









CORRAL

OCTOBER 26, 1881

After the O.K. Corral gunfight, wounded cowboys Billy Clanton and Tom McLaury were moved into a building here on this sight. McLaury died quickly from buckshot wounds. Shot three times, nineteen-yearold Billy Clanton died in agony despite two injections of morphine.

Use O.K. Corral Entrance on Allen St.



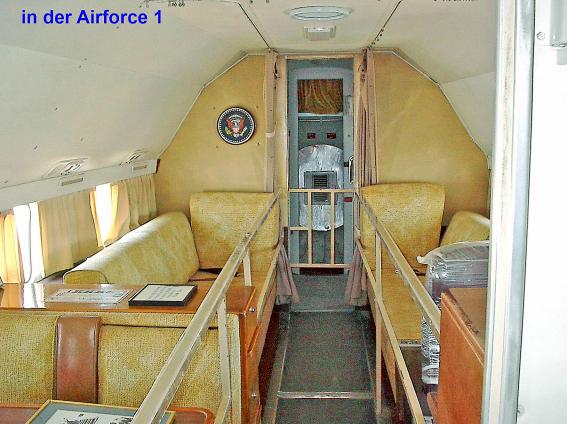




























MAIL AND STAGECOACHES

The first regular mail and stage service across Arizona was begun in 1857, the San Antonio and San Diego Mail Line. The route followed the Gila Trail with the primary Arizona station at Maricopa Wells. The line was described as running from nowhere, through nothing, to no place. Service was twice a month.

In 1858 the stage route was taken over by a company formed by John Butterfield and associates of New York. The Butterfield Overland Stage Line provided passenger and mail service between St. Louis and San Francisco, a distance of 2,800 miles that took 25 days at an average speed of 5 miles per hour. Service was twice a week. The cost of the entire trip was \$200 plus meals, which consisted of jerky, beans, venison, mule meat, salt pork, coffee and mustard. Operation continued until 1861 when the Civil War halted service. Stagecoach service was resumed in 1869. The coming of the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1880 made stagecoaches obsolete although local lines continued to operate stages until the early 1900's.

Gila Bend





