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## THE LIFE AND TIMES OF MALVERN HILL OMOHUNDRO

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As I wondered what to write for this issue of the *Scout*, I thought of Virginia and cast about for a local subject. I recalled the *Omohundro Genealogy* I have used for so many references and thought an article on Malvern Hill, its author, would be interesting and timely. I did not know just how rich a subject I had chosen! I believe a whole book could easily be written on the life and family of this one man. Here is just a taste.

### Background

John Burwell Omohundro, "Captain" John, married Catherine Baker in 1840. She is the mother of Texas Jack and ten other children, eight of whom grew to adulthood. In 1845, one year before TJ was born they moved to Pleasure Hill, a plantation about 1 1/2 miles west of Palmyra, the county seat of Fluvanna County, VA. "Before the civil war it was a fine old estate situated on Cunningham Creek, which empties into the Rivanna [River] just below Palmyra. Its fertile lowlands and rolling hills were always in fine condition, and it was known far and wide for its old time Virginia hospitality...Mr. And Mrs. Omohundro's two girls and six boys were all remarkably handsome people and possessed of strikingly affable and lovable manners." *From the Richmond Times Dispatch, Thursday December 7, 1905.* Catherine died at age 40 and was buried at Pleasure Hill.

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from the Editor's Desk...



Greetings everyone. I hope your Thanksgiving was splendid. Doing the reading for this article was such a treat, I truly felt immersed in the life of "Old Virginia". I spoke with both Charles McKinney, Rand's father, and Julie Greene, daughter of MH's oldest son, John, Sr., about Brightly and their experiences with Malvern Hill Omohundro. Charles met MH at Brightly shortly before his death and remembers him as being somewhat aloof and "not very interested" in me. He tells the story about his wife Virginia, MH's youngest daughter and Rand's mother, when she was a young woman. MH was strict about getting up and getting an early start on the day, and Virginia was more inclined to want to sleep in. When she heard her father coming, she would roll herself up in the covers at the foot of the bed so when he looked in he would think she was already up and at it! Charles also remembers liking Daisy immensely, and that the kitchen at Brightly was located in the basement, where the family took meals, unless there was company.

Julie was kind enough to send me a paper she wrote about her family. She remembers MH as an authoritarian and quite strict father to her own father, John B., Sr. She recalls visiting Brightly, and especially two old servants who did the cooking and maintenance there. As always, I am indebted to Edna Nees who carried on the work of the *Genealogical Record*, publishing a second volume in 1993. From this volume I gleaned information on the deaths of both MH and Daisy.

When I looked at photos of John B. "Captain John" Omohundro and his youngest son, Malvern Hill, I thought the two men appeared to have very different natures. Captain John seems relaxed and loose, while MH appears ram rod straight and almost severe. As I read the *Genealogical Record* though, it became clear that MH loved his family very much, and this was supported through the text of his letters. Indeed, anyone who would undertake the task of such a record must have both great discipline and great love, two very familiar Omohundro characteristics. I hope you enjoy the articles.

*With gratitude, KB Chapman*

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*Captain John and Margaret Alice Shores Omohundro with their son Malvern Hill at age two years. From the Omohundro Genealogical Record. c. 1868.*

In November 1865, just after the civil war ended, Captain John married Margaret Alice Shores, and together they had one son.....  
“Down in Old Virginia, the Mother of the States, the Mother of Presidents, the seat of the first permanent English settlement, and the beginning of the English civilization in America, near the center of the State, in Fluvanna County, medium size, and about square in shape, about the center of said county, one mile west of the county seat, Palmyra, on a big farm, in a large bend of Big Cunningham Creek, amidst broad fields in a clump of tall sturdy oaks stood a large house, about one mile from the highway. Here, on December 17, 1866 at 1:30 on a Monday morning a son was born.” He was named Malvern Hill in honor of the battle of Malvern Hill which was the sixth and last of the Seven Days Battles fought on July 1, 1862, under the leadership of General Robert E Lee. Although the confederates

lost the battle, it marked the end of the Peninsula Campaign.

In this house, Malvern Hill was raised, getting a “little taste of ante bellum and post bellum days on a big plantation in Old Virginia.” His father was a planter and slave owner, and MH went through the Reconstruction period, “but being so young, I remember but little about it.” “Up and down Cunningham Creek he spent many of his young days hunting and fishing, as did his big brother Texas Jack. In this old mansion he sat by the bright fireside many a night and listened to his father and his many guests talk about many different things, but especially about the Omohundro family, their connections and doings, and so on; and this is at least one of the reasons I learned to love my family so well, and this love sowed the seed for the aspiration to write this book (the *Genealogy*) which I hope will be equal to all, and surpassed by none, for this is a work of love on my part.”

Growing up on a farm meant MH took an active part in the planting and harvesting of wheat and corn, gathering of nuts, and firewood, and slaughtering of hogs. He writes pages of clear and detailed memories of how the work was done and how the Negro workers came in crews and sang and worked together, moving from farm to farm as crops ripened. The work came to an end just before Christmas time and “we would start the old fashioned days of frolic. Every night through the whole Christmas holidays I have been to parties, dancing all night, coming home the next morning to breakfast, sleeping until supper, then going again that night. I have danced as much as two nights in succession without sleeping in the daytime.....generally about Christmas we

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would have a freeze on the ponds and rivers; then we would all have a big time skating. This was a great life in the country in Old Virginia.”

MH was educated in the “public and private schools of Fluvanna County. While quite a boy he heard of the Wild and Woolly West and the adventures of his older brothers and neighbors who had gone west (and nearly all boys went west). He raved to go, too, but the pleading and tears of a loving mother melted his heart and he stayed at home.” When he was twenty-three MH went to work with the Glass Iron and Steel Co. at Coalburg, Alabama, but “on account of health and mother's desire, returned home the following spring.” He then went to Roanoke and Radford Virginia and ran a real estate agency and other businesses from 1890 to 1901. At the same time he studied law at Richmond College, now the University of Richmond.

The following story is from a paper written by Julie Greene. “One day a twenty-four year old young man, just getting started in

the real estate business, knocked on the door and sixteen year old Daisy, with her little brother Burt in her arms, answered it. That's the girl I'm going to marry” MH told himself, and soon began to court her.

Daisy Van Lew was born December 13, 1875, the second child of John Newton and Augusta Van Lew. Daisy and her sister and three brothers lived in a beautiful country home, “Brook Farm”, in Louisa, Virginia. The children rode horseback to a country school every day. Daisy was highly intelligent and had a photographic memory. She astonished people by being able to spell any word backwards as easily as she could spell it forwards. Additionally, she was amazingly psychic. She was described as a “real belle” who played the piano beautifully and sang in the choir at the Episcopal church.

