

## Buffalo Bill's Birth Date

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organizer, Grundtvig was a power to reckon with in any cause he undertook to support. He had a magnetic personality. His ancestry and his name threw a glamour about everything that he said and wrote. The simplicity and sincerity of his religious faith made him loved by all classes of Danish Lutherans. His insistence on the value and beauty of Danedom made enemies for him among certain classes of Danish Lutherans, but it also made friends for him in circles much wider than the limits of the Danish Church. Jacob A. Riis may be a better-known Danish-American among Americans in general. But among Danish-Americans there have been few leaders remembered with more gratitude than Frederik Lange Grundtvig.

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In the ANNALS OF IOWA July 1929 there was published a very interesting article about the "The Codys in Le Claire," written by Prof. F. M. Fryxell, of Augustana college, Rock Island, in large part an interview with Col. J. D. Barnes, a pioneer of Le Claire. In this it was stated that Col. William Frederick Cody was born at Le Claire, Iowa, February 26, 1845. He was born in the modest old home of Isaac Cody, at Le Claire, which home has since been moved by the Burlington railroad to Cody, Wyoming. Some discussion has arisen as to the correctness of the birth date of the colonel. In writings by Col. Cody's two sisters the date is given as 1846, though on the tombstone it is given as 1845. At the request of H. S. Cody of Winston-Salem, N. C. and at the suggestion of Prof. Fryxell, the census of 1850, which is a part of the Iowa archives, has been consulted and it is there set down that in 1850, the age of William F. was 4 years, which would make the 1846 date correct. It is stated that the family bible record confirms this also. The date of 1845 given in the ANNALS OF IOWA fourteen years ago was from the recollection of Colonel Barnes, who could easily have been in error.

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