

## Coroner's report from gunfight at OK Corral unearthed in Arizona

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PHOENIX – A missing handwritten transcript from a coroner's inquest after the legendary OK Corral gunfight has resurfaced in a dusty box more than 128 years after the most famous shootout in Wild West history.

### FOUND IN STORAGE

Court clerks stumbled on the box last month while reorganizing files in an old jail storage room in Bisbee, Ariz., about 20 miles south of Tombstone. Inside the box was a modern manila envelope marked "keep," with the date 1881. The document was last seen when it was photocopied in the 1960s. The pages include verbatim testimony from eyewitnesses to the shootout.

### DOCUMENT NOW ARCHIVED

Court officials turned the document – now brittle and darkened to an amber beer color – over to state archivists Wednesday. Experts will immediately begin peeling away tape, restoring the paper and ink, and digitizing the pages. The first pages could show up on a library Web site for historians to review as soon as next week.

### NO REVELATIONS EXPECTED

It's unlikely the transcript will provide any shattering revelations, since historians have already reviewed photocopies of the document, and the inquest was covered in detail by local newspapers at the time. But history buffs said the transcript would clear up fuzzy points in the copies and may reveal small notes that might not have appeared on the photocopies.

### THE GUNBATTLE

The Oct. 26, 1881, gunbattle between the forces of law and a gang of rustlers left three men dead, made folk heroes of Wyatt Earp and "Doc" Holliday and inspired numerous movies about the untamed Old West.

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**The Tombstone, Ariz., site of the Old West's famed gunfight is a tourist attraction. Court clerks in Bisbee, Ariz., ran across a document with eyewitness testimony of the event.**