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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

