

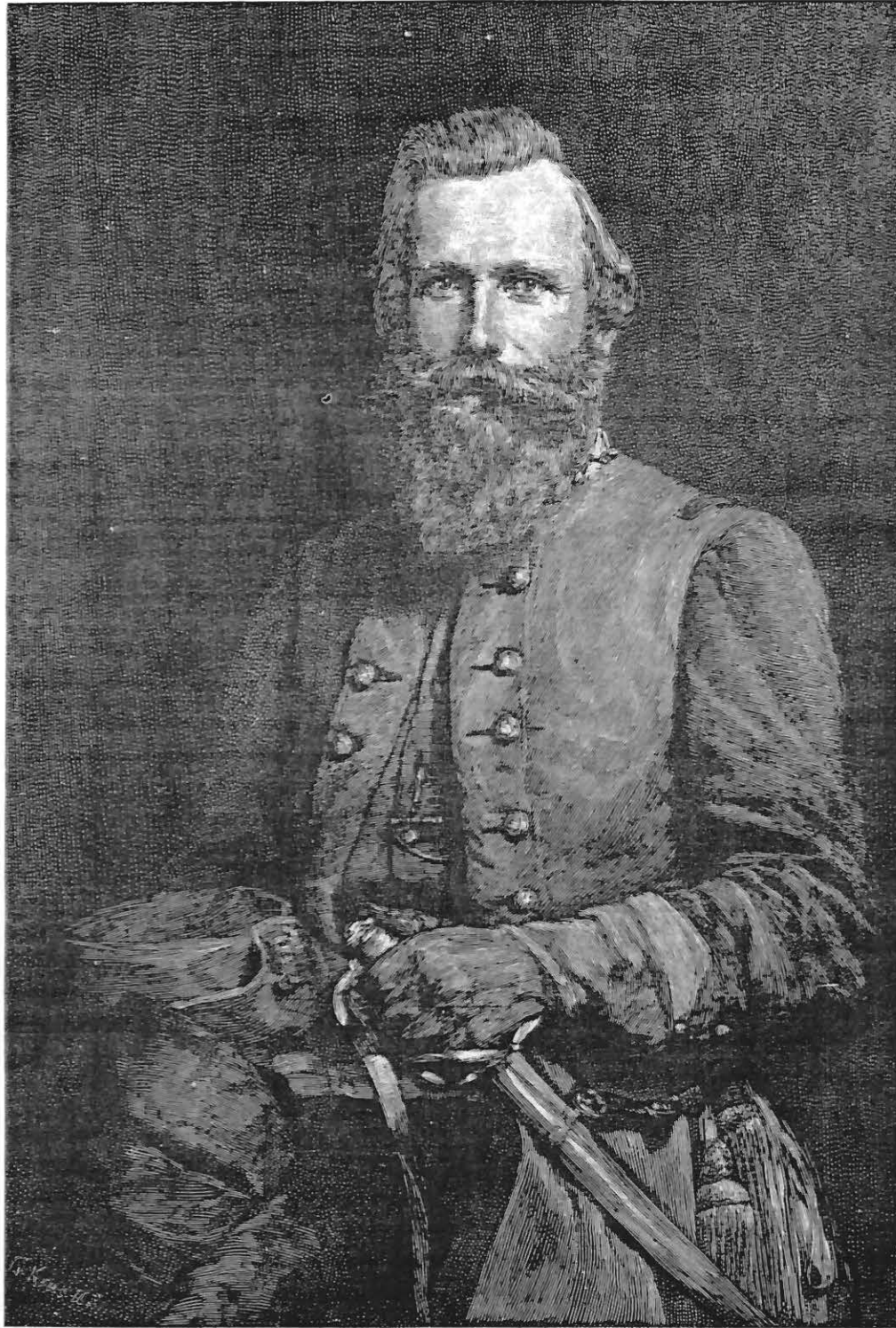
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In front of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation on 200 W. Grace Street in downtown Richmond, Virginia on May 11, 1989, three descendants of Major General James Ewell Brown Stuart unveiled a historic marker recognizing the site of a house where the wounded Confederate General died May 12, 1864. Above, Mr. & Mrs. J.E.B. Stuart, III (seated and center), Retired Army Colonel J.E.B. Stuart, IV, and son John Alexander Stuart posed with the marker, which was dedicated by the William Byrd Branch of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. The historic marker in front of the Farm Bureau is only the sixth in Richmond and the only one in the former Confederate Capitol marking a Civil War event, noted Robert B. Giles, a Director for the William Byrd Branch of the APVA. The Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission has approved about 1,300 markers throughout Virginia. (Story on Page 2).



