The Buffalo Bill Burial Controversy

Body switch would have been quite an undertaking

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The official version of William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody's internment has him buried on Lookout Mountain, just outside the town of Golden, Colorado overlooking the vast landscapes he so loved to ride, hunt and scout. Gazing serenely past the skyscrapers of Denver, the city where he expired, Buffalo Bill was granted eternal peace buried under his loving wife Louisa and twenty tons of concrete.

Twenty tons of concrete was necessary because the good folks of Denver were terrified that the people of Cody, Wyoming were coming to dig up their town founder and return him to Cedar Mountain just outside of Cody. Buffalo Bill's 1906 will stated that he should be buried on top of Cedar Mountain so he could forever look over the town that he loved.



Buffalo Bill's official burial site, Lookout Mountain, Golden, Colorado

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