

# Jim Clark/Butch Cassidy #MU-22

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| 00-19   |   | Music and Introduction.  |
| 20-86   | Charlie Watson, Doc Shores  | History of Jim Clark. Jim Clark is shot around midnight. He dies at his cabin near town. Telegram is sent to Denver to private investigator for the railroad. Excerpts from the Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News concerning his death are read.   |
| 86-130  | Wm. Quantrell, Jessie and Frank James, Bob and Cole Younger, J. Cumming | History of Clark's birth and life. He stole a mule from his stepfather at the age of 17 and pulled his first robbery in San Antonio, Texas. Joined the "Guerilla" rampage in Kansas. Later joined the civil war and fought as a rebel. Clark was sent on secret missions for Quantrell. He formed a gang after the war with Frank and Jessie James, Bob and Cole Younger and Jim Cummings, which was known as the James gang.        |
| 130-162 | J. Johnson  | Jim Clark arrived in Telluride in 1887 and worked as a laborer for Telluride's first water system. Telluride was wide open and law and order was not enforced. Clark volunteered as a deputy sheriff and vowed to clean up the town. He was soon promoted to the position of town marshal. He hated drunks and did not drink. Some people hated him and some loved him. Story recited about him helping a local poor family.         |
| 162-208 | C.W. Shore, Bill Scheffer   | Jim helped lots of sick and crippled people. He liked children. Recites story of travel and arrival of Bill Schaffer, a train robber. Clark and friend rode to Cortez to Schaffers trial, to help C.W. Shores.   |
| 208-216 | Butch Cassidy   | As the Town Marshall, Clark did not change his lawless ways much. He was involved in stage coach robberies, by using inside gang information. He was conveniently out of town when Butch Cassidy robbed the San Miguel bank in 1889. When told of the robbery, he and a friend rode out town, following the gang for 20 miles. At a certain spot, he stopped, rolled over a log and picked up \$2300, his cut for being out of town. |
| 216-248 |   | Many of the miners stole hygrade gold from the mines. They would be robbed on their way into town, by the same person, supposedly Jim Clark in disguise. People began to get fed up with his dictatorship. Clark hated prostitution, and he harassed the girls. He and the town council had an argument about the situation and Clark resigned. The town was soon out of control again, so the town rehired him.                     |
| 248-309 | Shores, Judge Gilbert, C. Watson  | Recites story of fight between the Austrian and Clark. This time the town refused to rehire him as Marshall. His participation in robberies and brutality were getting worse. Once he was fired, he began terrorizing the other law officers. Town council tried to disown him. Judge Gilbert wired Doc Shores to come to Telluride to install him into  |

another marshall's job elsewhere if he would leave town. The letter was found in his pocket the night he was killed.

309-312

Clark was buried in an Army plot in Lone Tree Cemetery after a military funeral. His gun hung in sheriff's office for many years.

312-331

#### BUTCH CASSIDY:

Robert Leroy Parker, Butch's sister describes her brother as a good, kind boy that went wrong. History of his birth in Utah. His father was a mail carrier. He spent his childhood in Circlevill, Utah. Family moved to Marshall Ranch in the winter.

331-258

Mike Cassidy, a "shady" character drifted into the county. He met Bob (Robert) Parker at the Marshall ranch and befriended him. Mike taught Bob to use a gun. Mrs. Parker moved the family back to Circleville. Bob left home at the age of 18.

258-406

Dennison, Matt  
warner, Tom McCarty  
Talluride was a wide open, busy town. He worked for the mines packing ore down the hill with mules. He drifted to Wyoming, where he acquired the name of Butch. Sister explains why he took the name Cassidy (from the outlaw). He worked in a butcher shop while in Wyoming—hence the nick name —Butch. He returned to Telluride, where he met Matt Warner. He quit his job to join Warner in the exciting event of horse racing. He was often a winning jockey. Recites story of winning race against the Indians in Cortez. A fight ensued and one of his pals (Tom McCarty) shot one of the Indians. Bob continued to race, but was sick over the killing. They gave a share of the winnings to poverty stricken nesters. No one else would race against them after the Indian was killed.

406-443

Tom McCarty, Matt  
Warner, Bob Parker

Bob (Butch) and his gang decided to rob the bank in Telluride. On June 24, 1889, Bob and Matt walked into the bank at noon and took the money. They raced towards Mancos, where horses were hidden. The amount stolen was \$3100. The group split up after the Telluride robbery. He did not communicate with his parents.

443-500

Sister tells story of Bob almost freezing to death. His horse (which was stolen) returned to the original ranch; the family there took care of him and nursed him back to health. After he recovered, he returned the stolen horse, and bought supplies and clothes and food for family. Sheriff and deputies rode up while he was unloading supplies. When the sheriff realized what he was doing, he just smiled and went on.

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