MAJOR-GENERAL J. E. B. STUART, C. S. A.

Let's go back in time for a moment to the days of the Civil War. The 31-year-old James Ewell Brown Stuart, commander of the Calvary of the Army of Northern Virginia had been dispatched to intercept Union Major General Phil H. Sheridan's advance. Sheridan apparently planned to enter Richmond by Telegraph Road.

Early in the morning on May 11, 1864, Stuart's men reached the area of Yellow Tavern near the intersection of Mountain and Telegraph roads and Brook turnpike, about 3 miles north of today's Richmond.

When the Union charged about 4:00 p.m., Stuart pulled his revolver and entered the fray himself, and a dismounted Union trooper shot Stuart in the abdomen.

Late that night, Stuart arrived by ambulance at Dr. Brewer's house. It was reported that Stuart knew nothing could be done for him at that point in time.

By morning, the general's spirits had improved. He asked how Fitz Lee, who had taken over for him, was doing. He was told Lee was keeping the Union out of the city. Then, Stuart decided to whom he would leave various personal possessions like his horses and his sword.

At noon, he was visited by President Jefferson Davis.

Later, in great pain, Stuart would imagine he was still on the battlefield. Then, he would ask for his wife, Flora Cooke Stuart. Mrs. Stuart who was staying at Beaver Dam Station in Hanover County, fought her own battle to get to Richmond in a violent storm.

Because of a breakdown in the railroad, she made the last leg of the journey by ambulance.

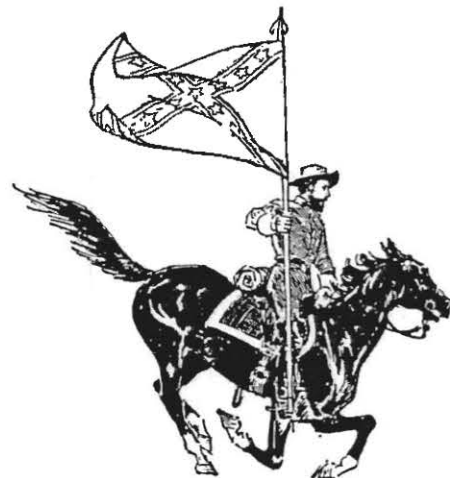
When she arrived about 11:30 p.m. that night, silence told her the general had

died. He died about 7:30 p.m. on May 12, 1864.

His funeral was at Saint James' Episcopal Church in Richmond and he is buried in the city at the Hollywood Cemetery.

According to the legend of "Texas Jack", when the war between the states broke out, Jack's older brother Orville joined the Confederate Army as a lieutenant under the command of Colonel J.E.B. Stuart. Jack, then 14, immediately volunteered his services, and was, to his great disappointment, denied because of his age. After several attempts, he was finally accepted into the army when he was 16, and was assigned to his brother's regiment. He immediately gained reknown as a scout of ability and bravery working directly under Colonel Stuart, and was soon to be widely known as the "Boy Scout of the Confederacy." Many times he would act as a spy, moving among the Union troops as a chicken peddler or some other kind of tradesman, obtaining information about the enemy.

(material provided by the Communications Department of Virginia Farm Bureau and the brochure of "Texas Jack.")



