

The Cuesta Alta Matter

Something went wrong at Cuesta Alta, and the only honest account of it is the one set down in the ledger below. Take it a line at a time.

CLUES & EVIDENCE

- The bloodstained duster was Amos Pike's, and nobody disputes it.
- The bent brake rod was no part of the depot secret.
- Peter Lidgate stayed well away from Lookout Grade.
- The bent brake rod never belonged to Isham Cobb.
- Amos Pike was never at Willow Tank.
- Sheriff Delaney Hoke cared nothing for the called a cheat.
- The called a cheat had nothing to do with Amos Pike.
- Isham Cobb wasn't riding on the depot secret.
- The search at Willow Tank turned up no sign of the broken strongbox hasp.
- You can rule out the torn waybill for the perjured filing.
- Whatever brought a rider to Lookout Grade, it wasn't the perjured filing.
- Isham Cobb was nowhere near Lookout Grade.
- Lookout Grade and the bloodstained duster don't belong to the same case file.
- Whatever else is true, Peter Lidgate wasn't at Cuesta Alta.
- Willow Tank had no part in the called a cheat.
- Peter Lidgate was never at Willow Tank.

THE GRID

SUSPECTS Sheriff Delaney Hoke
Isham Cobb

Peter Lidgate
Amos Pike

LOCATIONS Broken Wheel Trail
Cuesta Alta

Lookout Grade
Willow Tank

EVIDENCE Bloodstained Duster
Broken Strongbox Hasp

Bent Brake Rod
Torn Waybill

MOTIVES Called a Cheat
Depot Secret

Water Hole Claim
Perjured Filing

		LOCATIONS				EVIDENCE				MOTIVES			
		BROKEN	GRADE	CUESTA	WILLOW	DUSTER	BRAKEROD	HASP	WAYBILL	CHEAT	WATERHOLE	DEPOT	FILING
SUSPECTS	HOKE												
	LIDGATE												
	COBB												
	PIKE												
MOTIVES	CHEAT												
	WATERHOLE												
	DEPOT												
	FILING												
EVIDENCE	DUSTER												
	BRAKEROD												
	HASP												
	WAYBILL												

CASE 013 · THE OLD CORRAL BOTTOM AFFAIR

SUSPECT	LOCATION	EVIDENCE	MOTIVE
Chin Gwok	Last Trail	Bloodstained Duster	
Ory Pinnick	Painted Tinaja	Snapped Fiddle String	
Silas Wren	Old Corral Bottom	Bent Brake Rod	
Merritt Kyne	Rock Chute	Torn Waybill	

CASE 014 · THE CAÑADA SECA CASE

SUSPECT	LOCATION	EVIDENCE	MOTIVE
Piers Ottway	Relay Hollow	Cut Rein	
Widow Salome Dace	Muleshoe Spring	Snapped Fiddle String	
Ory Pinnick	Toll Gate Pass	Bloodstained Duster	
Sheriff Delaney Hoke	Cañada Seca	Broken Strongbox Hasp	

CASE 015 · THE BROKEN WHEEL TRAIL AFFAIR

SUSPECT	LOCATION	EVIDENCE	MOTIVE
Amos Pike	Lookout Grade	Worn Mail Pouch	
Ephraim Boyd	Broken Wheel Trail	Bent Brake Rod	
Lau Hing	Relay Hollow	Lump of Sealing Wax	
Chin Gwok	Willow Tank	Torn Waybill	

CASE 016 · THE CUESTA ALTA MATTER

SUSPECT	LOCATION	EVIDENCE	MOTIVE
Sheriff Delaney Hoke	Lookout Grade	Broken Strongbox Hasp	Depot Secret
Peter Lidgate	Broken Wheel Trail	Bent Brake Rod	Called a Cheat
Isham Cobb	Willow Tank	Torn Waybill	Water Hole Claim
Amos Pike	Cuesta Alta	Bloodstained Duster	Perjured Filing