

- HANGING IN WOLVERINE CITY, CO., POP. 128 -

BURT WILLIAMS WAS MURDERED, AND PAUL GASTON'S GONNA HANG FOR IT. I MEAN, SOMEBODY'S GOT TO, RIGHT?

1b. Potters field

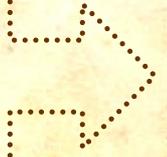
1a. Cemetery: This is where Paul Gaston will be laid to rest, in the corner fenced off from the consecrated space. Burt Williams is here too. Tombstone's a little cheap for a man of Williams' standing, so folks say, but that was what his wife Emma Williams wanted... Who was Mr. Gibb to argue? Poor woman's been through a lot.

1c. Tool shed

2. Town Parish: Pastor Grayson presided over Mr. Williams' funeral. He was real comforting for Miss Emma in her time of need, hear folks tell it.

3. Schoolhouse: Miss Emma teaches here. Jarrod Daniels, 10, once saw the schoolmarm getting real friendly with Pastor Grayson the other afternoon. It wasn't bible study.

4. The gutted remains of the William's house are a mile or so up the road. Nothing left except ashes, and more than a few Excelsior kerosene cans. Thankfully Miss Emma was at her bible study class with Pastor Grayson at the time...



← Road out of town

17. Woodward's Blacksmith: Mr. Woodward saw the Sheriff and Frank Chambers arguing about his debts before the murder.

18. Sheriff Culpepper's office

Gaston's Cell

Sheriff Matthew Culpepper and his two deputies Vernon and Jake will be found here watching over their prisoner. A simple man, he was Miss Emma's sweetheart before she married the Easterner Williams.

Gallows

Main Street

16. Corral: A couple of horses trot about here, one of them a mare. It had been a gift from Mr. Williams to his young wife Emma, but according to Woodward, the young wife declined it, and told him she didn't want him throwing away his money on such things

15. Livery and stables: Stableman (and poor poker player) Barney Foster sleeps in the loft these days. Seems he saw Miss Emma with Sheriff Culpepper a few days back. My goodness, that Miss Emma has a mouth on her, pretty little thing that she is. She said something about money, and that sure quieted the Sheriff down.

14. Gibb Undertaking: The Cheerful Mr. Gibb's already got a pine box and marker for Gaston. Funny, it all cost the town more than what Miss Emma paid for her own husband's funeral.

13. Sawmill. Williams Lumber Company, once owned by the recently-deceased Burt Williams. Everyone here thought Paul Gaston was a good worker, that is until he got drunk and then robbed and killed Burt Williams. Least that's what the Sheriff says.

12. Station platform: Miss Emma will wait here for the 12 o'clock to Poeville the day after the hanging.

5. Mrs. Warden's boarding house: Miss Emma stayed here following the fire. Pastor Grayson and the Sheriff both called upon her, so Mrs. Warden says.. Such gentlemen, they were.

6. Bergeron's General Store: Hear him tell it, Burt Williams had his wife order a bunch of Excelsior lamp oil a few weeks back. His wife never said why. She just paid for it and had young Jarrod Daniels pick it up.

7. Doctor Hershey's office: The good doctor witnessed the signing of Mr. Williams' will a few months ago. It gave Miss Emma everything. The lawyer asked a copy be mailed to his office in Majorstown.

8. Wolverine City Hotel & Saloon: The ground floor houses the saloon and poker room, where Gaston was a regular, along with Sheriff Culpepper, Mr. Sparks, Frank Chambers and Barney Foster. Gaston won big the last time. Big enough to talk about moving on

9. Wolverine City Bank: According to Bessie the teller, Mr. Frank Chambers's got a cashier's check for all of Miss Emma's inheritance waiting for her. Oh, and The Sheriff has paid off his debts.

10. Ticket, Telegraph and Post Office: Mr. Sparks has a ticket waiting for Miss Emma. He's got another for Pastor Grayson for the following week.



Water tower

← Poeville (east)

Majorstown (west) →