

ARIZONA CHARACTERS

# Doc Holliday

John Henry "Doc" Holliday was born on August 14, 1851 in Georgia. He was a hard-drinking gambler, gunfighter, and oddly enough, a dentist who is mostly remembered for his involvement in the Gunfight at the O.K. Corral and his friendship with lawman Wyatt Earp.

Holliday came to the Arizona territory and the silver-mining boomtown of Tombstone in September 1880. Soon he became involved in the messy local politics and violence in Tombstone. Some of his squabbles there with the local cowboys led to the Gunfight at the O.K. Corral on Wednesday, October 26, 1881. Doc Holliday was said to have killed Tom McLaury with his shotgun and was grazed on the hip by a bullet during the gun battle. He was arrested for murder for his involvement in the gunfight but was later acquitted of the charge.

Holliday died November 8, 1887 of tuberculosis. He was 36.

