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A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the membership of the Texas Jack Association wishes to acknowledge the enormous contribution JULIE OMOHUNDRO GREENE has made to the Association during her term as its president.

BE IT RESOLVED, that to Julie Greene goes the lasting gratitude of the Association.

Through her creativity the life of John B. (Texas Jack) Omohundro has been brought to widespread public attention as a Scout of the Old West. She has ably developed and disseminated historical literature to numerous libraries, academicians, communications media, authors, and western history enthusiasts across the country.

She and her staff have overseen the publication of lively, informative Association newsletters that are repositories of valuable articles and photographs of Texas Jack and his milieu.

Through her diligence, far-flung members of the Omohundro family have been located and invited to learn more of their people by joining the Association. These, along with other new members from the general public, have greatly added to the Association's vitality and support.

The capping of Julie Greene's presidential tenure was her thoughtful organization of the third biennial convention of the Association at North Platte, Nebraska, a thoroughly enjoyable educational experience.

Julie Greene's presidency was noteworthy not only for the substance of its contribution to the preservation of western history, but also for the grace with which she performed her job.

respectfully submitted,

Margot Kramer
Frank R. Sullivan

Springfield Chapter of the Texas Jack Assoc.



Julie Greene, R; Angela Wyche, L; at North Platte, NE.

The
President's
MESSAGE

The transition from West Coast to East Coast is about complete and we are pleased that our first East Coast newsletter is being published to coincide with Texas Jack's 140th birthday on July 26!

Plans are already in motion for our convention next summer in Richmond. One of the many places we will visit is nearby Fluvanna County where Texas Jack was born. Very recently, FRANKLIN PHILLIPS coordinated a "search party" to Fluvanna to find the home site and family cemetery. FRANKLIN, his wife NANCY, his brother JOHN, my husband MAL, and I met with JOHN and EDNA NEES who took us to the grave of TJ's sister Arabella. (Another trip is planned in the fall when we will locate some of the bricks of TJ's childhood home "Pleasure Hill" and the nearby schoolhouse.) R.C. and ANNE OMOHUNDRO then joined us for a delicious country feast at the Nees home. Hospitality has always been associated with the Omohundro name and indeed we will continue that tradition at the Texas Jack Rally in Richmond in July 1988. Plan to join us!

Angela

Angela G. Wyche



ARABELLA OMOHUNDRO NEES is one of Texas Jack's sisters. She is the grandmother of JOHN NEES, who sent us this copy of her photograph from his family album.

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THE HERALD DEMOCRAT
Leadville, Colorado
Sunday, September 6, 1908

**CODY HONORS
TEXAS JACK**

**Veteran Scout With Indians
and Cowboys at Grave of
Famous Fighter**

ORDERS MONUMENT ERECTED



No tribute more beautiful than that paid by Col. William F. Cody, "Buffalo Bill," to his old friend and comrade, John B. Omohundro, "Texas Jack," just as the glorious western sun slowly sinking behind majestic Mount Massive, cast its mellow shadows through the pines of Evergreen Cemetery yesterday evening, was ever rendered by a living man to one who has gone before.

If the spirit of "Texas Jack" were able to hover over the little mound that contains his mortal remains he would have been gratified by the ceremonies in honor of his memory. They were the kind of ceremonies that his plain, rough, honest character would have asked could he have chosen—brief, simple and unaffected, but oh, how impressive!

Col. Cody himself was the principal speaker; the Rev. Alexander Pringle of this city, offered prayer; the Wild West band played appropriate musical selections; Prof. John M. Kerns, who led the band at the funeral of the deceased, stood close by; around the grave were gathered hundreds of Leadville citizens and rough riders, soldiers, cowboys, Indians and other attaches of the exhibition.

Before leaving the cemetery, Col. Cody arranged with Manager William Youe of the Leadville Monument Works, for the erection of a substantial stone over the grave, in place of the humble wooden slab that now marks the last resting place of the scout and pioneer Leadvilleite.

Reprint from a reproduction of 1985 Buffalo Bill's Wild West program

The scene at the grave was most impressive.

