

Wilcox Train Robbery

Abstract

"Think you used enough dynamite?" The Wild West could only be described as lawless, untamed, and unpredictable. It was a time of heroes, outlaws, and the long arm of the law. The 1899 Wyoming Wilcox train robbery had the Wild West written all over it and the exact location has remained to this day an unsolved mystery. The events that took place that night were never fully pieced together. Some believe that the dynamite explosion displaced the contents over a large area surrounding the express car. However, the train robbers and Union Pacific Railroad never agreed upon or accounted for thousands of dollars worth of paper money, railroad security bonds and gold coins stowed away in the train safe. Now over 100 years later after a full-fledged year of investigation, researching the Internet, libraries, brochures, maps and interviews with Wyoming residents, the author is able to reveal the true location. A location that has been hidden by misleading descriptions from the railroad, in history books, and written accounts.