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Childhood

Annie Oakley was born in Ohio in 1860. She helped her family survive by hunting and selling game, or wild animals.

Though she learned to use a rifle to get food, she became a skilled sharpshooter (a person skillful in hitting a target).



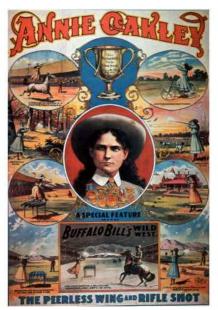
Annie the Adult

She met her husband, Frank; in a shooting contest in Ohio, and legend has it that she beat him by one shot! Together, Annie Oakley and Frank created a show and began to travel around the country giving shooting demonstrations, even joining the circus as "champion rifle shots."



The Wild West Show

The husband-and-wife team
joined Buffalo Bill's Wild West
show in 1885 and toured with
the show for sixteen years.
This celebration of the "Old
West" included skits of
stagecoach robberies and
gunfights.



Though most heroes of the "Wild West" were men, Buffalo Bill's show celebrated Annie Oakley's skills, and she became one of the most famous women of the West.

Other Facts

Her nickname, "Little Sure Shot", was given to her by Chief Sitting Bull who was so amazed by her skills.

She died in 1926, a few years after being in an **auto** accident.

Glossary

survive - to continue to live

game - animals hunted for food

rifle – a gun with a long barrel



legend – an old story that is widely believed but cannot be proved to be true

demonstrations – programs that show people how to do things or let people show off their special talents.

skits – a short play

stagecoach - a carriage pulled by horses
that carried people and mail



auto - an automobile or car