It is probable that in the history of all this country, of the entire world; a sight more unique has never been witnessed in a cemetery.

Gathered around the resting place of the Confederate scout, cowboy, plainsman and Indian fighter were grouped representatives of nearly every nation of the globe. To add to the picturesqueness of the occasion, all were garbed in their native costumes, their garments appearing in strange contrast with the solemnity of the occasion.

In the rear of the semi-circle stood a dozen cavalymen, late of the United States Army, against whose predecessors Jack waged a persistent warfare as one of Col. "Jeb" Stuart's most faithful scouts.

With this soldiery, representatives of several Indian tribes--the Sioux and the Utes--stood silently by in war paint and feathers. Memories of the bitterness with which the plainsman had fought their forefathers for possession of the very ground upon which they stood, gave way to feelings of admiration and respect for his bravery and sturdy frontier life.

Gathered near the front of the picture was a crowd of Mexican vaqueros, whose ancestors were a natural enemy of the man whose memory they gathered to honor, during the time he served as a cowboy on the Texas plains.

At their side, and across the grave, facing them, stood a band of Russian Cossacks. Next to the daring riders of the great northern empire, a group of brown skinned, square shouldered Japanese warriors looked on with solemn faces, the representatives of the two countries who so recently engaged in bitter warfare.

Each separate group attired in its distinguished dress, representatives of the British cavalry, Arabian patrol and German horseman added to the variety of colors and nationalities.

Impressed by the ceremony second only to Col. Cody himself was the crowd of cowboys, whose experiences on the plains have been similar to those of the dead friend of their present day chieftain. These men felt that the old scout was one of them. To them the service was of greater import than to those whose life has been spent in some other pursuit. Tears welled to the eyes of many of these strong-muscled, large-hearted men. It was one of their comrades whom they were honoring--a man whom they knew and whose life was their life, though they had never seen him.

At the outer edge, civilians from everyday life added a bit of metropolitanism to the scene.

After the band had discoursed a few numbers, Col. Cody with head uncovered, his silvery locks tossed light by the evening breeze, addressed the strange crowd briefly. He spoke as follows:

"My friends, perhaps many of you do not know this man whom we have gathered to honor. No doubt you would like to know something of him, who was one of my dearest and most intimate friends.

"John B. Omohundro, better known as 'Texas Jack,' was a Virginian by birth. The blood of the Powhatan Indians flowed in his veins. He was of proud and noble birth.

"During the Civil War he was a member of the cavalry command under Col. 'Jeb' Stuart of the Confederate Army. He was one of his most trusted and faithful scouts and performed almost invaluable service for him.

"After the war he drifted westward and located in Texas, where he took up the hazardous work of a cowboy. He was one of the original Texas cowboys, when life on the plains was a hardship and a trying duty.

"When they began to drive the cattle to the northern country, he engaged in that occupation, following the herds northward, and returning after each trip for another herd.

"Finally he located at North Platte, Nebraska. It was there that I first met him. He was an expert trailer and scout. I soon recognized this and tried to secure his appointment in United States service. But the authorities were unwilling to hire discharged Confederate scouts, so I had to take the matter to the secretary of war. After much persuasion I was given permission to hire him.

"In this capacity I learned to know him and to respect his bravery and ability. He was a whole-souled, brave, generous, good-hearted man.

"Later he and I went East to go into the show business. He was the first to do a lasso act upon the stage.

"After a short career with the show we again went West. That was in 1873. . . We returned East and again went on the stage. It was during this tour of the large cities that he met and married M'lle Morlacchi, a famous dancer, who traveled with him.

"After I left him, he and she continued to travel. They came to Leadville, where she was engaged as a performer. Becoming attached to the place, my friend and his wife remained for a while.

"It was while here that he was stricken with pneumonia, which was then prevalent. He succumbed, and was buried here under this mound by his many friends.

"Among those who contributed to the ceremony at that time was Mr. Kerns, who is here now, and who remembers the manly traits of poor Jack.

