The Gunfight at the O.K. Corral took place on October 26, 1881. It began in the 18-foot-wide lot behind the O.K. Corral next to O.S. Fly's Boarding House and Photo Studio. This inevitable showdown over control of Tombstone climaxed months of threats, romantic rivalries, stage robberies, pistol whippings, and arrests.

Police Chief Virgil Earp dispatched brothers Wyatt and Morgan Earp and Doc Holliday to help him disarm the cowboys who were waiting to confront Doc when he returned to his rented room at Fly's.

When the shooting started, unarmed cowboy Ike Clanton ran into Fly's and kept an eye on the action. In the next 30 seconds nearly 50 shots were fired. The three cowboys who stood their ground were all killed.

Tom McLaury, who may have been unarmed, was cut down by a blast from Doc's shotgun. Frank McLaury stumbled one Fremont Street and was shot in the head. Morgan Earp shot 19-year-old Billy Clanton.

Both Virgil and Morgan Earp were badly wounded, while Doc Holliday suffered a superficial hip wound. Only Wyatt Earp walked away unscathed.

For details of the gunfight and murder, inquire at the 1881 Tombstone Epigraph.