

Marshal Shorty Thompson: The Man Who Made Wells Fargo Easy to Rob

Marshal Shorty Thompson was a lawman in the Wild West who became notorious for his involvement in the Wells Fargo robberies. He was a skilled gunslinger and a master of disguise, and he used his knowledge of the Wells Fargo routes to plan and execute a series of daring heists.



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Thompson was born in Missouri in 1840. He moved to Texas as a young man, and he quickly became involved in the cattle trade. He was a successful rancher, but he also had a reputation as a gambler and a gunfighter. In 1871, he was elected sheriff of Montague County, Texas.

As sheriff, Thompson was responsible for enforcing the law in a lawless county. He was known for his toughness and his willingness to use violence

to get the job done. He also had a reputation for being corrupt, and he was often accused of taking bribes from criminals.

In 1873, Thompson was involved in a shootout with a group of outlaws. He was shot and wounded, but he managed to kill two of the outlaws and capture the rest. This incident made Thompson a hero in the eyes of the public, and he was elected to the Texas Legislature in 1874.

While serving in the Legislature, Thompson became friends with Wells Fargo agent Frank Harrington. Harrington told Thompson about the security measures that Wells Fargo used to protect its shipments of gold and silver. Thompson listened intently, and he began to formulate a plan to rob a Wells Fargo stagecoach.

In 1876, Thompson and a group of outlaws robbed a Wells Fargo stagecoach near Cisco, Texas. They made off with over \$100,000 in gold and silver. This was the first of a series of Wells Fargo robberies that Thompson would participate in over the next few years.

Thompson was a master of disguise, and he often used different aliases to avoid being caught. He was also a skilled gunslinger, and he was not afraid to use violence to get what he wanted. He was one of the most successful outlaws in the Wild West, and he made Wells Fargo an easy target for robbery.

In 1881, Thompson was finally captured by Wells Fargo agents. He was convicted of robbery and sentenced to life in prison. He died in prison in 1903.

Marshal Shorty Thompson was a complex and controversial figure. He was a lawman who turned to crime, and he was a ruthless outlaw who was responsible for the deaths of several innocent people. However, he was also a skilled gunslinger and a master of disguise, and he was one of the most successful outlaws in the Wild West.

Thompson's Involvement in the Wells Fargo Robberies

Thompson was involved in a series of Wells Fargo robberies over a period of several years. The most famous of these robberies was the Cisco robbery of 1876. In this robbery, Thompson and his gang made off with over \$100,000 in gold and silver.

Thompson was also involved in the robberies of the San Saba stagecoach in 1877, the Fort Griffin stagecoach in 1878, and the Tascosa stagecoach in 1879. In each of these robberies, Thompson and his gang made off with a large amount of money and loot.

Thompson's involvement in the Wells Fargo robberies made him one of the most wanted men in the Wild West. He was pursued by Wells Fargo agents and lawmen across the country, but he was never caught until 1881.

Thompson's Death

Thompson was captured by Wells Fargo agents in 1881. He was convicted of robbery and sentenced to life in prison. He died in prison in 1903.

Thompson's death marked the end of an era in the Wild West. He was one of the last of the great outlaws, and his death signaled the end of the days when outlaws could roam the country with impunity.



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