"Jack was an old friend of mine and a good one.

"Instead of this board which now marks his grave, we will soon have erected a more substantial monument, one more worthy of a brave and good man.

"May he rest in peace."

At the conclusion of Col. Cody's remarks, Rev. Pringle offered prayer... [ED. NOTE: the text of which we shall omit].

The band played "Nearer My God to Thee," and the assemblage dispersed with a better feeling for the world and what it contains and with added respect and admiration for Col. Cody, whose true manliness and whole-heartedness was never better shown.

[ED. NOTE: Perhaps it was Buffalo Bill who started the notion that Texas Jack had the blood of Powhatan in his veins!!]



TEXAS JACK REMEMBERED ON MEMORIAL DAY

Sherry Warford faithfully and graciously cleaned and decorated Texas Jack's grave in Leadville, CO for Memorial Day. The Association is most grateful to Sherry for her interest and care.

WELCOME, NEW TJA MEMBERS!

- DIANE ALVIES Canon City, CO
- LOIS OMOHUNDRO ASHTON King George, VA
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- JAMES VINCENT OMOHUNDRO Lexington, KY
- JOHN BURWELL OMOHUNDRO Lexington, KY
- STANLEY ZAMONSKI Denver, CO

Don Kramer, charter member in the Texas Jack Association, died June in Springfield, IL. He is survived by his wife, Margot, and their two children.

Don and Margot were among the members who attended the Texas Jack Roundup in North Platte in August 1986.

**Fliers get scare
after refuel stop**

[MARK STERN contributed this clipping from the Decatur, IL Herald and Review dated July 6, 1987.]

Two Nashville, Tenn., men had a brief scare Sunday afternoon when their airplane malfunctioned after leaving Decatur Airport.

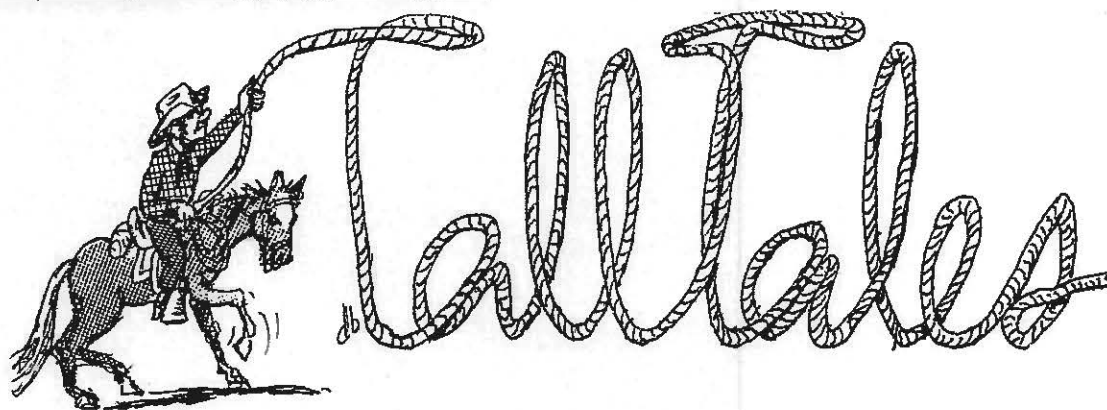
Jim Baker and John Omohundro, the aircraft's owner and pilot, were on their way home from a fishing trip in Canada. They stopped at the airport to refuel and left about 4:30 p.m.

Some 10 minutes later, the airport fire station was put on alert after Omohundro radioed that he was losing oil pressure and altitude.

"We had a high oil temperature," Omohundro said after a safe landing. "We weren't developing as much cruise power as we should have." But the airplane didn't come close to crashing, he said.

"It was a normal descent," Baker said. "It wasn't that scary a thing."

Omohundro planned to have a mechanic check the airplane before deciding whether to resume the flight.



A tough hombre called for a glass of half-and-half--half milk and half whisky. As he was drinking it, a "tenderfoot" preacher walked in and seeing a customer drinking what appeared to be a glass of milk, said:

"One of the same."

