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Texas Jack at the Smithsonian Institution

by Harvey B. Willard

We are pleased to note another recognition of Texas Jack. A new Smithsonian Institution Museum and Online Exhibit, **Drawing the Western Frontier**, contains material from their archives distilled from an important scrapbook album kept by James E. Taylor (1839-1901). This album "*Our Wild Indians in Peace and War*," contains 1109 drawings, photographs, newspaper clippings and letters on 118 pages. Taylor accompanied General Phil Sheridan during the Civil War's Shenandoah Valley campaign of 1864 as a "Special Artist" and war correspondent for *Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper*. After the war he produced illustrations depicting Indian-White relations in terms of savagery versus civilization, a then popular stereotype of the Western frontier.

Included in this large collection is an interesting montage of photographs of Buffalo Bill Cody, Wild Bill Hickok, Texas Jack Omohundro and his wife, Josephine Morlacchi, and others, as seen in the accompanying photograph from the web site [<http://www.nmnh.si.edu/naa/taylor.htm>].

This montage has the following text:

"In the early 1870s, the idea of a Wild West show became popular and several plays were produced using recognizable Western figures. Headlining these dramas were such notables as Buffalo Bill Cody, Texas Jack

Omohundro, Josephine Morlacchi, and Wild Bill Hickok. The plays recreated various western adventures in a loosely organized form. Hickok was especially interested in keeping people on their toes and liked to shoot off live ammunition when he got bored. Eventually these productions evolved into the famous outdoor Wild West Shows starring Cody, but on Taylor's "Border Drama" page (above) one can glimpse the cast of an early and now forgotten play. Of particular note is the original tintype of Wild Bill Hickok (right), cropped from a group portrait of the rest of the troupe."

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from the Editor's Desk...

I want to thank Jean Smith, Edna Nees, John and Susan Omohundro, and Julie Omohundro for their contributions to this issue of *The Scout*. We now have a new Managing Editor, Larry Tyree, who has provided fine guidance for this issue. It is appropriate to thank here John and Susan Omohundro for the many years they have effectively served in this capacity. Our Layout Editor, Lorrie Tenos, continues to provide us with first class issues of *The Scout*. Be sure to visit the Texas Jack web site, www.texasjack.org, for Rand McKinney's fine work in making our association visible to a wide audience.

The article in this issue about **Texas Jack at the Smithsonian** gives the web site for the online exhibit, *Drawing the Western Frontier*, which shows old photographs of Texas Jack, Buffalo Bill, Wild Bill Hickok, and other colorful western characters. [www.nmnh.si.edu/naa/taylor.htm] Paula Fleming of the *Smithsonian* writes that she hopes sometime to be able to show the James Taylor album to members of the TJA organization. Let's take her up on that offer!

The *Fluvanna Review* newspaper ran a lead story about Texas Jack in their July 24-August 13, 2003 issue. There is large 9.5" x 6.5" picture of Texas Jack, Josephine Morlacchi, Buffalo Bill, and Ned Buntline on the first page as well as two other photographs in the article by Sally Browning. The information for the article was taken from Ellen Miyagawa's article published in the Fluvanna County Historical Society's *Bulletin*, vol. 44. Copies of the newspaper will be included in the 2004 Roundup participant's packet, thanks to Edna Nees.

For those of you who would like to buy a used copy of *Buckskin and Satin* by Hershel Logan, go to www.addall.com/. Click on used books. Type in title and author. On a recent day (August 2003) I found 27 copies of the book available from \$22.50 to \$135, but mostly less than \$50.

I hope that the **2004 Roundup in Charlottesville** will bring together many enthusiastic members who will help our organization to continue to move forward in the future.

Harvey B. Willard

The Board decided at the June 2003 Board Meeting in Charlottesville to shift the publication schedule for the next couple of years to March, July, and November. To help bridge the gap this issue is coming out in October. The deadline for the March issue of *The Scout* is February 1, 2004. Please send material to:

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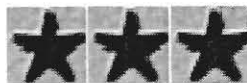
The Texas Jack Association was founded in 1980 to commemorate John B. Omohundro, cowboy, prairie scout, western hunting guide, and Wild West showman, colleague of Buffalo Bill Cody and Wild Bill Hickok.

The Texas Jack Scout publishes articles about John B. "Texas Jack" Omohundro, the times and places in which he lived, or individuals who have contributed substantially to maintaining his memory.

Thanks go to Rand McKinney for bringing this exhibit to our attention, to Paula Fleming, Photo Archivist, and to Becky Malinsky, Digital Imaging Specialist, both at the Smithsonian, for providing us with a digitized file of the photomontage. Paula Fleming is the author of the on-line exhibit as well as the scholar working on the Taylor album.



Top row, left to right, Texas Jack Omohundro, Wild Bill Hickok, Kit Carson, Jr., Guiseppina (Josephine) Morlacchi (Jack's wife), Buffalo Bill Cody. Ned Bunline is shown in the bottom row, second from the left, and just below Ms. Morlacchi. Photo reproduced with permission of the National Anthropological Archive, Smithsonian Institution/MS4605, page 54



Special Projects Report

by John T. Omohundro

With adoption of the new Bylaws, the Past President becomes Special Projects Chair. Since July 2002 I have been acting in that capacity and tracking eleven project ideas. Here is a report on each. One evening at the 2004 Roundup in Charlottesville, we'll discuss these and other desirable projects.

Some of these projects need a volunteer to get them going. Pick one that matches your skills and interests!

