

40. IN EARLY ARIZONA

Released.....November 2, 1938
Distributor.....Columbia
Length.....53 Minutes
Genre.....Western
Director.....Joseph Levering
Producer.....Larry Darmour
Screenplay & Story.....Nate Gatzert
Photography.....James S. Brown, Jr.
Film Editor.....Dwight Caldwell
Music Director.....Lee Zahler
Assistant Director.....Carl Hiecke

Cast

Bill Elliott.....Whit Gordon
Dorothy Gulliver.....Alice Weldon
Harry Woods.....Bull
Jack Ingram.....Marshal Jeff
Franklyn Farnum.....Spike
Frank Ellis.....Burke
Art Davis.....Art
Charles King.....Kaintuck
Ed Cassidy.....Tom Weldon
Al Ferguson.....Ben
Bud Osborne.....Judge Brown
Lester Dorr.....Dock
Tom London.....Fred
Kit Guard.....George
Jack O'Shea.....Ed
Frank Ball.....Rufe Dillon
Tex Palmer.....Stage Driver
Sherry Tansey.....Townswoman

STORY: Unable to enforce the law in Tombstone because the sheriff and the justice of the peace are in league with Bull and his bandit gang the town send for two-gun Whit Gordon, who has cleaned up Dodge City. Tom Weldon, Tombstone's chief business man, protests but the marshal feels Whit can keep the situation in hand until statehood is conferred upon the Arizona Territory.

Whit arrives as Bull's gang is holding up a stagecoach which has Alice Weldon, Tom's daughter, as a passenger. Whit and his two pals save the valuable express pouch and rescue Alice. In town, Whit is deputized as assistant marshal and, recognizing Bull and his men, accuses them of murdering the stagecoach messenger. When the sheriff and judge refuse to intervene, Whit orders the bandits to "hit the trail and never come back."

By stopping a runaway, Whit earns the gratitude of a small boy who hangs about Bull's mountain hideaway. Bull and his gang shoot up Tombstone in defiance of Whit's orders and Whit and his two pals, after a terrific battle, jail the bandit and henchman. The marshal is killed, and Whit takes his place. The crooked judge releases Bull and his aide, and the sheriff tells Bull and his men to blast Tombstone terrifying its citizens away from the polls at

election. He doesn't want statehood for Arizona; nor Whit to be elected sheriff, and he offers \$5,000 reward to the man who will kill Whit. To insure the election, he plots with the bandits to stuff the ballot boxes.

The boy Whit had befriended warns the marshal of the proposed raid and Whit single-handed, prevents it. Bull suspects the boy and orders his death. The gunmen return to town, engineer a fake riot and switch ballot boxes. Whit recovers the stolen ballots and captures one of the crooks. He is Weldon, supposedly reputable, who reveals he is the real leader of the gang.

The little boy is slain from ambush. Whit and his pals stalk Bull through the streets. The gun battles which ensue culminate in several killings but Whit captures Bull alive. Whit is elected sheriff, and Arizona becomes a state.

41. LONE STAR PIONEERS

Released.....March 16, 1939
Distributor.....Columbia
Length.....56 Minutes
Genre.....Western
Director.....Joseph Levering
Producer.....Larry Darmour
Screenplay.....Nate Gatzert
Photography.....James S. Brown, Jr.
Film Editor.....Dwight Caldwell
Assistant Director.....Carl Hiecke
Music.....Lee Zahler

Cast

Bill Elliott.....Pat Barrett
Dorothy Gulliver.....Virginia Crittenden
Lee Shumway.....Bill Rupy
Charles "Slim" Whitaker.....Buck Bowery
Charles King.....Pike
Jack Ingram.....John Cole
Harry Harvey.....Eph Brown
Buzz Barton.....Chuck
Frank LaRue.....Joe Cribben
Frank Ellis.....Barlow
Budd Buster.....Crittenden
David Sharpe.....Young Crittenden
Kit Guard.....Mike
Merrill McCormack.....Outlaw
Jack Rockwell.....Ranger Williams
Tex Palmer.....Outlaw

STORY: Outlaws attack the wagon train returning from Abilene to Paso Grande with proceeds of the first cattle sales made since the end of the Civil War. John Cole, a local Texas Ranger head, leads a posse to the scene to find only one member of the wagon train alive. Cole decides to go to Austin for a full company of rangers, but cattle dealer Bill Rupy dissuades him. Cole makes his request by letter.

Pat Barrett discloses himself as a United States