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# Nebraska Day, June 8, 1893 at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago

The people of Nebraska had perhaps the most picturesque special-day celebration of any State in the Union. To the attraction afforded by the presence of the Governor and his staff was added that of Colonel William F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill"), who came with his Wild West Show to assist in dedicating Nebraska's building.



*Native American (Sioux) men, women, and children, in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, pose in front of grandstands at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.*

He took his company to meet Governor Lorenzo Crouse and party at the railway station, and escorted them to the Nebraska Building, where a short, formal ceremony of presentation was observed. Commissioner-General Joseph Garneau, in a few words of welcome, tendered the keys of the building to the Governor, who made a stirring response. While Governor Crouse was speaking the fine cavalry band from the German village in the Midway Plaisance came over and alternated with the cowboy band in furnishing music between the short speeches that followed.



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**Nebraska State Building**

At the close of these exercises the whole aggregation of Indians, cowboys, soldiers and civilians, Cossacks, Mexican *vaqueros*, French *chasseurs d'Afrique*, German Uhlans, and United States cavalry was formed in line, and the march to the Agricultural Building was taken up, the famous cowboy band leading the way. This picturesque parade attracted crowds of spectators as it wound around the lagoons and down the avenue leading to the Administration Building, where a halt was made and the entire column was reviewed by the Princess Eulalia and suite. It was estimated that three thousand citizens of Nebraska were present on this day.