He took a sip, blinked his eyes, took another sip, then gulped the entire contents down, smacked his lips and exclaimed:

"Brother, what a cow!"

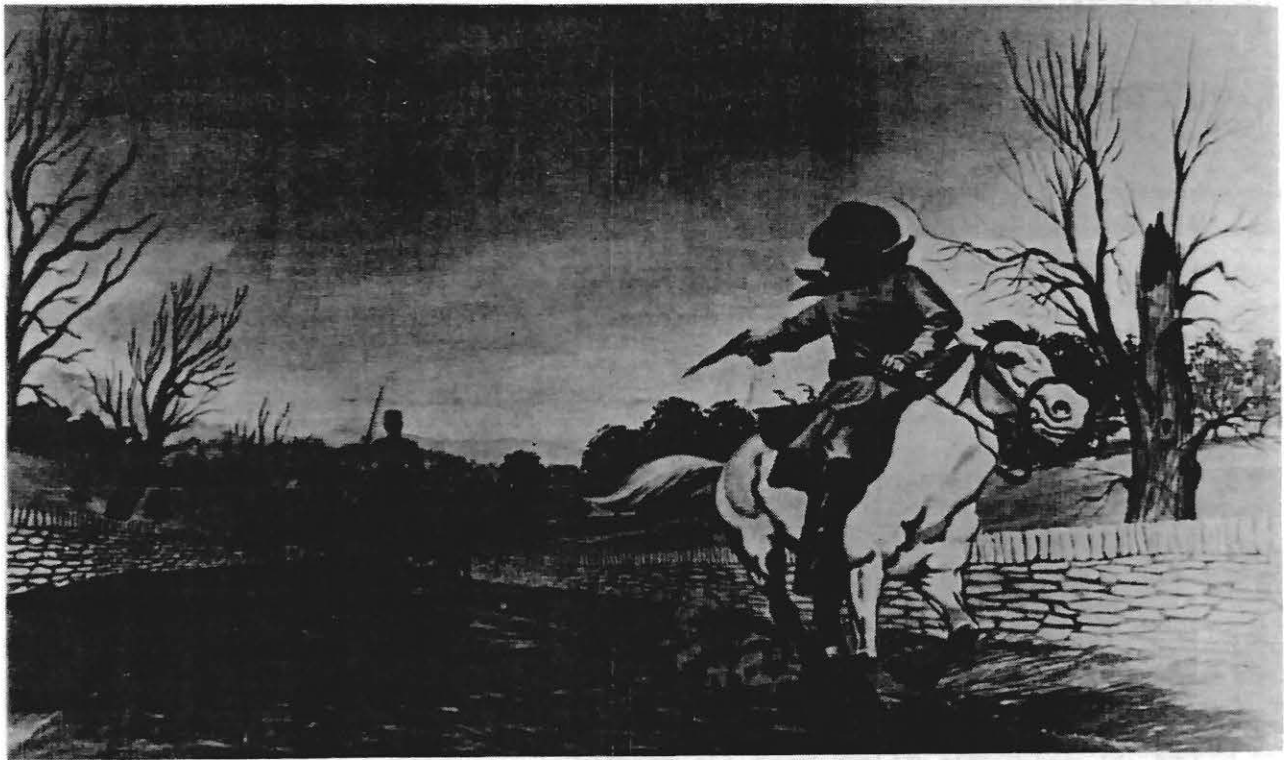
BRING TEXAS JACK INTO YOUR HOME!

Here is an opportunity for you to receive one of these handsome, full color art prints of Texas Jack Omohundro by artist James F. Omohundro of Lexington, Kentucky.

Simply contribute \$50 or more to the Texas Jack Memorial Fund* and one of these beautiful pieces of art will be shipped to you.

*This fund will be used to refurbish the gravesite of Texas Jack and hopefully enough capital will be raised to move Josephine to rest beside her husband in Leadville, Colorado.

