

100 YEARS OF HISTORY – BUFFALO BILL CENTER OF THE WEST

- 1917** Col. William F. Cody "Buffalo Bill" dies on January 10 at age 70 in Denver, Colorado.
- 1917** Buffalo Bill Memorial Association is established to build and maintain a historical monument to Col. William F. Cody.
- 1924** *Buffalo Bill - the Scout*, a heroic equestrian bronze statue by Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney, is unveiled and presented to the Memorial Association.
- 1927** Buffalo Bill Museum (current site of the Cody Country Chamber of Commerce and the Cody Country Art League) is dedicated and opens to the public on July 4 with Cody's niece, Mary Jester Allen, as the first curator.
- 1935** Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney donates the Center's current 40-acre site.
- 1959** Whitney Gallery of Western Art is dedicated in a newly constructed modern facility.
- 1969** Buffalo Bill Museum opens June 3 as the Buffalo Bill Historical Center complex is initially completed, and the Plains Indian Collection added.
- 1970** Buffalo Bill's childhood home (a national historical building) from Le Claire, Iowa is moved to its current site.
- 1978** W.H.D. Koerner Studio in the Whitney Gallery of Western Art is dedicated.
- 1979** Plains Indian Museum is dedicated.
- 1980** The Winchester Collection is installed; the McCracken Research Library is dedicated.
- 1981** The Remington Studio in the Whitney Gallery of Western Art is dedicated; Paul R. Greever Garden is dedicated.
- 1983** The Braun Garden is dedicated, a gift of Marjorie May Braun through the Braun Foundation.
- 1986** Buffalo Bill Museum rededicated.
- 1987** Whitney Gallery of Western Art is rededicated.
- 1991** Cody Firearms Museum is dedicated and opens to the public.
- 1994** McCracken Research Library Remodel and rededication.
- 1995** H. Peter and Jeannette Kriendler Gallery of Contemporary Western Art dedicated.
- 2000** Plains Indian Museum Reinstallation.
- 2002** Draper Museum of Natural History is dedicated.
- 2009** Whitney Gallery of Western Art is redesigned.
- 2012** Buffalo Bill Museum is remodeled and is rededicated.
- 2013** Buffalo Bill Historical Center is renamed to Buffalo Bill Center of the West to more accurately describe the width and depth of the museum's mission, collections, and programs. In addition, the Whitney Gallery of Western Art becomes the Whitney Western Art Museum, and the Draper Museum of Natural History becomes the Draper Natural History Museum.
- 2017** In this 100th year of the Buffalo Bill Memorial Association, we celebrated our centennial.
- 2019** Cody Firearms Museum redesigned and reinstalled; reopened July 6, 2019.

William Fredrick "Buffalo Bill" Cody

BORN: February 26, 1846, Le Claire, Iowa

DIED: January 10, 1917, Denver, Colorado (70 years old)

BURIED: June 3, 1917, Lookout Mountain, Colorado

SPOUSE: Louisa Maud Frederici (1843-1921) (m. 1866-1917)

CHILDREN: Arta Cody (1866-1904), Kit Carson Cody (1870-1876), Orra Maude Cody (1872-1883), Irma Louisa Cody Garlow (1883-1918)