1. Texas Jack's Birthplace. Leader: Edna Nees.

Edna Nees is arranging to erect a metal plaque inside the fence at the cemetery at Pleasure Hill, Fluvanna Co., Virginia, providing information on the members of Texas Jack's family buried there. An unveiling will coincide with the Roundup 2004. Edna has located an anonymous donor so there is no expense to the association.

Also at the Roundup, a granite marker describing Pleasure Hill as the childhood home of Texas Jack will be installed inside the fence at the cemetery. John Burwell Phillips had this stone cut several years ago, and he and his brother Franklin (member Judy Phillips's father) brought the stone to Treasurer R. C. Omohundro's residence, but John Nees died before the marker could be installed. We expect to spend \$100 in 2004 for this installation.

2. Historical marker in Leadville.

Edna Nees, Rick Omohundro, and Harvey Willard can write "completed" to their efforts to place a third historical marker, donated by Edna in memory of John Sharon Nees, grand nephew of Texas Jack, at the north end of Leadville, Colorado, the town in which Texas Jack is buried. This marker was raised in Fall, 2002. Another marker had been raised by the Texas Jack Association at the south end of town on Rte 24. A third marker was donated by Astrid Omohundro, in memory of her deceased husband Stuart Omohundro, grand nephew of Texas Jack, and mounted near the cemetery entrance. There were no expenses to TJA to complete this project.

Thanks to Eddie Lanham, working on behalf of his Historical Research and Preservation organization, a stone plaque commemorating Texas Jack's military service in the Civil War was placed beside the gravestone this year.

3. Commemorative Postage Stamp. *Volunteers always needed.*

Dennis Greene continues to lead us in a letter-writing campaign to place Texas Jack Omohundro on a commemorative U. S. postage stamp. Dennis's suggested letter of petition has been published in *The Scout* twice this year, urging members to send a letter to the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee in Washington, D.C. There have been no expenses charged to this project lately.

4. Buffalo Bill Historical Center. *Volunteers always needed.*

Dennis and Julie Greene have been working to increase the information on display at that museum about Texas Jack, Buffalo Bill's colleague as scout and actor. They visited current museum curator Juti Winchester in the Fall 2002. Ms. Winchester is supportive of our wishes but needs the backing of the visiting public.

Members visiting the museum should lobby on behalf of this goal. No expenses have been charged to this project.

5. Texas Jack's Gravesite

President Julie Omohundro has arranged for two free-standing metal arrow markers stating "To Texas Jack's grave" to be mounted at strategic points in the Leadville cemetery. See photograph below. The expense in fiscal 2004 will be about \$150.



6. Texas Jack Brochure

Under Julie Greene's presidency, a tri-fold glossy brochure was composed and produced which sketched the life of Texas Jack and introduced the Association. As long as it lasts, the current supplies of this brochure, with a new contact address added, will be distributed to new members. Members at the 2002 Business Meeting instructed the Board to explore the cost of re-printing the brochure and ways to distribute it. Edna Nees volunteered to research re-printing costs. No expenses to date.

7. Texas Jack Bookmark

Members at the 2002 Business Meeting also requested that the Board produce a bookmark with some information about Texas Jack and distribute that to those businesses or institutions that potential members might patronize. I drafted a design and circulated it for comment, and acquired a cost estimate. Printing and distribution is on hold until funds and a plan are in place.

8. Buckskin and Satin

Michael Foster is looking into the feasibility of reprinting Herschel Logan's biography of Texas Jack. He is investigating the copyright status of the book and will report to the Board in 2004. The Board has also considered serializing the book, one chapter an issue, in *The Scout*. No expenses to date.

9. Yellowstone Peak *Volunteers needed.*

Efforts to have a peak in Yellowstone National Park's Dunraven Pass named after Texas Jack began several years ago. A good start was made by Sue Omohundro Allen and the Milsteads, but they selected a peak which already had a name. The files with correspondence and documents about the procedure are being held by John T. Omohundro. This project needs a volunteer to select a peak and write the application to the federal government. No expenses lately.

10. Business card

I have designed and produced a business card with information about the Texas Jack Association in an easily portable format which members can hand out to others who express interest. Secretary Edna Nees distributes a few cards to members each year when they pay their dues. Members wishing more cards may request them from her. \$50 was spent on this.

11. Links to other organizations *Volunteers needed.*

During my presidency I attempted to establish links to other organizations interested in the plains, western history, wild west shows, scouts and guides, and other topics relating to Texas Jack. I sent *The Scout* and a cover letter inviting the recipient to join the Association, exchange newsletters, or link to the Texas Jack website. The packet was sent to about two dozen organizations— clubs, businesses, magazines, research institutes, museums, etc. *The Scout* was sent to these recipients for one year. My first volley of invitations received few responses. The project is on hold until a new volunteer assembles a new list of possible liaisons. About \$50 was spent on this.



The Moxley Family

by Harvey B. Willard

Texas Jack is a seventh generation descendant of Richard Omohundro (1A), the first Omohundro recorded in America, as chronicled in *The Omohundro Genealogical Record* by Malvern Hill Omohundro. The line of descent goes as follows: Richard (1A) Omohundro, who married Ann Moxley; Richard (4B) Omohundro, who married first Mary Browning; Richard (1C) Omohundro, name of wife unknown; Richard (1D) Omohundro, who married Elizabeth Muse; Richard Omohundro (7E), who married Edith Seay; John Burwell (7F) Omohundro, who married first Catherine Baker; John Baker (4G) Omohundro, who took on the nickname of "Texas Jack" and married Guiseppina ("Josephine") Morlacchi. Much effort has been expended to trace back our Omohundro line to the country of origin, be it England, Spain, or some other place. To date no direct evidence has been found. [The notation I have used follows *The Omohundro Genealogical Record*, where the number refers to the birth order and the letter denotes the generation order.]