The following letter, postmarked Richmond, VA, is from Fanny, a girlhood friend of Daisy's – written September 12<sup>th</sup>, 1890. They would have been about fifteen years old.

At home (of course)  
Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> (I think) 1890

My dearest old sugar Daisy

To tell you I wish I was back in old Louisa would be a faint attempt to tell you how much I detest this old city. We got home alright of course nothing eventful happened to send the train back but the old thing went faster for spite. It rained when we arrived but it was a good thing Mr. Doughty met us, for I don't know what Walter would have done with all those bundles. It was too funny we would walk about half a square mile and down would come a shower and we had to stop & so on till we got to the street cars. My face was as black as pots & I washed it in rain as much as possible. It is showery today, but my sakes if it rains all day, I shall go swimming in gloomy thought.

I want to come back up there & see the lake and every thing. Even the butter has oval specks on it. Mama sends many thanks & bucket if she could All the girls are at home. I saw Therese yesterday. Will you try & get me some smokers and arms of all nations. I have some cards to trade if you can trade them. Please don't let them sell Brook Farm

Daisy dear. I have misplaced my spectacles (here there is a smudge with a note -looks like “asses” don't it?) as usual. Rina says they have returned to the country, but I shall smack

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them good when they return. I combed my hair good this morning and you should have seen the tangles first time for a month I reckon. I spied in the storeroom some preserved ginger and feasted on that and cake for I was in despair what to do. I believe it is clearing up. Hope Hettie is not mad with me. This is the dullest part of the year for nothing is going on & etc. I can hardly keep my eyes open. Some time soon I must go and see about having some dresses made. (white). Tell Ma Walter was no trouble & behaved very nicely for a small boy. Did you dance last night or did'st thou weep & refuse to be comforted by the Terpsicharan muse, the former I think. This ink is just killing. Have you heard from the girls I will write to thank them soon-----

Ah how well I remember  
That day in September  
When Brook Farm was made glad  
But the boarders made sad  
For parting is not sweet sorrow  
When friends ne'er meet the morrow  
To tread the mazy dance  
Or throw each a melting glance  
And other fans to borrow.

The pleasures of the "briny deep"  
Are gone; alas! Oh how we weep.  
To think that we can spurt more  
Until another year rolls o'er.

Who knows e'er time elapses  
You may be gone & done collapses  
To distant lands where Roanoke  
Keeps ghouls, the people for to choke.

I shut mine eyes & I can see  
The country dear so sweet to me  
And all my friends sitting about  
Some gone to see if the pigs are out.

And ye, good people, hear me all  
For loudly, lustily, I'll ball  
Next summer, if Brook Farm is here  
I'll be up there & never fear.

Well, I must stop – no doubt you think the same. Write soon dear,  
& remember me to all  
as ever your most affectionate friend  
Fannnnnnnnnnny.

*Ed. note: Brook Farm was sold and the family moved to Roanoke, Virginia.*

MH asked the widow Augusta for her daughter's hand, and Daisy and Malvern Hill Omohundro were married in 1892. Their first child, Julia, was born a year later.

There is a funny story about Daisy's Aunt Elizabeth, a feisty woman who lived at the Van Lew Mansion in Richmond. Elizabeth had been a spy for the north during the civil war, and she hid northerners and slaves fleeing north in her house. She was considered so valuable to President Lincoln and General Grant, that after the war she

was made Postmistress of Richmond by President Grant. She was a commanding personality who in the words of her niece Daisy "was 50 years ahead of her time."

The story goes that when Elizabeth learned that Daisy had no servants, "she read the riot act" to MH (who saw frugality as a prime virtue) and informed him that "a Van Lew always has servants, and he was to see to it that Daisy always had help." Daisy from that day forward was never without servants. Here is that very letter:

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### PRIVATE

Richmond, November 23, 1893

My dear Malvern

I have just closed a letter to Daisy to write to you. I was anxious to speak to you about Daisy, particularly the morning before she left, because she had changed and broken so much since her marriage. That is since the birth of my little baby. I've known Eliza is smart I heard her say "Daisy ought to have a nurse". That it would kill her to carry and take care of such a large baby so now we both all believe you would do all you could to keep your wife strong & well if you knew what to do. The reason little discords will between married people is often from a physical cause shattered nerves and weakness. Daisy was married so young that her constitution was not formed and then Miss Omohundro is an exceptionally large young lady. The father a man mentally morally and physically correct. There I think that will do for you! Now you get Daisy well and be both of you parents of a fine large family of Omohundros fine both in appearance and character. Remember this depends upon the health. When Daisy is nervous and worried and tired, she is not well. When it worries her to be better, please remember that I write this. When you were her age you were considered youngster and running free. She, not so strong, has duties and responsibilities upon her which are heavy and much is expected from her by everyone. If I did not fully believe in you, I would not write this to you. I believe in man and wife both being free and yet united! God grant you both may be so.

I hope your business is good. But I think there is a terrible depression in everything and I fear there will be great wants this winter.

You can write freely to me, I am yours very truly  
E.L. Van Lew.



*Daisy and MH,  
title: As We Were;  
the Genealogy*

A second child, John B., was born the following year, 1894, followed by a sister Margaret in 1896. Another daughter was born in 1898 but only lived a few hours. About this time, MH's parents were forced to leave their plantation "Pleasure Hill" due to losses of fortune and bad security debts. (*ed note: a security debt was one where a loan was made on the strength of a co-signer, in this case, Captain John. After the war, many were unable to pay their debts, and Captain John was held responsible*) John and Margaret moved to Radford to live with Malvern Hill and Daisy where John died in 1901, at age 84.

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The following letter is from Malvern Hill to Daisy, written August 29, 1898. At this point Daisy and Malvern had three children

and his parents were living with them. Daisy was pregnant with their fourth child.