THE LEGEND LIVES ON

In the kind of coincidence that gives one pause in a world nine generations older, the tides of history swept to a crest this past spring, 127 years later. Two young men named Omohundro and Stuart again stood side by side in Virginia, again reunited by a high mission. In May of 1989, William Addison Omohundro (like Texas Jack a descendent of Richard Omohundro) and Jeb Stuart, IV (great grandson of the General) both stood in a chapel in Norfolk, and received their M.D. degrees from Eastern Virginia Medical School. When he was accepted at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Will had never met Jeb Stuart, but they have spent the past four years together, learning the profession of medicine, and occasionally even riding horseback together.

Both young men will enter the demanding field of surgery: William is preparing for Orthopedic Surgery and sports medicine, starting as a Surgery intern at Community General Hospital in Syracuse, N.Y. Jeb Stuart is studying General Surgery in El Paso, Texas.

Will has deep respect for the Jeb Stuart he has come to know. One wry commentary on the modern generation. It seems that young William took young Jeb for his maiden ride on horseback, and all did not begin as traditionalists would have had it, considering the ponderous heritage involved. "To put it bluntly, he fell off, but got right back on again." So the ride ended on a properly traditional note, an Omohundro helping a Stuart back into the saddle, and galloping off together across the Virginia countryside.

HALL TO INDUCT REAGAN TWICE

Jack H. Omohundro sent a newspaper article to me on Ronald Reagan being honored for his contribution to keeping the Old West alive. The following is a segment of the article that I thought all of you might be interested in reading:

Former President Ronald Reagan will be honored at a double induction and awards ceremony at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame on the afternoon of July 21, 1989.

Reagan will be in Oklahoma for the opening ceremonies of the Olympic Festival in Norman that night. He will be present in Oklahoma City for his induction into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame's Hall of Great Westerners, an exhibit saluting men and women who have made significant contributions to Western heritage and the Western Performers Hall of Fame, a gallery honoring actors whose motion picture and television portrayals have kept the legacy and lore of the Old West alive.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Steve and Edna Marie Nees Banton on the birth of their daughter, Meghan Elizabeth, born on July 11, 1989. Grandparents are John and Edna Nees of Scottsville, Virginia.

Congratulations to Scott and Heather Gilbert on the birth of their son, Scott Edmund, born on December 28, 1988. Paternal grandparents are Stuart and Astrid Omohundro from Van Nuys, California.

PROJECT REPORTS UPDATE

PROJECT 1 - Add a Texas Jack postcard to the Old West Collection Series on sale at Western gift and souvenir shops. We are still awaiting information from Mark Greene on this project.

PROJECT 2 - Nominating Texas Jack to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center in Oklahoma City. Jack H. Omohundro received a letter from Bryon Price, Executive Director of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. The letter stated that the board was not able to address this issue at the March meeting and therefore, has tabled the guidelines revision for the August Board meeting of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. He also stated that if Jack H. Omohundro could forward any additional documents relating to the life of J.B. "Texas Jack" Omohundro, that this information along with the information he already has to the selection committee in November for consideration.

PROJECT 3 - Petition Yellowstone National Park to name a peak for Texas Jack. Sue Allen received a letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks on behalf of Manuel Lujan, Secretary of Interior. The letter states the following - "Although I can well understand your organization's desire to recognize "Texas Jack," you have not identified a particular peak to bear his name. Neither the Board nor the Park Service can take on the role of selecting the feature to commemorate him. Their appropriate role is one of facilitating the naming of features and reacting to proposals once they have been made. Selecting the feature is the

proposer's responsibility, and your proposal cannot be advanced until a particular feature is identified. In addition, when selecting a feature you should be aware that the Board normally approves commemorative proposals in which the individual being commemorated had an association with the feature."

If any of you have access to this information, would you please send it to me and call me regarding this. I am at a stand still due to the fact that I am not familiar with the expeditions that Texas Jack and Buffalo Bill went on through these mountains.