It has always interested me to try to also trace back the lines of descent of the wives of our ancestors, where possible. In particular, I wondered whether there is any new information about Ann Moxley, the wife of Richard (1A) Omohundro. The Moxleys were assumed to be English settlers in an English colony in America. Not much else was written about them in *The Omohundro Genealogical Record*, so I searched on the Internet for the name Moxley. To my surprise I found the following site: Ruby Simpson McNeill's Home Book- The MOXLEY PAGE [<http://www.localaccess.com/rubym/moxley.htm>]. This site references books by J. H. Sorensen, *William Moxley. Westmoreland County, Virginia* and by Lorene Moxley Sturgill, *Hoppers, Moxley, Toliver and Related Families*. They are the main sources for the new information for this article.

William Moxley (1A) was born about 1610 in England and died about 1668, aged about 58, at Westmoreland Co., Virginia. He married about 1636 in England Ann (perhaps surnamed Bush, but undocumented), born about 1618 in England, died about 1669, aged about 51, at Westmoreland Co., Virginia. Mr. Sorensen suggested that William Moxley probably settled originally near Mobjack, Gloucester, Co., Virginia, as it was from there that his son, William Moxley (1B), migrated in 1669.

William (1A) and Ann (Bush?) Moxley had two known children:

- 1B. William, born in England about 1640, died 1713, aged 73, at Westmoreland Co. Virginia;
- 2B. Ann, born in England about 1642, died 1705, aged 63, at Westmoreland Co. Virginia.

William Moxley (1B) married first about 1668 to an unknown wife and second to Mary (____), the widow of John Redman. William (1B) and his unknown first wife had four children, born at Westmoreland Co., Virginia:

- 1C. William, born about 1670, died between, 8 May 1744 and 30 October 1744, aged 74, married about 1696 at Westmoreland Co. Ann Quigley, daughter of John and Elinor (Spence) Quigley, nine children;

2C. Thomas, born about 1672, d. 1702, aged 30, at Princess Anne co., Virginia, married about 1693 his first cousin, Ann Omohundro (6B), daughter of Richard (1A) and Ann (Moxley) Omohundro, seven children;

3C. Ann, "Nancy", born about 1674, died about 1700, aged about 26, married about 1690 to her first cousin, William (1B) Omohundro, born about 1672 at Westmoreland Co., son of Richard (1A) and Ann (Moxley) Omohundro;

4C. Daniel, no further information.

Richard (1A) Omohundro was born say about 1634, location unknown, and married Ann Moxley (2B) about 1659. They had six children, all still living at the time of their father's will, 21 March 1698:

1B. William;

2B. John;

3B. Elizabeth;

4B. Richard;

5B. Thomas;

6B. Ann.

This information reveals the close inter-marriages of the early settlers of America, with first cousins often marrying. It also confirms the English origin of the Moxley line, which may strengthen the hypothesis that the Omohundros are also of English origin.



*Grave marker of Arabella Omohundro Wohlbruck
Nees, Texas Jack's sister, at Pleasure Hill cemetery*

2004 Roundup in Charlottesville, Virginia

by Edna N. Nees, Isabella R. Willard, and Harvey B. Willard

The next Roundup of the Texas Jack Association is to be held July 14–17, 2004 at Charlottesville, Virginia. Please mark these dates on your calendar and start your plans to attend. It is a great opportunity to meet relatives and friends of Texas Jack! We are making final arrangements with the *Omni Hotel* for our base of activities. The *Omni* is a luxurious, full-service, modern hotel located in Charlottesville at the west end of the historical Downtown Pedestrian Mall that has many shops and restaurants. It is within easy walking distance of the University of Virginia campus. Nonsmoking rooms with king beds, or two double beds, will be available to our group for \$89 per night plus tax.

Preliminary activities planned include a visit to President Thomas Jefferson's magnificent home, *Monticello*, bountiful midday meal and tour at the colonial *Michie Tavern*, a trip to the *Omohundro Pleasure Hill Cemetery*, where we will dedicate a marker and a plaque, a visit to the *Fluvanna Historical Museum*, a picnic supper at the *Nees Farm*, a special projects report meeting, the usual business meeting, and a cash bar and banquet at the *Omni*. A registration form and more details about the Roundup will be included with the next issue of *The Scout*.



A hospitality suite will be available for registration and a welcoming sumptuous food reception. The menu for the reception may include: an elaborate antipasto display, a cheese and cracker and bread assortment, and five items selected from about sixteen of such items as: prawns with cocktail sauce, grilled lamb skewers, Virginia baked ham on sweet chive biscuits, coconut chicken, mini quiche, mini crab cakes, mini beef Wellington, scallops wrapped in bacon, etc. This hospitality suite will be available for our use during the entire Roundup. It is an excellent place for getting acquainted with fellow members of the Association.

There are many optional activities available in this historical part of our country, so plan to spend an extra day or two before or after the Roundup. These activities could be selected from among such trips as visits to the Texas Jack highway marker, President James Monroe's home *Ashlawn-Highland*, the archeological digs at *Spring Garden Creek* and *Bremo Bluff* in Fluvanna County, a ride on the *Hatton Ferry*, a visit to the *Appomattox Court House*, a trip to see Malvern Omohundro's home *Brightly* in Goochland County, trips to Civil War sites relevant to Texas Jack's military service, more than two dozen picturesque wineries within a 30 mile radius of Charlottesville, canoeing, kayaking, camping, and much, much more. We plan to send Roundup registrants a packet of materials to help plan your trip.