Dear DD

Your letter just to hand and was glad to hear that you all were getting and having a good time. Have your party and enjoy yourselves, I would like to be there but I don't see how I can possibly get home before Saturday without neglecting my business which might cause me great loss and I don't think any prudent business man would run the risk. You all can enjoy yourselves just the same as I was there, do so anyhow. Tell my oldest daughter I want her to be the bell of the ball. (*ed note - Julia would be five years old*) and tell John he must act like a man (*John would be almost four*) and Mary (*almost two*) like a girl for Papa has the smartest children in the county anyhow. They must be ready for school Monday morning. Will John Thomas be there if so you must make him have a good time poor fellow. John is always good for something when you are in a hard place. I would be with you Thursday night if I could but you all enjoy yourselves just the same. Claud says he thinks he will be there. Ask Mr. Mac if Tom Zmik has a case before him Saturday & does he want me to appear for him & if so, if I am not there Saturday to put the case off until after the train comes up Saturday evening, or until Monday morning. You can write me at the Arlington Hotel Lynchburg, I will be there Thursday. Well as it is getting late about 11:30 pm and I have got to rise in the morning at 6 am & a hard day's work before me, I will close. Give my love to all, Pa, Ma, Julia, John, Mary, Helen, (Daisy's sister) John T. & a little for you too. Hoping you all a nice & enjoyable time Thursday night and thanking you for your nice letter you wrote me, I remain with much love to all as ever yours Hi to all Mal



In 1901, Malvern Hill “hung out his shingle” as a lawyer, and the family moved to a sixteen room home in Richmond. For the next thirty years, as well as remaining active in the buying and selling of real estate, and building, MH practiced law in Richmond, Roanoke, and Radford, Virginia. MH's mother Margaret lived with them until her death in 1924.

*Above is a photo of MH and his Mother Margaret Alice Shores from the Omohundro Genealogical Record; probably c.1922.*

There is not much written about the early years of the new century. In 1905 a fifth child was born, a son Malvern Hill Jr., and Malvern Hill Sr. started work on the *Omohundro Genealogical Record*. In 1913 a son was born and died thirteen days later. Another son, Richard A., was born in 1914, followed by Thomas born 1916. The last child, Virginia, was born in 1919 in Richmond.

In 1915, the family bought a summer home in Goochland. This lovely farm property had an antebellum house built in 1842 and other out buildings. The house was wired for electricity and had refrigeration as well. The family moved to Brightly in 1925, and MH commuted daily to Richmond.

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I include a passage about Brightly here as this wonderful old home is very much still there and is in fact a bed and breakfast. This

was included in the *Genealogy* as “contributed”, so the author is unknown.

“Brightly”

“High up on a hill above the James River, in a grove of lovely old trees, stands a red brick house; good lines, good workmanship, simple though strong construction is what a builder thinks as he looks at it. The old fashioned small porch with white fluted columns and Doric capitals show fitness in details. As you would expect, there is a balcony stairway.

“The windows and door facings on the first floor are beautifully designed, all in Grecian archtecture, to give a dignified air to the interior. The house has recently been electrically wired and it has electric refrigeration too. The large lawn is dotted here and there with flowers, shrubs, and wonderful old boxwood. And the views one gets from the lawn, oh my! Over there to the south is a bridge across the James River at Maiden's Venture and near the site of the old “Michaux's Ferry” of French Huguenot days in Powhatan. The hills this side and beyond are lovely. The view from his office, in the far corner of the big yard, takes in miles of country, and at night the reflection from the lights of Richmond can be seen.



“Such a pretty side view from Mr. Omohundro's office-at the foot of a steep hill is a pond full of fish which reflects the shadows of many trees around it; beyond it is the creek, on the other side of which trees rise tier on tier to the top of the hill. Beautiful Jerseys grazing in the lowgrounds add to the scene, the touch that the farmer appreciates, and judging from the fondness of the family for milk, they are just as useful as ornamental.”

“Brightly” from the website of Brightlybandb.com

The Genealogy

*The Omohundro Genealogical Record* is a testament to MH's love of and dedication to his family. Started in 1905, it took forty-five years to complete and publish. From 1905 he worked on it casually and in the 1930's intensively with a special stenographer and a genealogist. MH says “during the 1940's on

account of the war I layed off, but in 1949 I went back to work again to bring it down to date, and now July 3, 1950, I am still at it with good prospects of having it printed and in the hands of the subscribers before this year is out. I have labored long, hard and diligently, as a work of love, to give my family a book of this kind, about as good as could well be produced at this time.” and I

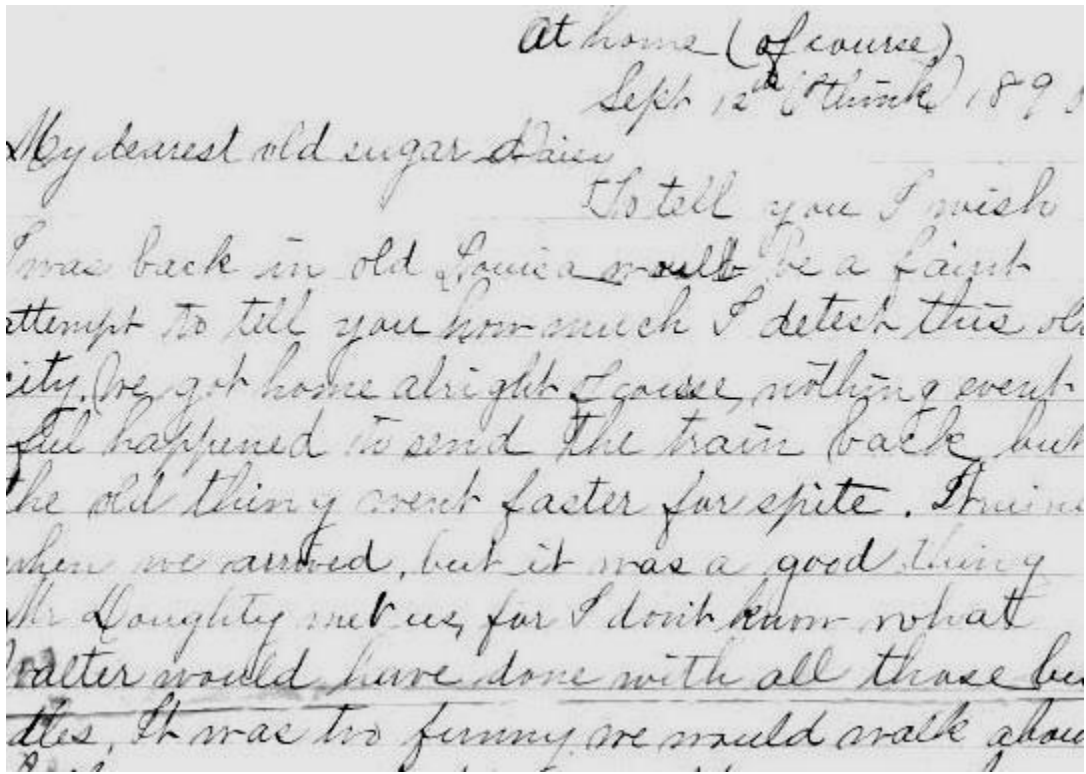
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agree. I have used it over and over for numerous articles. It is a great source of family history and a rich way to know what it was like to live in Virginia from early days.