Please address your correspondence to:
The Texas Jack Assoc. Inc., 3075 Bray Road, Virginia Beach, VA. 23452 Thank you.



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THE CHARGE



DAWN PATROL

FROM THE MAIL POUCH . . .



"In order to finish preparing the essay on Texas Jack for the Texas State Historical Association Handbook, I would like to go through the Omohundro genealogy."

Dr. Paul Fees, Curator
Buffalo Bill Museum
Cody, WY

[Ed. note: Angela Wyche sent THE OMOHUNDRO GENEALOGICAL RECORD to Dr. Fees. We are eager to see a copy of his essay!]

"It seems meet and proper that the Texas Jack Association be headquartered in Virginia."

Eleanor O. Siegfried
Fork Union, VA

"Do hope some way the Association could be instrumental in having research done to try to prove our nationality. I've been working at it for years. I did prove our line of Omohundro to Daughters of Founders and Patriots."

Gloria Palmer
Santa Ana, CA

"The October issue of the Scout was the best yet, and I've enjoyed them all."

Melvin Schulte
Pocahontas, IA

"I am sure that all of you have the same pride in the name (Omohundro) that I have. It certainly is different, isn't it? And the idea of the Texas Jack Association is wonderful. Just wish I could have been at North Platte."

Jack Omohundro
Crowley, LA

". . . Hope everything is O.K. with you all. We're really looking forward to seeing everyone in summer '88. Let me know the minute you firm up the dates, as we (and others, I know) will start making plans."

Julie Greene
Palos Verdes, CA

Member Researches Omonhundro Name



TEXAS JACK.

JACK HARRIS OMOHUNDRO from Crowley, LA shared this with us:

While I was still flying for Pan Am in 1957 or '58, I went to the British Museum's genealogy section and looked up the name under the several spellings which Uncle Malvern found. I found that in 1636, the third son of the Duke de Mohun, whose name was Richard, "emigrated to the colonies" and in 1670, a Richard Omohundro died in Virginia. The supposition to me is that they were one and the same. I went back up the Mohun line to the Norman conquest of England in 1066 and found that there was a Duke de Mohun who was with William of Normandy. This lends credence to the long thought idea that the name is Norman French and before that Norse of some sort.

