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In 1968, an effort was made to rectify the situation by performing an Indian ceremony that sent Buffalo Bill's spirit to Cody in an exchange of smoke signals between Lookout Mountain and Cedar Mountain. In addition, in 1997, on the 80th anniversary of Buffalo Bill's burial, Steve Friesen, Lookout Mountain's Buffalo Bill Museum Director and Paul Fees, Cody's Buffalo Bill Historical Center Senior Curator met and literally buried a hatchet to end the conflict.

But the doubts linger. Perhaps Bob Richard sums up the controversy best when he's asked where Buffalo Bill is really buried.

"In the big picture, it really doesn't matter," says Richard. "If Bill Cody's body isn't buried on Cedar Mountain, his spirit certainly is."

Sources: Denver Post, "Buffalo Bill," "The Road to Yellowstone," "Points West" and personal visits and interviews.

North Platte wanted the body too

North Platte, Nebraska is another town that wanted to claim Buffalo Bill for burial. Buffalo Bill had arrived in North Platte by 1882 and soon built his Scout's Rest Ranch on over 4,000 acres. He developed the idea for his Wild West show there and launched the production in 1883. In 1886 he built the house below that was managed by his sister Julia and her husband Al Goodman.



Scout's Rest Ranch became a gathering place for celebrities in the off season and it was Buffalo Bill's home until he started developing Cody, Wyoming in 1895. Buffalo Bill sold the ranch in 1911 for \$100,000.



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