Tilghman, who was appointed temporary Gray County Sheriff by Watson, after the current sheriff, Joe Reynolds, was put in a hospital with a gunshot wound to the stomach.

The raid was set to take place on January 12, 1889. That day, Tilghman and the others arrived in Cimarron with a wagon to carry the records. After pulling up to the courthouse, Watson,

Masterson, Singer, and Allensworth quickly entered the building to begin loading the documents into the back of the wagon, while the rest of the men waited outside. In the meantime, some armed Cimarron men were moving into position to attack.

Suddenly, the Cimarron men opened fire on the raiders waiting by the wagon. Tilghman was hit in one of his legs, Brooks "doubled over" with a gunshot wound, and Bolds was struck three times, once in the leg and twice in the abdomen. The wagon driver, a man by the name of Charlie Reicheldeffer, was also hit. Somehow, they all managed to climb onto the wagon, and drive it out of town without being killed. Masterson and the others were left inside the courthouse, so they immediately took up positions on the second floor, to return fire.



The Old Gray County Courthouse, 1889

The Cimarron men attempted to storm the building by rushing the front door, but were beaten back by "deadly shots" from the remaining raiders. After that failed, the Cimarron men attempted to breach the building by raising a ladder up to a window in the back of the building. This plan was also thwarted when Masterson found out and kicked down the ladder.

Eventually, the townsfolk made it into the first floor of the building, and from there they fired up through the ceiling and into the second floor. The raiders climbed on top of the filing cabinets, desks, and a steel safe to protect themselves. Ultimately, the battle lasted for about six hours, and finally came to an end when the Cimarron faction received a telegraph from Bat Masterson in Dodge City, warning that unless his brother and his friends were allowed to leave town, he would "hire a train and come in with enough men to blow Cimarron off the face of Kansas." After that, the raiders put down their guns and were briefly taken prisoner.



Bill Tilghman

According to Richard M. Patterson's *Historical Atlas of the Outlaw West*, only one man - a Cimarron resident named J. W. English - was killed in the entire shootout. He claims that, on the Cimarron side, one man was killed and three were wounded, and, on the Ingalls side, four men were wounded. The raiders were later acquitted for the killing of English.

The dispute over the new county seat did not end either, although there was no further violence. It was finally settled in February 1893, when Cimarron became the permanent seat of Gray County.

The Old Gray County Courthouse, which was replaced in 1927, is now open to the public and serves as a meeting hall. It has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 2009, for its association with the Kansas County Seat Wars.



News & Notes

Six Stages

We shoot six stages at Tusco. A few people have told us that they drive a good distance to shoot at Tusco and would like to shoot as much as possible.

Obviously we only have room for five shooting bays. So what we do is shoot the first stage you start on twice. Consider it a warm up stage. Only five stages will be scored. You can take your best time on your first stage. If you don't want to shoot it twice you do not have to. This would provide more shooting for our shooters.

New SASS Magazine

With the new release of the SASS Quarterly Cowboy Chronicle, I once again would like to start collecting any unwanted issues of the magazine. We will use these for our promotional events, like our Tusco Long Riders' Day at Kames Sports. Please either black out or cut off your name and address or I will do it before they are passed out. Thank you!

Facebook Page

When you make a post about Tusco or share pictures on Facebook, include #TuscoLongRiders. Let everyone see what we are all about.

News & Notes

New Shooters Shoot for Free at Tusco

The Tusco Long Riders will be offering **FREE SHOOTS to ALL FIRST TIME SHOOTERS AT TUSCO.** This is **ONLY** for a shooter's first ever shoot at Tusco. (*this is only for monthly matches, excluding High Noon 3-day Shoot in October, and the Charity Shoot in November.)

Cowboy Swap Meet at Monthly Shoots

As a reminder, feel free to bring your old Cowboy Gear, Guns and Equipment to sell at our monthly shoots. It's a good opportunity to sell some of your unwanted stuff to your fellow shooters. Your items are your responsibility.

Pre-Paid Shoots

Looking for that perfect Gift for your Cowboy Friends and Family? How about a Pre-paid Shoot to a Tusco Monthly Match. They cost \$10.00 each at a shoot or they can be mailed for \$10.50. Contact Buckaroo Bubba at pittfandwr@aol.com or 330-348-5637 if you would like to purchase them.

Help Wanted at Tusco

If you are available to help set up target stands/props before our shoots it would be greatly appreciated.



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