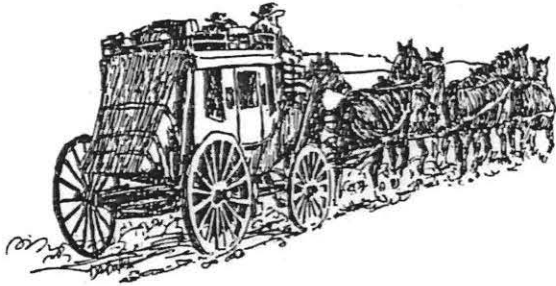
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Jan. 1	*MARK GREENE	Costa Mesa, CA	May 8	DAN BALKIN	Sherman Oaks, CA
3	*BERYL CATERSON	Weaverville, CA	14	DOUGLAS MONTGOMERY OMOHUNDRO	Lexington, KY
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10	*DR. MARC GARZA	Dallas, TX	7	PROF. WILLIAM COLEMAN	Des Moines, IA
13	*YOLANDE OGLESBY	Morrisonville, IL	9	WILLIAM SCOTT GOODMAN	King and Queen, VA
22	OSCAR B. OMOHUNDRO, JR.	Gordonsville, VA	9	*RICHARD OMOHUNDRO	Harrisburg, VA
23	DR. RICHARD M. OMOHUNDRO	Fulton, MO	11	RYAN OMOHUNDRO	El Paso, TX
27	*JOHN BURWELL PHILLIPS	Richmond, VA	11	MALCOLM WITHERS	Westerham, Kent, England
31	*ROSE E. OMOHUNDRO	Lomita, CA	14	*H. FRANKLIN PHILLIPS	Newport News, VA
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21	WILLIAM B. PERKINS	Fork Union, VA	15	VIOLET UNDERWOOD	Carmichael, CA
Mar. 4	JOHN M. CARROLL	Bryan, TX	18	DICK BENNSFIELD	La Jolla, CA
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6	*R. C. OMOHUNDRO, JR.	Fork Union, VA	22	RUTH E. OMOHUNDRO	Kansas City, MO
6	*DR. KENNETH R. WOOLING	Indianapolis, IN	23	DAWN MICHELLE OMOHUNDRO	Lexington, KY
8	*JOHN J. OMOHUNDRO	Midland, TX	24	MARGOT L. KRAMER	Springfield, IL
9	LINDA O. JAMES	Santa Teresa, NM	28	BETTIE BLUE OMOHUNDRO	Arlington, VA
9	JOHN BURWELL OMOHUNDRO	Lexington, KY	28	*ROBIN THEOBALD	Breckenridge, CO
16	*STUART OMOHUNDRO	Van Nuys, CA	July 2	PHILLIP TRUTTER	Springfield, IL
Apr. 12	*DONNA BENNSFIELD	La Jolla, CA	18	*CAROLE D. GREENE	Huntington Beach, CA
13	GAIL PRICE	Hillside, CO	21	DR. LORN M. SHIELDS	Albuquerque, NM
16	RICHARD C. OMOHUNDRO, JR.	Columbus, OH	22	JAMES E. FARNSWORTH	Evanston, IL
17	EVELYN FURMAN	Leadville, CO	23	LOIS O. ASHTON	King George, VA
20	*GREG MARTIN	San Francisco, CA	26	JOHN B. (TEXAS JACK) OMOHUNDRO	
21	JAMES VINCENT OMOHUNDRO	Lexington, KY	27	*RANDY McKINNEY	Santa Barbara, CA
26	MILLARD (BUZ) CRAIN, JR.	Milpitas, CA	28	*ASTRID OMOHUNDRO	Van Nuys, CA
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			?	DR. JOHN T. OMOHUNDRO	Hannawa Falls, NY

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A VISIT TO . . .



The Buffalo Bill Memorial Museum and Grave in Golden, Colorado. The curator of this museum is Texas Jack Association member, Stanley W. Zamonski.

If one is in the Denver, Colorado area a side trip to Golden, CO is a must, for here you will discover the Buffalo Bill Memorial Museum. It was founded in 1921 by Johnny Baker, a close friend of Buffalo Bill who was also an important member of Cody's Wild West show.

Exhibits based around Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, including a saddle, guns, and costumes used by Mr. Cody, are permanent attractions in the main room of the museum. Colorful Wild West posters and items used by the Indians who appeared in the show are also exhibited. Buffalo Bill's partner and good friend Texas Jack is remembered by a number of pictures of him on display.

Stanley Zamonski's interest in Western Americana influenced his writing two books: **THE 59'ERS-ROARING DENVER AND THE GOLD RUSH** and **THE WESTERNAIRES ON THE GALLUP**. He has also had more than 200 articles published in numerous magazines, newspapers and historical publications. He is listed in "Who's Who of Contemporary Authors" as a result of his published works. We are proud to claim him as a TJA member!

For more information, write to:

Curator
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Route 5, Box 950
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Smithfield ham, well worth its
salt, has flavor of Old Virginia

Associated Press
Norfolk Virginian-Pilot
(an excerpt)

What do Queen Victoria, Sarah Bernhardt, Woodrow Wilson, Gerald Ford, Johnny Unitas, Joe DiMaggio and Willie Mays have in common?

They all are (or were, as the case may be) devotees of a dry, salty, wrinkly skinned ham that hails from a tiny . . . er, hamlet on the banks of Virginia's Pagan River.

But a taste for Smithfield ham is not limited to the rich and illustrious.

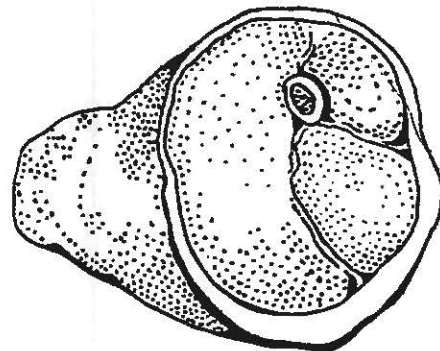
"I do a lot of traveling," says Joseph W. Luter III, chief executive officer of Smithfield Foods Inc., "and everywhere I go, people know about Smithfield. Next to Plains, Ga., it's probably the most famous small town in the world."