Preliminary Agenda

Wednesday, July 14, 2004	5:00 - 9:00 p.m. 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Registration, Hospitality Suite Sumptuous Welcome Reception
Thursday, July 15, 2004	8:30 a.m. 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. 12:00 n. - 1:00 p.m. 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Bus leaves for Monticello Tour Monticello Information Center & Home Midday Meal at Michie Tavern Tour Michie Tavern Bus back to hotel Hospitality Suite Special Projects Reports meeting
Friday, July 16, 2004	9:00 a.m. 12:00 n. - 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Optional visit to digs at Spring Garden Creek and Bremo Bluff Lunch on your own Bus leaves for Palmyra Dedication at Pleasure Hill Cemetery Tour Fluvanna Museum Picnic supper, Nees farm, Scottsville Bus back to Hotel
Saturday, July 17, 2004	9:30 - 11:00 a.m. 12:00 n. 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.	TJA Business Meeting Lunch on your own, afternoon free Cash bar Banquet, Entertainment

Dues Notice

Please join, or renew, your membership in the Texas Jack Association. It will ensure the continued mailing of *The Texas Jack Scout*! The current dues are \$15, but are going up next year (see President's Message on page 19).

Seasonal Shopping for Texas Jack Items

Now is the time to place your order for gift items for the coming holiday season. Choose from the many choices. Check with Edna Nees before ordering. Send inserted order form with information on items, quantities, and sizes with a check to: THE TEXAS JACK ASSOCIATION 213 Cole Rolling Road, Scottsville, VA 24590.

T-shirts \$15.00

The popular "Texas Jack Combination" poster nearly covers the front of this 50/50 tee, cream with brown ink. Always a conversation starter! Sizes available, some small and medium.



Sweatshirts \$20.00

By popular demand: the same poster as on the tee, on a medium-weight long-sleeve crewneck blended-cotton sweat by "Fruit of the Loom," cream with brown ink. Sizes available are, M (4), L (3), XL (10), XXL (2). SEE PHOTO LEFT.

Polo Shirts \$20.00

Smart-looking short-sleeve blended-cotton polo with knit collar and cuffs, showing brown revolver, bust and autograph. No pockets. Smooth-surface in white, sizes are XL (2), XXXL (3). Beige mesh fabric, sizes are L (11), XXXL (1).

Texas Jack Poster \$15.00

11 by 17 inch four-color reproduction of original poster located at the Cody Museum, Wyoming. Sepia tinted, on heavy paper, suitable for framing. Includes shipping and handling. Sent rolled in mail tube. See poster in recent issues.

Bandanas \$5.00

21-inch square cotton kerchief is in cream color with a brown oval logo in corner featuring the Texas Jack bust and revolver. A thousand uses! Some available

Coffee Mugs \$15.00

Cream-colored straight-sided porcelain-style mug, 3 3/4 inches tall, with sepia photograph of the "Three Scouts of Old West", and caption with the nicknames and full names of Hickok, Omohundro, and Cody.



Membership/Order Form

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Annual Dues (includes subscription to Scout)\$15.00
Texas Jack Gear (see previous page)

Item	Quantity	Size	Price per Item	Total

Dues and Gear Total \$ _____

One check for gear and dues made out to TEXAS JACK ASSOCIATION may be included with this form.

Send to Edna Nees, 213 Coles Rolling Road, Scottsville, VA 24590-3916

Book Preview

by Harvey B. Willard

Edna Nees and I have recently had the opportunity and privilege to preview reading a fascinating new book by Jean Smith about the early settlers in the plains of Western Nebraska. Ms. Smith has skillfully woven together excerpts from the pages of Ena Raymonde's journal and letters with material from several of her companions at Medicine Creek. This is a tale that intrigues you from start to finish! "Doc" Carver (Dr. William Frank Carver), "Texas Jack" Omohundro, John Y. Nelson, "Bloody Dick" Seymour, Chief Whistler and his Cut-off band of Sioux Indians, "Buffalo Bill" Cody, and many other familiar names, are found among the pages of this true story of our western heroes. The book makes you wish you could have personally known this beautiful character called Ena. Followers of the history of our great country must read this book. This book will be published later this year and a **Preview** by the author follows:

Medicine Creek Journals

Ena and the Plainsmen

by D. Jean Smith

In Glynn County, Georgia, in late summer of 1869, William Herbert Palmer was accused of murdering his sister's former fiancé, Dr. H. H. Harley. Palmer shed his clothes, swam the river, and emerged on the other side as William Herbert Miles. A few months later, Miles appeared in Nebraska and in December 1869, made the journal entry: "At Fort McPherson, going on a hunt with Buffalo Bill... to catch wild horses and cattle. Spent the winter... hunting and fighting Indians and freezing nearly to death... I find this country rather cool compared with the South." By 1871, Miles had migrated to the Medicine Creek in southwest Nebraska where he joined a group of white men and their Indian families. Nearby, lived a band of Cut-off Sioux under Chief Whistler, who had been involved in past depredations against the whites but was now considered a "peace chief." One historian credits Whistler with preventing his braves from killing Wild Bill Hickok on the Medicine several years earlier. Christmas of 1871 found the white settlement and the Indians celebrating together, with Miles' dog being part of the "eats."

The initiating event of 1872 was the buffalo hunt staged for the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia. This elaborate affair, for which Buffalo Bill Cody was engaged, included a war dance by Spotted Tail's band of Indians. Having trailed a herd of Texas longhorns into Nebraska in 1869, J. B. "Texas Jack" Omohundro was on hand to greet the duke's entourage when it arrived by train. In addition to General Phil Sheridan, of Civil War fame, General George Custer was also present at the hunt, and paid a considerable amount of attention to Spotted Tail's daughter.