Malvern Hill went on to live another ten years after the publication of the *Genealogy*.

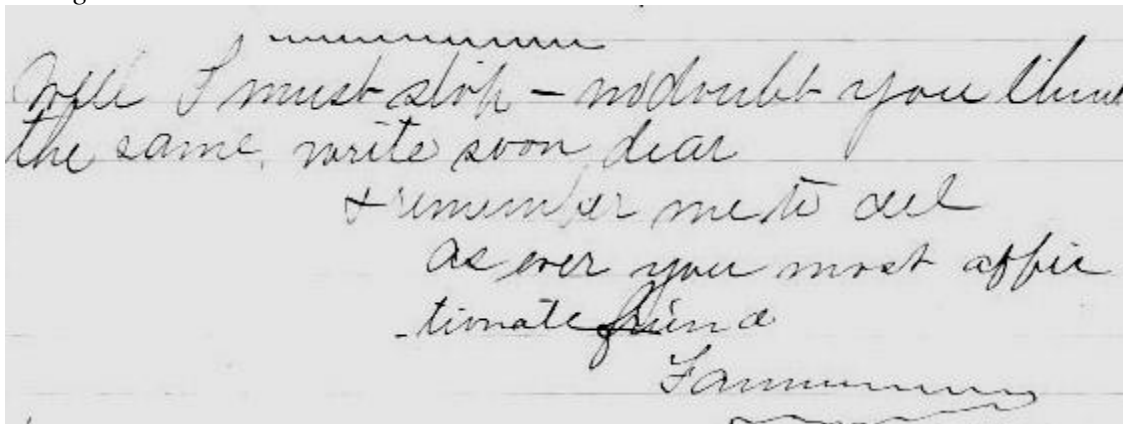
He died at the age of 93 on July 4, 1960, at Brightly. Daisy followed him on April 14, 1961. Both are buried in the Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond Virginia.

*This is the letter from Fanny to Daisy c. 1890 :*



At home (of course)  
Sept 12 (think) 1890  
My dearest old sugar Daisy  
To tell you I wish I was back in old Louisa would be a faint attempt to tell you how much I detest this city. We got home alright I guess, nothing eventful happened to send the train back but the old thing went faster for spite. I think when we started, but it was a good thing Mr Daugherty met us, for I don't know what Walter would have done with all those bundles. It was too funny we would walk about

*Ending with....*



Oh I must stop - no doubt you think the same, write soon dear  
I remember me to all  
As ever your most affectionate friend  
Fanny

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This is the Letter from Daisy's Aunt Elizabeth Van Lew:

Private  
Richmond Nov. 23 - 1893  
My dear Melburn -  
I have just closed a letter to Alice to write to you I was anxious to speak to you abt. Daisy particularly the morning before she left - because she had changed and broken so much since her marriage. There is, since the birth of the little baby - I'm sure Eliza is smart - I heard her say "Daisy"

Ending.....

I hope your business is good - but I think there is yet a terrible depression in every thing & for there will be great want this winter - You can write freely to me I am your very truly  
E. L. Van Lew

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This is the letter from Malvern Hill to Daisy:

Levington Va  
May. 29. 1848.

Dear D. D.

Your letter just to hand. and  
was glad to hear that you all were  
getting on and having a good time  
Have your party and enjoy your  
selves, I would like to be there but  
I dont see how I can possibly  
get home before Saturday without  
neglecting my my business which  
might cause me great loss and  
I dont think any prudent business  
man would run the risk. You all  
can enjoy your selves just the same  
as I was there, do so any how.  
Tell my oldest daughter I want her  
to tell the ball that

The letter ends.....

before me, I will love  
give my love to all Pa, Ma,  
Julia, John, Mary, Hester, Helen,  
John T. & a letter for you too.  
Hoping you all a nice &  
enjoyable time Thursday night  
and thanking you for your nice  
letter you wrote me. I remain  
with much love to all as ever  
your Pa & ac Mal.

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*Left-Envelope for above letter*

### BIBLIOGRAPHY:

All the quotes are taken from the *Omohundro Genealogy* except a few lines from a paper by Julie Green. The letters are the original copies, now in the possession of Rand McKinney, my son in law and son of Virginia Van Lew Omohundro, the youngest child of Malvern Hill and Daisy Van Lew Omohundro.

Photo on page 1 is of Malvern Hill Sr., and is the frontispiece photo for the *Genealogical Record*. These photos are from the *Genealogy*:



*Left is a family photo in front of Brightly, judging from Virginia's age, the photo was taken in the thirties.*

*From Left to Right: Virginia, Tom, Richard, MH Jr., Margaret, John B. O. Sr., Julia, Daisy, and Malvern Hill Sr.*



*Malvern Hill and Daisy c. 1950*

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### Mother's Scrapbooks

One of my favorite pieces in the *Genealogy* is a description of the scrapbooks kept by Malvern Hill's mother. Imagine my delight when Rand brought materials to me about his family, and there indeed was the very same scrapbook described in the *Genealogy*. It is showing its age, the binding has come apart and the pages are yellowed and waxy smelling, but it is still readable, and it felt like I was holding a true treasure. Following the virtues of thrift and good use, the scrapbook is made by pasting newspaper articles into a used accounts ledger. On some pages the columns of numbers can be seen clearly behind the saved articles, and the dates in the ledger are from 1847.

“Here at ‘Brightly’ we have a trunk that belonged to my mother, Margaret A. Shores Omohundro. Its contents are varied; among the things dear to her heart are two scrapbooks that were many years in the making. Their arrangement you might call “the crazy quilt pattern,” for she seems to have pasted in each article that appealed to her as she read it. Verily they may be called ‘Books of Knowledge,’ for we find therein some information on almost every subject under the sun. There are evidences of a keen sense of humor, a fund of practical knowledge and a wide range of reading. And how she did love a joke!

The first book is largely given over to recipes and household aids, so dear to the homemaker; hundreds of them;...” That is so, there are recipes for scotch shortbread, pies, vegetables, meat; there is a receipt for the recipe for a preservative to be used for meat, butter etc., humorous pictorial jokes, gardening tips, tips of the month; articles about murder, court cases, how to do well in business, how to catch hogs, washing clothes, canning, sweeping, moths, the teeth, aprons, cleaning carpets, dining room fashions, and recipes for all kinds of meal preparations. There is the infamous pyramid shaped multiplication table and tables of distances and time differences from New York and Washington D.C. and to other cities around the country. There is a commencement notice from Bellwood, a young women's institution, and a drawing of General Lee with the words of his farewell to his Army, and two whole pages about the installation of Valentine's Recumbent Figure of Lee at his burial site, along with a photo, which I have reproduced here.