PROJECT 4 - Research of Josephine Morlacchi's family. This is still available.

PROJECT 5 - Work to have Texas Jack mentioned in the display of J.E.B. Stuart artifacts in the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. We are still waiting to hear from Franklin Phillips on a progress report.

PROJECT 6 - Angela Wyche reported on her attempt to have Texas Jack mentioned on the next brochure printed for the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming. Although this project was put on hold until enough Texas Jack material could be collected for a full-scale exhibit we would like to thank Angela for her efforts in trying to pursue this project.

If you would like to contribute to this collection so we can have a full-scale exhibit, please contact Angela Wyche, 3075 Bray Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452. Phone Number - (804) 340-3875.



The President's
MESSAGE

Hello Everyone!

Congratulations to many of you on your contribution to our Membership Drive. We have signed up 4 new members since the last issue of the SCOUT and that's terrific! Keep up the good work! Don't forget - the person who signs up the most new members by June, 1990, will receive a BIG SURPRISE!!!!

Please make note that I have moved since the last issue of the SCOUT. My new address and phone number are as follows: #2 Milhaven Square, Richmond, Virginia, 23233 and the phone number is (804) 750-2086. Please feel free to call or write anytime. I would love to hear from you.

The "Texas Jack Rally" Committee is meeting today at John and Edna Nees' home so we can finalize our plans for the Rally in June, 1990 in Leadville, Colorado. We're combining business with pleasure with a family picnic after this issue of the SCOUT is finished and the business meeting has been adjourned. I wish you could all be here to join us. Better yet come to Leadville and we promise you a wonderful time. Look for the registration form and other information concerning the Rally in a letter that will be sent to each of you in November.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have sent in articles and tid bits of information for the SCOUT. I appreciate it so very much. I would like to especially thank Jack H. Omohundro of Louisiana and Edna Nees of Scottsville, Virginia for all their help and guidance throughout the past year.

Please keep those cards and letters coming! Without your help and support we couldn't keep the Association alive. As you can see from reading this issue of the SCOUT there has been alot of activity going on with many of our "TJ'ers."

I hope each of you are enjoying your summer. I know I am.

Until next time



Sue Omohundro Allen

WELCOME NEW TJA MEMBERS

I would like to welcome the following new members to the Texas Jack Association.

William A. Omohundro
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Manlius, N.Y. 13104

Mark Omohundro
25712 LeParc #44
El Toro, CA 92630

Mike LeFave
3825 Valley Blvd. #30
Walnut, CA 91789

Alex Hendric
1034 Marion Drive
Glendale, CA 91205

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

January

Dennis Greene 17
Mark Greene 1
Peggy Greene 29
Audrey Kamm 26
Mrs. Perkins Oglesby Yolande 13
Ada C. Omohundro 3
Alice K. Omohundro 5
Judy Omohundro 29
Oscar Blue Omohundro, Jr. 22
Paul Omohundro 18
Dr. Richard M. Omohundro 23
Rose E. Omohundro 31
William D. Omohundro 3
John B. Phillips 27
John Satterlee 3
Melvin Schulte 3
Steven J. Volton 22

February

Betty O. King 16
Betty J. Omohundro 17
Erwin Omohundro 17
Mark Omohundro 22
William B. Perkins 21

March

John M. Carroll 4
Elizabeth O. Harwood 23
Lois O. James 9
John J. Omohundro 8
John Burwell Omohundro 9
Matthew Omohundro 5
Stuart W. Omohundro 16
Kenneth R. Wooling 6
R.C. Omohundro 5
Brandon F. Wyche 7

April

Donna Bennisfield 12
Millard "Buz" Grain, Jr. 26
Evelyn Furman 17
Greg Martin 20

Ann A. Omohundro 5
Courtney Omohundro 17
James F. Omohundro 30
James Vincent Omohundro 21
Richard C. Omohundro, Jr. 16
Gail Price 13