January also saw the organization of Frontier County, Nebraska in a teepee on the Medicine Creek. Convinced that civilization had the upper hand in the "wild west," Miles wrote his sister, Ena Palmer Raymonde, indicating that the time was right for her and their parents to move to Nebraska. Thus it was, that in March of 1872, the high-spirited Ena Raymonde, the *belle* of the Deep South, made her entrance onto the

stage of life in southwestern Nebraska. The woman, who had thrilled to the wild chorus of a leash of dogs as they pursued their prey, and who had a reputation as being a sharpshooter of the highest caliber in Georgia, arrived on the plains with an arsenal of feminine artillery at her command.

In June of 1872, Texas Jack Omohundro rode down to the Medicine to fill the ranks of his "Buffalo Outfit," whose help he had enlisted to rope live buffalo to be shipped to Niagara Falls for an exhibition. It was on this occasion that Ena Raymonde first met the handsome scout from Virginia, who she described as, "a fine picture of handsome, dashing, manly manhood..." Of the attempt to lasso live buffalo, Ena wrote: "Some say it is dangerous work; some prophesy not only broken arms and legs and crippled horses, but dead men as well as dead horses!" The venture provided plenty of excitement, which, in addition to some good press, was about all the reward the foolhardy bunch got for their efforts, as the captured buffalo all died!

Texas Jack challenged Ena Raymonde to shoot, and when Buffalo Bill, likewise, issued a challenge in late July, she noted in her journal: "When I shot with Texas Jack... and acquitted myself with decided credit, there was such a fuss made over it, that I thought I would not shoot again while in here." At the time Cody challenged her to shoot, Ena had been a temporary resident at Fort McPherson for several weeks and would remain there until early November.

During the first week that Ena was in residence at the fort, she enjoyed leisurely horseback rides with Texas Jack, and, from all indications, there was mutual attraction. Jack was called away, however, on July 12, to go on a buffalo hunt with the Pawnee tribe. He did not return until mid-September, except for one brief visit when he called on Ena with a group of Pawnee, as she described: "When asking one of the Pawnees if he was not afraid to venture so far on the hunting ground of the Sioux, it was fine to see the expression of unutterable scorn that lighted up for a moment, the stolidity of his face; then instantly relapsing into the grim Stoic, he quietly crossed his throat, giving the sign of the Sioux, and said they were 'heap squaws.' Mr. Omohundro said the Indians were in fine spirits, plenty of buffalo, and the papooses all fat."

Meanwhile, the social life at Fort McPherson was quite active. By the time Texas Jack returned from the hunt with the Pawnee Indians, Wm. F. "Doc" Carver, a young dentist who would soon gain worldwide recognition for his marksmanship, had arrived on the scene and was claiming Ena's attention. It was Carver who moved to the Medicine with Ena when she left the fort in early November of 1872. Texas Jack called on her when he was in that area on a hunting trip with the Earl of Dunraven, but he then left Nebraska and went on stage in the east with Buffalo Bill Cody. He continued to write to Ena, and sent her newspapers so she could read about the great success he and Cody experienced as they appeared in "Scouts of the Prairie."

In December of 1872, Chief Whistler and two other members of the Cut-off band were killed by white trappers, creating tension in white-Indian relations for a time. Ena observed: "The band of the murdered Chief were wild with rage and grief! And we being only a few miles from their village, and entirely unprotected by the troops, being so far from the Fort, feared some trouble from them." A flurry of stories evolved from this incident, but the perpetrators were never brought to justice. In early 1873,

“Bloody Dick” Seymour went on two trading missions with the Sioux Indians and also reported on the Indian’s reaction to the murder of Whistler. His journals of these trips provide interesting insight into the lives of the Indians and the white traders. Himself a member of Ena’s band of “male followers,” one of Seymour’s trips is recorded on the pages of Ena’s journal; while the other is preserved in the small journal he kept while on the trip.

Going into the summer of 1873, Ena made poignant references in her journal that can only be taken as a deep disappointment at having lost Texas Jack. As all followers of the history of Omohundro know, Texas Jack was married to Josephine Morlacchi on September 1, 1873. A newspaper clipping reporting the marriage was found in Ena Raymonde’s scrapbook. A short time later, she ceased to write in her journal, because she “was weary of the weakness of my own words.” Although Texas Jack had passed from Ena’s life, she eventually saw “some hope to brighten the rayless sky of my sunless life,” and by early 1875 resumed her journaling. Doc Carver continued to be a factor in her life the entire time, although the nature of the relationship is never entirely clear. Ena Raymonde married a cattleman by the name of Coulter Ballantine and experienced other joys and eventually deep tragedy, ending with her own untimely death.

This is a story that will interest devotees of Texas Jack but the spirit of Ena Raymonde transcends time, place or particular individuals. She was of fragile health and subject to mood swings, but through her journals and letters, one sees a spirit that is as vibrant as it is intriguing. It has been the charm and vitality of this Southern *belle* that has kept the author “hooked” for some months as this story was being written. I leave you with this quote from Ena’s journal dated Feb. 23, 1872: “Put on a new pair of boots yesterday and walked about five miles through untrodden snow. Got on the trail of some turkeys’ again! It’s like running after happiness!”

Condolences

Lois Michie Omohundro, 92, of Gordonsville, Virginia died June 26, 2003. She is survived by daughter Bettie Blue Omohundro, son, Oscar Blue Omohundro, Jr. and his wife, Patricia, of Gordonsville, both members of TJA, two grandsons, John Kelly Omohundro of Gordonsville, and James Peers Omohundro of Bridgeport, West Virginia and sister, Mildred Michie Taylor of Sandston, Virginia.