By the time the town of Smithfield was founded—a quarter of a century before the Declaration of Independence—the Virginia ham was already an institution. From the days of the earliest colonists the razorback was a prized source of food. The hogs crammed themselves with the wild nuts indigenous to the area before they fell victim to the blunderbusses of the colonists.

Hogs were slaughtered during the winter. The hindquarters were salted, then peppered to ward off insects, and hung over smoldering fires in windowless smokehouses. Every farmer had a well stocked smokehouse.

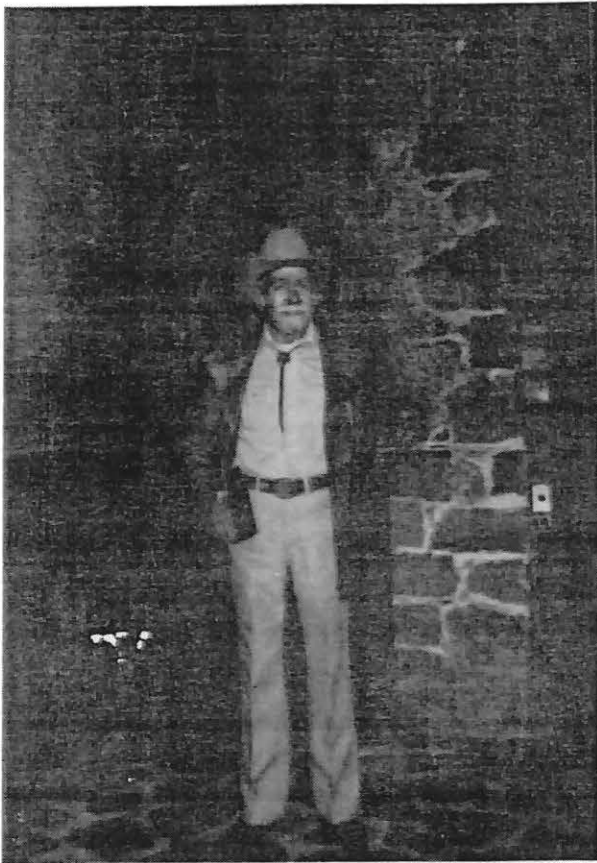
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Join us at the **TEXAS JACK RALLY IN RICHMOND** in July 1988 and become (if not already) a devotee of the famous Smithfield ham biscuits!



**Buffalo Bill's grandson marks
Wild West show's anniversary**

By EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press
The Virginian-Pilot May 10, 1987



WILLIAM GARLOW CODY

All of you who attended the Texas Jack Convention in Cody, Wyoming in 1984 will fondly remember meeting Bill Cody at his ranch. Incidentally, Buffalo Bill's last Wild West show was staged on November 11, 1916, in Portsmouth, Virginia. Jack Fletcher, coordinator of an organization known as "Back-trailing Buffalo Bill Cody," has visited

Portsmouth and is hoping to have an anniversary celebration there November 1987.



WANTED: Memorabilia of Buffalo Bill, his Wild West, and his associates. Contact:

MELVIN A. SCHULTE
211 - 4th AVENUE S.W.
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LONDON--Buffalo Bill Cody's grandson unveiled a plaque Saturday to honor the man he called America's first goodwill ambassador to Europe, 100 years after Cody's Wild West show gave Britain its first look at cowboys and Indians.

Tepees, bucking broncos, buffaloes and Pony Express riders filled the Earls Court show ground when Buffalo Bill's spectacle opened in London May 9, 1887.

This time, as 74-year-old William Garlow Cody paid tribute to an American folk hero, a U.S. Marine escort and Queen Elizabeth II's royal cavalry attended, along with a few old-time cowboys and Indians and about 50 fans.

