



101 Ranch:

The 101 Ranch was founded by Colonel George W. Miller. After befriending Chief White Eagle of the Ponca Indians, the Chief offered to lease a large portion of his reservation to the rancher and thus the 101 Ranch was born. Colonel Miller built an empire in itself as the ranch became more than a cattle spread. In addition to pasturing as many as 25,000 cattle at one time on the ranch, his program included livestock breeding of horses, cows, pigs, goats, sheep, buffalo and other animals. The ranch eventually grew to encompass three towns and parts of four counties. It was a self-contained community that included its own churches, schools, telephone and mail services as well as employing hundreds of people. After the death of Colonel Miller, his two sons carried on the operations and expanded the ranch to 110,000 acres under ownership or lease. In 1905, the Miller brothers staged a Wild West show at the 101 Ranch for the entertainment of the members of the National Editorial Assoc. who were attending a conference in the Oklahoma Territory. The show grew to be so popular that the Miller brothers took the show on the road the next year making appearances throughout the United States and even in Europe. Famous names over the years that were associated with the show were Buffalo Bill Cody, Pawnee Bill Lillie, Tom Mix, Hoot Gibson, Bill Pickett and Lucile Mulhall.