Mable Omohundro of Nashville, Tennessee died February 3, 2003. She is survived by a son, Richard Bond Omohundro, and his wife Joyce, of Goodletteville, Tennessee, and a daughter, Dorothy J. Omohundro Sorrells, of Nashville, Tennessee.

Paul Perkins, 94, died at Charlottesville, Virginia on December 28, 2002. He was a TJA member.

Board of Directors Meeting

Charlottesville, VA, June 15-16, 2003

[Ed. Note: The complete minutes of the meeting are too long to publish in the Scout. They will be posted on the TJA website and reviewed at the membership business meeting in Charlottesville next year. Some of the highlights of the meeting are presented here.]

The meeting was attended by Julie Omohundro, President; John Omohundro, Immediate Past President; Rand McKinney, President-Elect; Edna Nees, Secretary; Larry Tyree, *Scout* Managing Editor; Lorrie Tenos, *Scout* Layout Editor; and Susan Omohundro.

Kitty Pelkan was confirmed as Communications Chair and Michael Foster was confirmed as Finance and Legal Chair.

Membership and Nominating Committee

As of May 19, 2003, the Texas Jack Association had 81 paid members and 1 honorary member.

A dues reminder card will be mailed to everyone who paid dues in 2001 or 2002, but has not paid their 2003 dues by July 1.

A call for nominations for 2005-06 officers will be included in the fall issue of the *Scout*. An absentee ballot will be printed in the March issue of *Scout*, so that members who are unable to attend the Roundup will have an opportunity to vote for officers.

Members who responded to the membership survey expressed strong support for the *Scout*, Roundups, the website, ongoing efforts to protect and maintain Texas Jack historical sites, and the successful effort to have Texas Jack inducted into the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Finance and Legal Committee

The Board unanimously adopted a resolution that the new articles of incorporation would supersede the organization's constitution. A separate constitution is not required for incorporation or tax-exempt status and the constitution had become outdated since it was adopted in 1985.

Of the 38 members who voted on the draft bylaws, 33 members voted to approve them and 5 members voted not to approve them. Board members agreed on several revisions to the draft before voting to adopt the new Bylaws.

The Board agreed to ask Bill Omohundro, an attorney in Wyoming, to prepare new articles of incorporation for TJA, register TJA as a non-profit organization in Wyoming, serve as TJA's registered agent, and file its corporate annual reports.

Because TJA has very little net income that would be subject to taxation and seldom receives large donations that would benefit from tax-exempt status, the Board was not convinced that the potential benefits of having tax-exempt status would warrant the time and expense associated with applying for and maintaining tax-exempt status. The Board decided not to apply for tax-exempt status during the 2003-04 term.

Between January 1 and May 31, 2003, a total of \$1473.29 had been deposited in the TJA bank account and a total of \$1128.41 had been paid out. Our balance as of May 31, 2003, was \$8156.97.

The Board noted that membership dues had been stable for well over a decade and voted to increase dues for an adult member to \$25 a year. The Board added a family membership with dues of \$40, which would extend to all family members residing at the same address. Annual dues for a junior membership were left unchanged at \$10.

The board drafted a 2003-04 budget, which included \$2150 and \$2150, respectively, for income and routine operating expenses in 2003 and \$7050 and \$7050 for income and routine operating expenses in 2004. The Board agreed that the one-time expenses related to re-incorporation, tax status, and insurance could not reasonably be covered in a single budget cycle and should be drawn against the cash reserve TJA has built up over the years. In addition, because TJA has a solid cash reserve, the Board voted to draw on it to cover the expenses of special projects in 2003.

Communications Committee

The Board welcomed Larry Tyree as new managing editor of the *Texas Jack Scout*. The Board concurred with his proposal to establish March, July, and November as the issues dates for the *Scout* beginning in 2004.

The Board concluded that TJA was unlikely to have funds available to pursue republication of *Buckskin and Satin* much before 2005.

Special Projects Committee

Twelve of the special projects were discussed the Board. Of these, two were closed as completed, five were classified as inactive or on hold, and five were classified as active and included in the budget.

Roundup Committee

The Board agreed that Edna Nees should move forward with Harvey and Isabella Willard to negotiate a contract with the conference hotel and to plan the agenda for the Roundup.



*At the June, 2003 Charlottesville meeting:
From left: Lorrie Tenos, Edna Nees, Larry Tyree,
Rand McKinney, Julie Omohundro, John
Omohundro, Susan Omohundro*

Biographical Sketches

Larry Tyree became the Managing Editor of *The Scout* in June 2003 having joined the Texas Jack Association in 2001. After discovering that the Association existed, he was especially thrilled to relive the life and times of Texas Jack through the pages of *The Scout*.

As a child, Larry grew up in Tahiti with his missionary parents. During the ten years that he lived in the South Pacific, he attended French schools and developed fluency in French and Tahitian. When the family moved back to the US he lived in Denver, Colorado and Independence, Missouri. After graduation from the University of Missouri, Kansas City, Larry and his wife Rene worked for a couple years as Youth Technical Advisors in French Polynesia. Larry then worked with the Boy Scouts of America for over seven years, ending as a Senior District Executive in St. Louis.

In 1985 Larry answered a call to enter the ministry in the Community of Christ. After Seminary, he was assigned to Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Jamaica. In 1992, he was given new responsibility as a General Officer at the World Headquarters office to supervise the Northeast US and Europe. As a result of his previous assignments, Larry now is fluent in five languages, and learning a sixth. Larry was also Managing Editor of a religious publication for ten years.