"Granddad was really the first ambassador of good will not only to England but to all of Europe," Cody said.

Cody, a lawyer and lecturer, now runs a dude ranch with his wife, Barbara, near Cody, Wyo., which his grandfather founded at the turn of the century.

The unveiling of the bronze plaque, with a raised bust of the frontiersman, was held in the Earls Court exhibition hall, on the site of the old show ground.

Cody strongly resembled his grandfather--tall, slim, with the same white mustache and tuft of beard--and his voice broke when he spoke of young Buffalo Bill, who gained fame as a crack Pony Express rider and U.S. Army scout in campaigns against the Indians.

**SOME MEMORIES OF
JACK OMOHUNDRO**

by Frank X. Tolbert

[Although we have two copies of the following news article, we do not know the source nor the date it was published. The article was accompanied by a photo of TJ similar to the one which we have printed.]

President William Howard Taft came to Sherman, Texas, years ago. During the visit he was introduced to a young banker named Sale Omohundro. "Omohundro! Omohundro!" said the President. "Are you any relation to the great Texas Jack Omohundro?"

Sale Omohundro, who is today president of Sherman's Merchants and Planters National Bank, replied that Jack Omohundro was indeed some kind of a cousin. And it turned out that Taft--like many others of his generation--was a Texas Jack fan.

John Burwell (Jack) Omohundro died of pneumonia in 1880 after a 34-year career of adventure that would seem incredible in a fiction book. Had the tall and handsome Texan lived a normal span, we think he would have been an even more famous all-around Old West character than his close friend, Buffalo Bill Cody.

Texas Jack was as physically impressive and even more magnetic a personality than Bison William. Omohundro's Indian fights are much better documented than Cody's. Omohundro also had a wild and woolly States War record. Cody's chief press agent was the dime novelist, Ned Buntline. Omohundro was copy for Buntline. Yet Texas Jack had more competent and reliable men writing about him, such as the Earl of Dunraven and Joel Chandler Harris.

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"Oh, Texas Jack, would that a better hand were here to paint your portrait!" wrote the Earl of Dunraven in his memoirs. The British nobleman first met Omohundro in 1872. Jack, once a famous Confederate, was then an even more famous frontier scout for the U.S. Army.

Gen. P.H. Sheridan had told Cody to guide Dunraven and other Britishers on a grizzly bear hunt. But Bill wandered off some place. Texas Jack got the job. And the Britishers were delighted with the kind of hunt the tall Texan gave them.

They spread his fame. And Jack took a number of titled Europeans on hunts in the next few years. Jack was always getting gifts from his customers. For sample, Lord Beckingham sent him a \$500 rifle.

Joel Chandler Harris called Omohundro "The Boy Scout of the Confederacy." (This was some time before the formal Boy Scout organization.) At 16 Jack was a scout and spy for Col. Jeb Stuart's regiment. Sometimes, the kid would play the role of a chicken peddler, or some other kind of wandering tradesman, and go among the Yankee armies.

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Texas Jack appeared with Buffalo Bill and Ned Buntline in stage performances all over the country. Buntline wrote at least two books a about Omohundro, Captain Jack or The Texas Tiger, and Texas Jack or The White King of the Pawnees. Jack sort of frustrated Buntline. Ned knew that Omohundro had had real Indian fights that were more startling than anything a dime novelist could dream up.

The Earl of Dunraven described Omohundro as a kind of Elizabethan cavalier, "all life and fire, blazing with suppressed poetry." Texas Jack's beautiful Italian wife died a few years after he did. She was a young dancer. She never danced again. It was said she died of grief.



J. B. Omohundro,
Feb. 22, 1877 Texas Jack

This autographed photo is in the possession of JOHN NEES, grandson of Arabella Omohundro Nees.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!

We would appreciate knowing how you feel about the newsletters that you have been receiving. Do they contain information that you find interesting? Or not? Do you have any suggestions or contributions? If so, we welcome them, and we need them!

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