May

Dan Balkin 8
Gloria H.O. Gibbs 6
Henry Kucharzyk 17
Douglas M. Omohundro 14
John B. Omohundro, Jr. (Jack) 7
Dr. Thomas J. Omohundro 25
Vickie Omohundro 23

June

Dick Bennisfield 18
Kirk Brennan 1
William Coleman 7
Paul Fees 15
William Scott Goodman 9
Margot L. Kramer 24
Dawn Michelle Omohundro 23
Betty Blue Omohundro 28
Margaret E. Omohundro 20
Richard Omohundro 9
Ruth E. Omohundro 22
Ryan Omohundro 11
H. Franklin Phillips 14
Robin Theobald 28
Violet Underwood 15
Malcolm Withers 11

July

Lois Ashton 23
Tom R. Cooke 31
James E. Farnsworth 22
Carole D. Greene 18
Randy McKinney 27
Dr. John T. Omohundro
Capt. Elmer Omohundro, Jr. 9
Astrid E.A. Omohundro 28
Richard A. Omohundro 20
Karl Perkins 27
Paul Perkins 24
Henry F. Phillips 15
Dr. Lorin M. Shields 21
Phillip Trutter 2
Martha C. Wood 23

August

Leslie Renee Omohundro 25
Betty O. Johnson 23
Carole Mc Laughin 2
Rev. Lee Roy Maxey 24
Julie Omohundro 25
Lydia Omohundro 18
Tipton T. Omohundro 16
Alice Marie Roggie 30
George L Vance 3
Virginia Van Lee 28

September

Richard N. Goodman 26
Julie A.O. Greene 25
John S. Nees 11
Elmer A. Omohundro III 27
Jack H. Omohundro, Sr.
James Berryman Omohundro 7
James Omohundro 11
Jeffrey F. Omohundro 19
Malvern H. Omohundro, Jr. 26
Sally O. Whitescarver 18
J. Leroy Wingenbach 3
Edward E. Woods 22
Benjamin W. Wyche 5
Malvern Wyche, Jr. 27
Malvern H. Wyche, Sr. 2

October

Mary Sue O. Allen 12
Marie Nees Banton 28
Thomas E. Grizzard 17
Alex Hendric 20
Carole Horstman 14
Berryman L. Omohundro 29
Jack H. Omohundro, Jr.
Gloria Palmer 9
Judith Ammonett Phillips 6
Nancy M. Phillips 9
Linda L. Stratz 28
Betty Woods 17
Kitty Van Lew Wyche 7

November

Heather M. Gilbert 16
Richard T. Goodman 28
Fred Hayles 24
Joyce O. Miller 30
James Moyer 12
Richard E. Omohundro, Jr. 16
Angela B. Phillips 16
Angela G. Wyche 20
June W. Wyche 25
Kelly Wyche 23

December

Chester T. Bolling 23
Henry Coe 12
Mary Nees Golladay 19
Nancy Jo Gunter 26
Mike LeFave 23
Dr. Stephen M. Omohundro 10
Katherine R. Wallace 13

PLEASE RENEW THESE MEMBERSHIPS IN THE TEXAS JACK ASSOCIATION FOR JANUARY, 1989.
ENCLOSED IS \$ 15.00 PER MEMBERSHIP PER YEAR.**

Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
Phone No. (_____) _____	Phone No. (_____) _____
Birthday _____	Birthday _____

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MEDICINE LODGE, North Platte, NE

*Deceased

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EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Stuart W. Omohundro sent this exciting, but horrify high drama story to us. Texas Jack wasn't the only one with excitement in his life.

After leaving the Texas Jack Rally in Richmond, Stuart and Astrid Omohundro along with Audrey Kamm (Astrid's sister) on their way back to California stopped by in New York City to view the sights. While touring the Empire State Building fire broke out on the 80th floor trapping them on the 86th floor. They had to evacuate the building by using the emergency stairs past the firefighters. Fortunately, no one was hurt but it sure was frightening!

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