

The Pioneer Scout

US : 1928 : dir. Lloyd Ingraham & Alfred Werker : Paramount Silent : 65 min
 prod: : scr. Frank Clifton : dir.ph.: Mack Stengler
[Billy Lamar \(Buzz Barton\)](#)
 Fred Thomson; Nora Lane; William Courtright; Tom Wilson; George Marion; Fred Burns;
 Lloyd Ingraham

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“Once again pioneers with their covered wagons are trekking through the prairies en route for a territory where they can build a future, when white bandits dressed as indians attempt to waylay the wagon train. Thomson is the leader of the train and is even taken prisoner. Frank Clifton was the screenwriter of this epos and Mack Stengler the cameraman. But the film flopped, though it was a competently made Western. Thomson had chanced his name with **"JESSE JAMES"** [? = *"Met JESSE JAMES had Thomson zijn naam van de ene op de andere dag verspeeld"*]. America was angry and let an idol fall. Paramount was sorry it had signed a contract with Thomson for four expensive Westerns. **½ ”

[no listing in "Classics of the Silent Screen", "Hollywood in the Twenties", "A Pictorial History of the Silent Screen", "Silent Movies: A Picture Quiz Book", "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. One of Buzz Barton's more modest supporting roles for a major studio during his brief heyday as the screen's foremost Western boy star. Aged 14, he shot ten films this year, mostly in the lead role, with titles like **"THE BANTAM COWBOY"**, **"THE LITTLE BUCKAROO"**, **"WIZARD OF THE SADDLE"** and **"YOUNG WHIRLWIND"**. After 1931 he faded into the posse of jobbing cowboy actors. He died in 1980.

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