Also included are the obituaries of John B Omohundro, Sr., Margaret's husband, and MH's father, and Mrs. Ellen Lewis Tutwiler, dated October 1866. There is even a notice about a banquet given to honor Texas Jack, including the fact that antelope had been served. Here are a few of these wonderful articles.



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## Large Multiplication Table.

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THIS TABLE shows that the large figures in front of each double are intended to multiply the small head-figures in said row; for instance, the large 9 is followed by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, beneath stands the increase of each, multiplied by 9, namely, 9 times 18, 9 times 3 are 27, 9 times 4 are 36, etc., 9 times 9 are 81, the row; and in the last 25 times 2 are 50, etc., and at the end, 25 times 25 are 625.

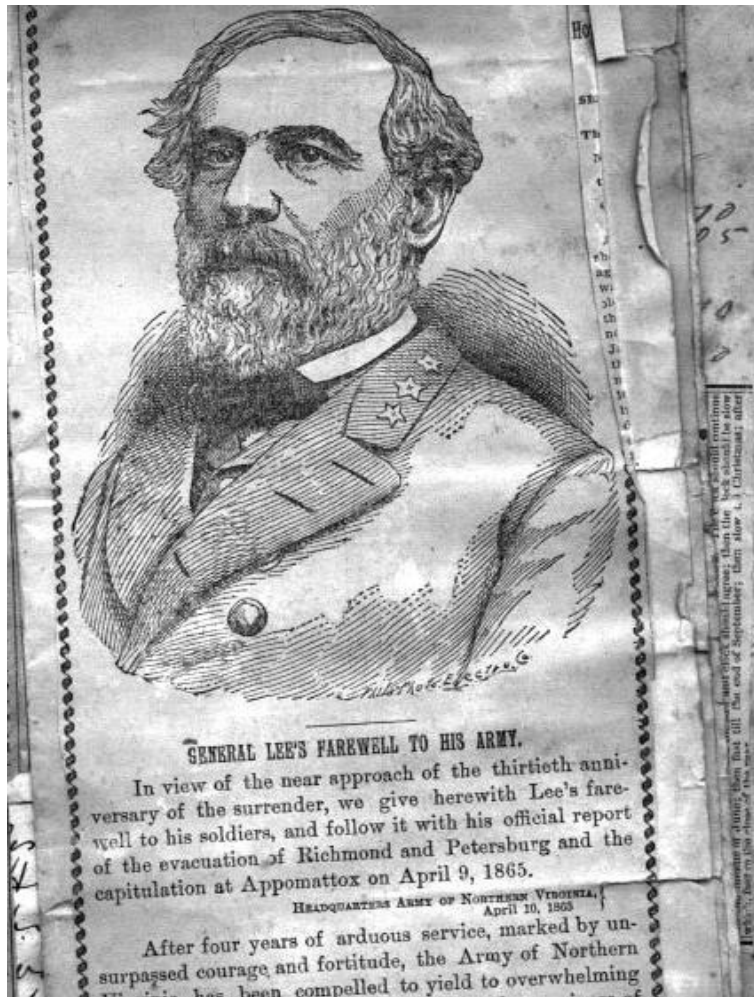
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Planets	Revolves around the Sun in	Mean Distance from the Sun	Comparative Size with Earth	The
SUN	.....	.....	.....	.....
MERCURY	87 days, 21 hours	37,000,000 miles	1/10th larger	the
VENUS	224 days, 17 hours	68,000,000 miles	1/3rd smaller	Earth
EARTH	365 days, 6 hours	93,000,000 miles	.....	hours,
MARS	1 year, 321 days, 16 hours	142,000,000 miles	1/2 smaller	mean
JUPITER	11 years, 318 days, 22 hours	490,000,000 miles	1,432 times larger	the
SATURN	29 years, 159 days, 13 hours	900,000,000 miles	957 times larger	the
HERSCHEL	84 years, 321 days, 16 hours	1,800,000,000 miles	82 1/2 times larger	than

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*General Lee's Farewell to his Army, Headquarters Army of Northern Virginia, April 10, 1865.*