Currently, Larry is Director of International Resources whose staff work to translate and provide resources in 14 languages. He and his wife Rene, an electrical engineer with Sprint, have two children: Katy (22) and Matt (19).

Lorrie Tenos became the Layout Editor of *The Scout* in September 2003. This means she does the wonderful job of putting everything together for the professionally composed issues of *The Texas Jack Scout* that come out three times each year. We all thank her for these efforts. Being active in the Association allows her to combine an interest in history and Omohundro genealogy. Lorrie is descended from Silas Omohundro and Martha Tandy and has always enjoyed history.

After college Lorrie joined the staff of the Kent State Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) as an Administrative Assistant, where she published a monthly newsletter for the faculty of the university. After moving to Washington, D.C. in the late 1980s she was employed by the American Family Therapy Association and the Institute for Women's Policy Research. Later, as Communications Coordinator for The Hospital Council of Western Pennsylvania, she learned HTML and built that organization's first web site. Over the next few years, Lorrie added web design and programming to her skills. Using those skills, she created and continues to maintain the omohundros.com web site.

Lorrie now lives again in the Washington, D.C. area with her three cats and works as a web developer for a passport/visa company in Georgetown.



President's Message

September 1, 2003

by Julie Omohundro

In June the TJA Board of Directors held the first-ever face-to-face meeting outside of a Texas Jack Roundup. I was clever enough to get the other officers to agree to attend this meeting while we were at the Roundup in Deadwood and they were all pumped up about TJA and Texas Jack.

When we were in Deadwood, I just thought a meeting was a good idea, without having much of the way of an agenda in mind. By the time we met, however, a number of complex issues had developed that the Board needed to address in some depth. I was surprised to discover that it was a challenge to fit everything into a 1½ day agenda.

The agenda included a lot of mentally draining topics (for me, anyway!) like incorporation, tax status, risk management, and budgeting. The full text of the minutes, with all attachments, is a pretty hefty document. Hopefully, it will serve as a useful reference for the TJA Board in the future, if additional questions about these topics should come up later.

Some of the highlights of the meeting are presented in this issue of the *Scout*. For those who would like to know more, the full text of the final minutes will be posted to the TJA website and reviewed at the 2004 Membership Meeting. In addition, more information on specific topics will no doubt appear in later issues of the *Scout*. For this issue, I would like to talk to you about our decision to raise dues and about the new bylaws that many of you voted on earlier this year.

The decision to raise dues was not subject to much debate. No one on the Board could remember when the dues were last increased. We all felt that an increase was appropriate, if for no other reason than to keep pace with inflation. Some Board members also felt that the amount of dues TJA requires its members to pay will affect perceptions of value of TJA membership. If they are too low, potential members could assume that we did not feel TJA membership was very valuable. As a result, the discussion centered on how much to raise dues.

The Board knew that few members would complain if we increased annual dues for an adult membership from \$15 to \$20, instead of to \$25. However, we felt that this increase would barely bring us back to where we needed to be after not having had a dues increase for more than a decade. Factoring in the concern that dues should reflect the value that we place on membership in TJA, we agreed to raise dues to \$25. The Board also recognized that this increase would represent more of a burden for couples and families than for individual adult members. Therefore, we adopted a family membership of \$40, so that couples who were TJA members would be paying the same amount as if we had raised dues only to \$20 per adult. In addition, the family membership would include children residing at the same address. Finally, the Board recognized that this would not eliminate the need for a junior membership, because there are a few junior members

whose parents are not members. The Board felt that TJA's young members are important to its future, so we did not raise the \$10 dues for a junior membership.

Until the new bylaws were approved by the Board, we were operating under the old bylaws. They required amendments to be approved at a meeting of the Board or the membership. The Board felt we needed to move forward with reinstating our incorporation and possibly obtain tax-exempt status before the 2004 membership meeting. Nonetheless, we were not comfortable approving a major revision of the bylaws without giving the membership an opportunity to review and vote on the revision. Therefore, we mailed out a copy of the proposed revision to all members this past spring.

The members who voted on the revised bylaws approved them by a vote of 33 to 5. At the same time, some issues were identified that the Board felt were of concern to the members and to the Board. Since old bylaws empowered the Board to amend the bylaws without a vote of the membership, we had an opportunity to address those issues at the 2003 Board meeting. At the same time, we did not want to significantly revise bylaws that had been approved by the membership. What we decided was that we were comfortable relaxing some of the provisions in the draft approved by the membership, but we were not comfortable adopting new provisions or revising the approved revisions to impose more constraints on the way TJA would be managed.

With that approach in mind, the Board made the following revisions to the draft approved by the membership:

- *Eliminated term limits.* The majority of the Board members were not confident that TJA would always be able to recruit enough new Board members to comply with these provisions.
- *Replaced the requirement for quarterly board meetings with a requirement for the president to establish a routine schedule for Board meetings.* The majority of the Board members felt that routine meetings were helpful, but were not convinced that they always had to be held on a quarterly basis.
- *Replaced the requirement for the President and the chair of the Finance and Legal Committee to co-sign all legal agreements and for an attorney to review them with a requirement for the Board to establish a written policy on this matter.* The Board was concerned that we would not always be able to recruit a Finance and Legal chair to sign legal agreements. In addition, Board members agreed that some agreements would require legal review but others would not. However, we could not come up with a means of defining the difference between the two that we liked enough to see them "set in stone" by being included in the bylaws.
- *Deleted the requirement that any attorney consulted by TJA must be a non-profit specialist.* I included this requirement in the original draft of the bylaws because I was focused on obtaining and maintaining federal tax-exempt status as a non-profit organization, which would require the assistance of a non-profit specialist. However, other legal issues, such as incorporation or contract review, do not require expertise in non-profit law, making this requirement unnecessarily restrictive.

