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Harry Longabaugh, alias the Sundance Kid, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in 1870. In 1887 he was convicted of stealing a horse from the VVV ranch in northeastern Crook County, Wyoming. Sheriff Ryan of Crook County apprehended him near Miles City, Montana, and he spent eighteen months in jail in Sundance, the county seat of Crook County. After his incarceration in Sundance, he took on the alias of the Sundance Kid.

After much of North America was in pursuit of them, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, along with Etta Place (who was likely a Browns Park girl named Ann Basset), went to South America and purchased a ranch in Argentina. After a few short years of trying to make it as honest ranchers, the pair again turned to easier methods of obtaining money. After robbing banks in several South American countries, the pair was finally trapped by troops in Bolivia.

On November 3, 1908, the two Americans pinched a Bolivian mining company's payroll, and that led, three days later, to the San Vicente shootout. What happened afterwards is the central myth surrounding Cassidy. Some claim he and Sundance were killed, others emphatically believe that another pair of outlaws were killed by the troops and that Cassidy and the Sundance Kid purposefully let it be known they had been killed. The oft-told stories relate that the pair returned to the West and lived out their lives under alias names and identities. Like many other Western figures, Butch Cassidy has become larger than life. His name still generates fond recollections from many Utah old-timers who love to tell stories about him. Whether he died in South America or died of old age under one of the several identities that are attributed to him may never be fully proven.

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