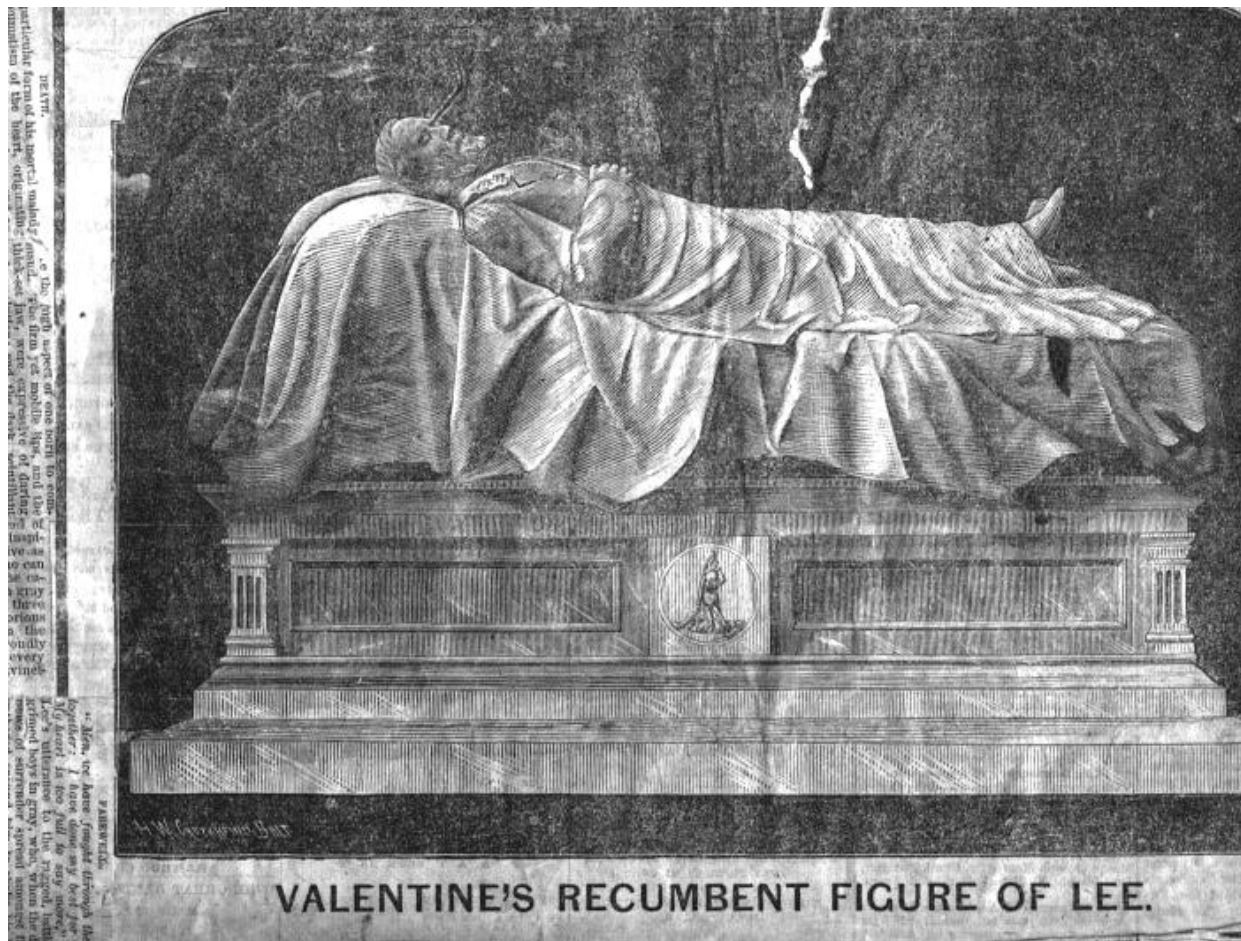
After four years of arduous service, marked by unsurpassed courage, and fortitude, the Army of Northern Virginia has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources. I need not tell the survivors of so many hard-fought battles, who have remained steadfast to the last, that I have consented to this result from no distrust of them, but, feeling that valor and devotion could accomplish nothing that could compensate for the loss that would have attended the continuation of the contest, I have determined to avoid the useless sacrifice of those whose past services have endeared them to their countrymen.

By the terms of the agreement officers and men can return to their homes, and remain there until exchanged. You will take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from the consciousness of duty faithfully performed; and I earnestly pray that a merciful God will extend to you His blessing and protection.

With an increasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to your country, and a grateful remembrance of your kind and generous consideration of myself, I bid you an affectionate farewell.

R. E. Lee, General.

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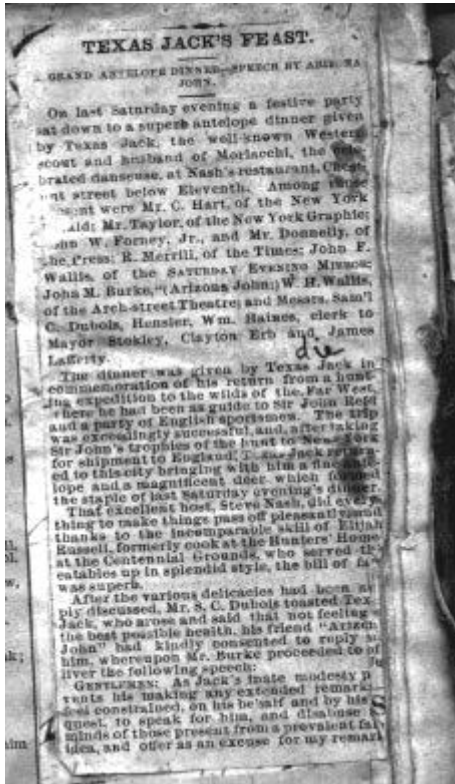


“General Robert E. Lee, the idol of the South, died and was buried. Until recently, but a simple slab of marble in the floor of the basement of the University Chapel, marked the grave of Lee, but yesterday the work of years of love and patriotic devotion was consummated, and now there lies above his remains a monument which for sculptural beauty and expressiveness is worthy of his great name and fame—if it be within the sculptor's art to reach that height. Yesterday, amidst salvos of artillery, preceded by solemn and appropriate religious service, and the supreme effort of one of Virginia's supreme orators, Valentine's recumbent figure of the great chieftain was unveiled in the mausoleum annexed to the University Chapel. The scene was such as was never witnessed in Lexington before and will never be witnessed there again; and the gathering was one of the most notable that has ever taken place in the South.”

There were many columns of description printed including details of the size of the figure, who attended, and the cause of General Lee's death, “rheumatism of the heart”

*Name of Va. Newspaper unknown. Date of the unveiling was June 28, 1883.*

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Name of newspaper not shown: "Texas Jack's Feast – Grand antelope dinner and speech by Arizona John. (John. M. Burke)

"On last Saturday evening a festive party sat down to a superb antelope dinner given by John B. Omohundro, better known as "Texas Jack," the well known Western Scout and the husband of Morlacchi the celebrated danseuse at Nash's restaurant. Guests from New York and other widely scattered places were present. Menu and decorations were elaborate. All this was to celebrate a very successful big game hunting trip to the wilds of the far West when Texas Jack was guide for Sir John Redd and a party of English sportsmen. Two versions of the song "The Girl I Left Behind me," one the old, old, version sung by the sons of Erin; the other our own 'Boys in Gray' used....."

And an example of Alice Shores Omohundro's love of humor: *Newspaper unknown*



SHAKESPEARE ILLUSTRATED.  
By Hopkins.

"Do not fear; I will stand 'twixt you and danger"

Reading this wonderful historical treasure trove was such a privilege. I am so grateful to Margaret Alice Shores Omohundro for her collection of clippings mirroring the life and times in Virginia following the Civil War. She probably had no idea, as she carefully cut and pasted, that we would be reading these articles in 2011. I wonder who will be looking at our own scrapbooks in a hundred and fifty years. 🦏

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### **2012 TJA Roundup Schedule and Accommodations** **By Randy Golladay**

As you will see, preparations for your arrival at the 2012 Texas Jack Association Roundup in Scottsville, Virginia, are well under way. We have reserved the James River Inn as our “base of operations” and look forward to seeing you there for the reception on Wednesday evening. For those of you staying in one of the beautiful bed and breakfast inns or campgrounds nearby, it’s an easy 10 minutes to the James River Inn. On Thursday and Friday, we will travel by bus from James River Inn to Pleasure Hill, Hollywood Cemetery, Appomattox Court House, and the American Civil War Center in Richmond, VA. On Saturday, after our Texas Jack Association meeting, we will enjoy local sightseeing, shopping, river rafting, and other fun options in the area. Our Saturday banquet will be a festive affair at Pleasure Hill Farm. Entertainment is being provided by the Tom Mix Rangers with reenactments, character portrayals and music. It promises to be a “boot-scootin” good time! We look forward to seeing you!