Under the new bylaws, any member can propose an amendment to the bylaws at any time. If the amendment is fairly straightforward, it can be published in the *Scout* for members to vote on. In addition, we can discuss a potential amendment during the membership meeting at the Roundup. If you would like to propose an amendment to be voted on by the membership or discussed at the Roundup next summer, please contact me at president@texasjack.org or 919-544-3366.

Julie Omohundro
President
president@texasjack.org



Welcome New Members

New members of the Texas Jack Association are Diane Ford of Bellingham, Washington, Edward J. Lanham of Brooks, Georgia, and Jerry T. Logsdon of Mayfield, Kentucky, Jean N. Smith of Curtis, Nebraska, and Gary Tenos of Jacksonville, Florida.



*Highway marker near Pleasure Hill in
Fluvanna County, Virginia*

Texas Jack Association

Budget, FY 2003-04

INCOME	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Dues	2000	3250
Donations	50	50
Registration Fees	0	3750
Sales	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Routine Income	2150	3400
Round-Up Registration Fees	<u>0</u>	<u>3750</u>
TOTAL	<u>2150</u>	<u>7150</u>
EXPENDITURES	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Board of Directors	900	525
Membership	75	125
Nominations	50	50
Financial/Legal	2000*	750
Communications	1125	1950
Roundup	0	3750
Special Projects	<u>500*</u>	<u>0</u>
Routine Operating Expenses	2150	3400
One-Time Draw on Cash Reserve	2500	0
Round-Up Expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>3750</u>
TOTAL	<u>4650</u>	<u>7150</u>

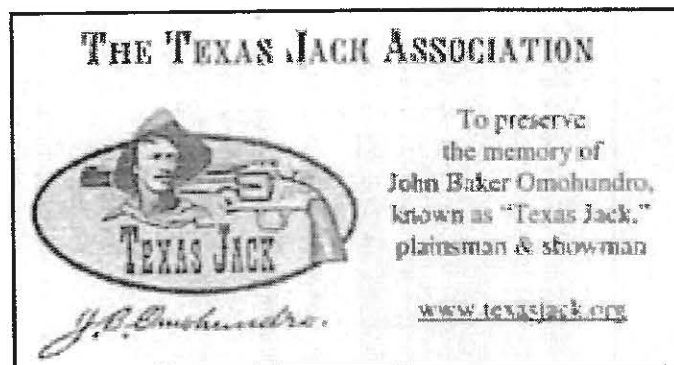
*To be drawn against cash reserve.

The board drafted a 2003-04 budget, which included \$2150 and \$2150, respectively, routine income and operating expenses in 2003 and \$3400 and \$3400 for routine income and operating expenses in 2004. The Board agreed that the one-time expenses related to re-incorporation, tax status, and insurance could not reasonably be covered in a single budget cycle. In addition, because TJA has a solid cash reserve, the Board voted to draw on it to cover the expenses of special projects in 2003. In 2003, \$2500 will be drawn against the cash reserve TJA has built up over the years to cover these expenses.

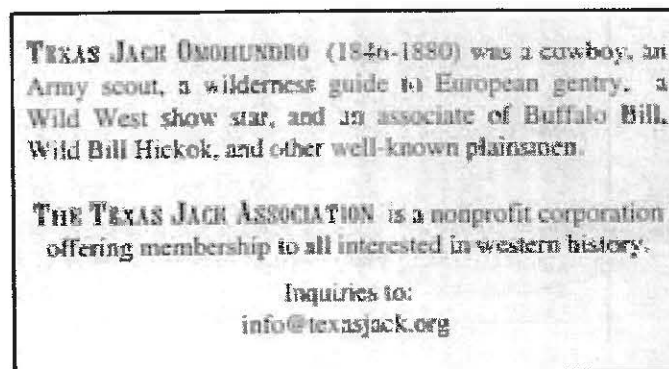
GET THE WORD OUT!

As discussed at the 2002 Deadwood Roundup, the Executive Committee has produced TJA "business" cards. These wallet-sized cards will have a brief description of Texas Jack and the Association, as well as contact information for the Association to be distributed to people who express an interest in Texas Jack. Cards will be forwarded to members when they pay their annual dues in lieu of a membership card.

When people ask, "What the heck is the TJA??" give them one of your contact cards.

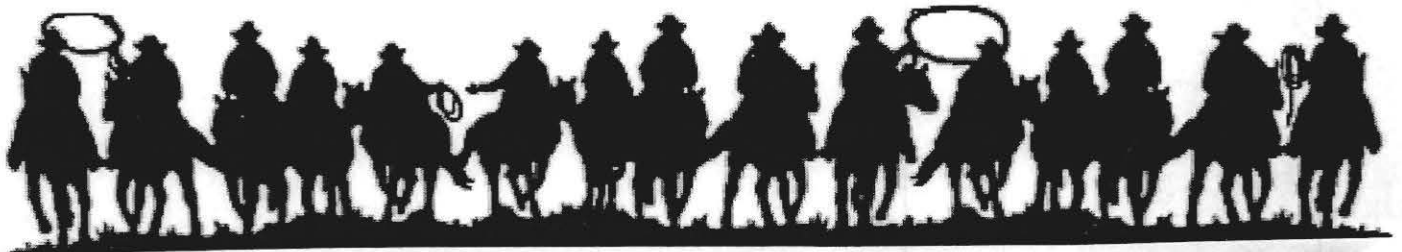


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If you wish to receive more, contact Edna Nees at AndeSeen@aol.com



**Mark your calendars for the
2004 Roundup
in Charlottesville, Virginia,
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