

The Bandera PROPHECY

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Today in Texas history

*Marshal George Scarborough guns down notorious outlaw/lawman
John Selman*

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On April 5, 1896, in El Paso, U.S. Deputy Marshal George A. Scarborough shot Constable John Selman, a celebrated gunman and gambler who had just left the Wigwam Saloon. Selman died the next day on the operating table.

Scarborough was acquitted of murder but was forced to resign his position as deputy marshal.

Selman, perhaps best known as the man who killed John Wesley Hardin in 1895, had himself been a notorious figure since the 1870s.

Four years to the day after Selman's death, Scarborough died at his home in Deming, New Mexico, following a gun battle with rustlers in Arizona.