A list of nearby accommodation possibilities has been provided for you. There are a number of other possibilities in the area (within 20 Miles) if you wish to look further. The ones listed are closest to the James River Inn and offer a variety of styles and amenities.

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### **Bed and Breakfasts**

#### **The James River Inn**



The James River Inn sits 120 ft above the James River. It is a rustic lodge with large conference room, workout/playroom, game room, and access to the James River. The

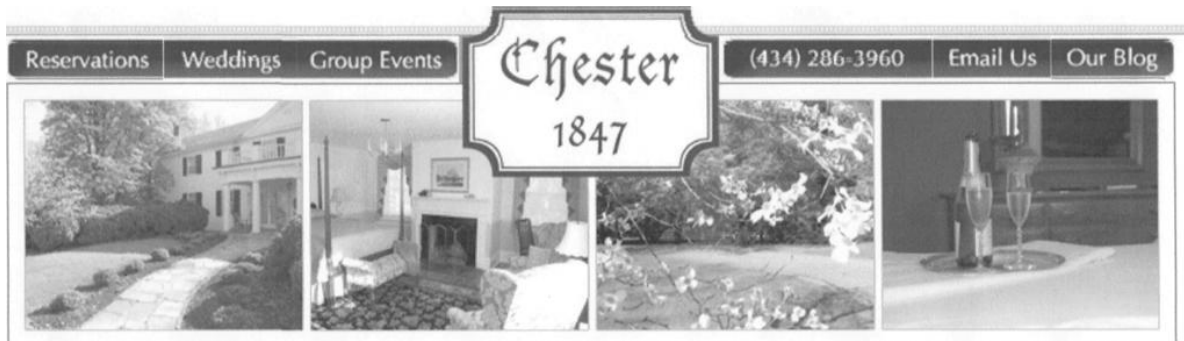
JR Inn provides 12 rooms accommodating 2-4 persons per room. We have reserved the entire Inn. This will be the base for our TJA Roundup. This is a good location for members with

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children. It is accessible and family friendly. There is plenty of room to explore the outdoors. No traffic or other people!! Please see contact information in the President's Message, page 25.

For those who have a desire for more luxurious accommodations, the following may be more to your taste.

### The Chester:



James River Road, Scottsville, VA 24590 (434) 286-3960 [info@chesterbed.com](mailto:info@chesterbed.com)  
Innkeepers: Jean & Craig Stratton

The Chester has 5 double occupancy rooms and 1 cottage suite.

### Snowdonia:



#### Eryri Cottage

Handicapped accessible with 1 queen bedroom, 1 full bath including a whirlpool tub and a wheelchair accessible shower  
Fully furnished-Pull out sofa, washer and dryer, full kitchen  
Smoke-Free home with smoking allowed outside on porch  
Central air conditioning, satellite TV



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### Riverbluff Suite

Fully furnished

King size bedroom with private full bath includes 2 person whirlpool tub, shower, and private deck overlooking river.

Spacious Living area including Queen pull-out sofa and deck overlooking river.

Full Private Kitchen.

Twin Bedroom with full bath.

Smoke free home with smoking allowed outside on deck.

Central air conditioning, satellite TV.

Shared washer and dryer area.

Jim & Teresa Radford, Snowdonia Ventures, LLC

434/286-9167, 434/960-9505 or [snowdoniaventures@gmail.com](mailto:snowdoniaventures@gmail.com)

17305 South Constitution Route 20, Scottsville, Va. 24590

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### **High Meadows Vineyard Inn**

**Innkeepers** Nancy and Cynthia

55 High Meadows Lane

Scottsville, VA 24590

1-434-286-2218

<http://www.highmeadows.com>



Farm vineyard setting; colorful, comfortable décor, Federalist/Victorian farmhouse. Perfect for history, nature, wine lovers. Wonderful hosts, exceptional food. Not suitable for children.

The High Meadows has 7 rooms.

*Above is a winter photo of High Meadows.*

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### **Oakwood Bed and Breakfast**

180 Hardware Street  
Scottsville, VA (434) 286-8883  
Contact the innkeeper at [info@oakwoodbb.com](mailto:info@oakwoodbb.com)



Enjoy the quiet elegance and first-class hospitality at Oakwood, in historic Scottsville, 20 minutes south of Charlottesville. Park-like setting, wrap around porch, and elegant parlors with fireplaces. Short walk to restaurants, scenic trails, and the James River. Oakwood has 6 rooms.

Brigitt-Eva Reyer, Innkeeper

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### **Lumpkins Motel and Restaurant**

1075 Valley Street  
Scottsville, VA  
(434) 286-3690  
Hollis Lumpkin, Innkeeper



Enjoy clean, comfortable family style accommodations at a reasonable price. Located at the intersection of Routes 6 & 20 in Scottsville. Lumpkins has 4 rooms.

Virginia and Hollis Lumpkin and guest

Our next issue will offer information on the many nearby attractions to visit on Saturday and in other free time. It will also have campground information. 🗝

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### **CHO Charlottesville, VA Airlines**



**Delta Connection** Offering daily nonstop flights to Atlanta and points beyond.  
For information and reservations, call: 1-800-221-1212



**American Eagle** Offering daily nonstop flights to Chicago and points beyond.  
For information and reservations, call: 1-800-433-7300



**United Express** Offering daily nonstop flights to Washington Dulles and points beyond.  
For information and reservations, call: 1-800-864-8331



**US Airways Express** Offering daily nonstop flights to Philadelphia, Charlotte, New York's LaGuardia and points beyond.  
For information and reservations, call: 1-800-428-4322

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### **Rental Cars**



**Avis**  
**Hours of Operation**  
Sun: 9:00AM - 12:00AM  
Mon-Fri: 8:00AM - 12:00AM  
Sat: 9:00AM - 11:00PM  
**Phone:** 434-973-6000  
**Website:** [www.avis.com](http://www.avis.com)



**Hertz**  
**Hours of Operation**  
Sun: 9:00AM - 11:30PM  
Mon-Fri: 7:00AM - 11:30PM  
Sat: 8:30AM - 11:30PM  
**Phone:** 434-297-4288  
**Fax:** 434-974-9851  
**Website:** [www.hertz.com](http://www.hertz.com)



