

Henry McCarty

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“Henry McCarty” is the lesser known pronoun for “Billy the Kid” (this isn’t absolutely accurate; the name he used later in the courtroom was “William H. Bonney, jr.”; and was known as “Ollie L. Roberts” at some point); as a result, I’ll refer to him as the latter (or simply shortened to “Billy”).

Billy the Kid was a famous (better depicted in the present tense?) New Mexican outlaw of whom stands among the most famous western outlaws of America’s “Wild West” era. His generally accepted birth-date¹ is September 17 1859, in New York City; a short time later his family moved to New Mexico. Some time during his teen years, Billy had his first run-in with the law (during 1875); a simple case of clothing theft. His first murder happened during August 1877; where an argument with a common “argumentee” turned into a fist-fight which was put to an end with Billy’s quickdraw.

The whole of the historical precedence of Billy the Kid’s life can be summed up in his death; with his back turned to a frightened harborer who shot him twice in the back.

¹Historical context regarding Billy the Kid is ambiguous at best and downright incorrect at worst. This is where all the [folklore and myths](#) regarding him come from

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