

Hazen Ambush

Abstract

They got away. In June of 1889, one of the most famous train robberies in history took place on the wind swept plains of Wyoming. The Wild Bunch Gang, using instructions and directions from Butch Cassidy, robbed a Union Pacific train. The robbery was successful. Three days later, the individuals who robbed the train shot and killed a Converse county sheriff. However, still to this day much debate remains with regards to who robbed the train. Furthermore, it is unclear as to who fired the fatal shot. This report will show how these individuals not only robbed the train but also shot and killed the sheriff. It will explore the robbery location itself up to and beyond the exact location of the ambush site of Converse county Sheriff, Joe Hazen. The movie “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid” dealt with some aspects of the Wilcox train robbery. However, unlike the movie, real blood was shed, a good man was killed, and a family was left devastated.