**National Car Rental**  
**Hours of Operation**  
8:00AM - 12:00AM  
**Phone:** 434-974-4664  
**Fax:** 434-226-4280  
**Website:** [www.nationalcar.com](http://www.nationalcar.com)

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Texas Jack Association  
**2012 ROUNDUP**  
REGISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP FORM  
July 11-14, 2012      Scottsville, VA

(Roundup participants should make their own B&B reservations by June 11, 2012)

\_\_\_\_ Adult(s) @ \$150.00/person = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Student(s) (13 yrs to college) @ \$130.00/person = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Children (5 yrs to 12) @ \$85.00/person = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Children (4 and under) free

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Please print first and last names of all who will be attending so name tags can be made:**

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## MEMBERSHIP

**\*NOTE:** All attendees must be current members of the TJA. If you are not a current member, please fill out the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual Memberships in Texas Jack Association @ \$25/person = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Family Memberships in Texas Jack Association @ \$40/family = \_\_\_\_\_

Names on membership:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Junior memberships (under 18) in Texas Jack Association @ \$10/person = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Senior membership in Texas Jack Association @ \$20/person = \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose a check payable to: **Texas Jack Association** for: TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_

***Send completed forms and check to:***

Rene Tyree, Treasurer TJA  
244 NW Whitlock Drive  
Lee's Summit, MO 64081

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I hope you all had a thankful and blessed Thanksgiving and wish you a Merry Christmas, a Prosperous New Year, and a Happy Holiday Season.

I am so excited about the upcoming Roundup! The more we plan for it and the more our Vice President Randy tells me about his preparations, the more anxious I am to experience this Roundup. And even more important—we get to see all of you again. As we said in the July issue, we are going to be staying in beautiful bed and breakfasts this time instead of a large urban hotel. The area around Scottsville is abundant with them, as you can see in this issue. We will be based at the James River Inn, and all the others are very close. Contact information for the James River Inn is: [Jamesriverinn@aol.com](mailto:Jamesriverinn@aol.com)  
(434) 286-2100  
3057 White Rock Road  
Scottsville, VA 24590

In order to avoid confusion and unnecessary calls, Randy will co-ordinate the guests and the bed and breakfasts. He will have information for you about the character and accommodations of each location. He will also have information on how many rooms are left at each location when you are ready to make your reservations. All of this

information will be on a website that will be in the March 2012 *Scout* and in a link on the <http://www.texasjack.org> website.

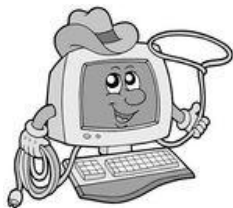
KB Chapman has written a very informative, relative, and interesting article for this issue about Texas Jack's half brother Malvern Hill Omohundro. There are things in there I certainly never knew about him. And I was reminded of the way many of us are related to Texas Jack. She did a lot of research and found fascinating artifacts and information to share with us. Thank you, KB.

Speaking of relations, we went to the San Jose, CA, area this summer and found more cousins. We are all related to Texas Jack through his grandfather. Identification of those in photo is on my Facebook page.



See you all soon!

*Linda Omohundro, President*



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ASSOCIATION WEBSITE!  
<http://www.texasjack.org>  
PLUS - FACEBOOK AND OUR BLOG!

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## TEXAS JACK" GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Sweatshirt \$20, T shirt \$15, Polo shirt \$20



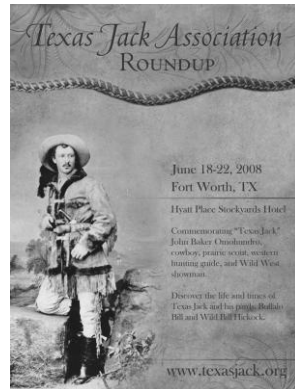
Travel Mug \$15



Mug \$15



Posters \$15



2010 Roundup Poster Only \$5

\*Prices do not include shipping.

We have a wide assortment of shirt sizes available. The polo shirts come in two colors: white polo (embroidered image), and beige polo (a screened image).

Please make check payable to the **Texas Jack Association** and mail to:

**The Texas Jack Association**  
**% Rene Tyree, Treasurer**  
**244 NW Whitlock Dr.**  
**Lee's Summit, MO 64081**

### NEXT SCOUT ISSUE INFORMATION

The deadline for the March 2012 issue of *The Scout* is **February 15, 2012**. Please send ideas and materials to our Guest Editors:

**Mary and Randy Golladay**  
**93 Coles Rolling Rd**  
**Scottsville, VA 24590**  
**434-286-4783**

**[pstorry@hotmail.com](mailto:pstorry@hotmail.com), [2teamropers@msn.com](mailto:2teamropers@msn.com)**

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HIGH MOON...January 2011

By: Driftin' AaronG



*He was a tall well-bronzed Indian ridin' his mustang pony across the vast  
open prairie  
Ridin' along in the dust an' wind jus' watchin' tiny dust devils seemingly in  
no real hurry*

*This Indian had been followin' the tracks of his prey for these past two days  
Ridin' slow an' easy keepin' a sharp eye out for the blacks, browns an' the  
grays*

*He was huntin' mustangs to bring to his ranch he'd built on a faraway hill  
To keep the wild ones safe from harm so none the government could kill*

*He was a Cheyenne of some wealth and was a free spirit on this land he loved so  
He was called High Moon from the time when he first began to grow*

*He was a brave warrior who was destined to protect the herds  
Because of the past buffalo destruction an' the white man's killing words*

*In his tribe an' in his mind his was the only law of the land  
To save an' breed the mustangs and give them his own freedom brand*

*High Moon thought about the old horses they wanted to destroy an' take away  
Simply because of their age they'd kill them on a special given day*

*So he rode out to find the herd an' to find each an' ever' track  
He wanted them safe so to his home he'd bring them back*

*He traveled alone searchin' day after ever' long tiring day  
Until that moment when he finally saw 'em with overhead clouds of gray*

*High Moon rode up a small ridge and followed the trail to the other side  
Then worked his way down with a soft easy lopin' ride*

*He began driftin' in a zig zag motion slowly workin' the mustangs back toward his place  
Gently guiding the herd an' given 'em plenty of space*

*He loved those mustangs more than anyone ever knew  
An' would protect them with his life let me give you a clue*

*Five days it took him to bring the herd home  
A place where High Moon could smile an' watch 'em roam*

*To serve the Great Spirit and save the wild mustangs who ran with great speed  
His Indian medicine was strong as he rode with the herd just knowin' he did this great deed*

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