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2012 Roundup in Texas Jack Territory

By Linda Omohundro

Texas Jack, I wish he were here; he would have loved this Roundup. From Aaron Poff riding in on his Harley to the Wyches and NY Omohundros finding their way in the dark, the meet & greet at the casual, rustic James River Inn



was enjoyed by all. We had enough food, skillfully prepared by Mary Golladay, to last the whole week. The sunsets over the river were spectacular, the zipline even Texas Jack would have tried, and then there was Terry Omohundro helping us find our ancestors with his software. In the goody bags, prepared for those who registered for the whole Roundup, were



coupons for free merchandise. Everyone had a good time “shopping”. The evening was enhanced by the glorious sunset over the James River.

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from the Editor's Desk...



I hope you will enjoy this issue of the *Scout* as much as I did writing my part and putting it all together. I always learn new information about Texas Jack and his historical era when I put a *Scout* together. That's good, because that is the purpose of this organization.

If you could not make it to the 2012 Roundup, you will get a feel of the fun, excitement, and vast information that we experienced through the photos and narrative. Roundups are always a great time of fun, food, and fellowship of kin and friends fascinated with the last half of the 19th century. We always learn so much more about the life and times of Texas Jack every time we go.

Sadly there are three more members that we have lost. You will find edited versions of their obituaries in this issue. You may have seen in the box to the right that the Knight of Glin, the grandson of the Earl of Dunraven, is no longer on our list of honorary members, because he is one who passed away and leaves no heir to his title.

We are so glad we got to hear our poet, Driftin' AaronG at the Roundup in person. His poems come alive when they are heard live.

See you ALL in Virginia City, Nevada, in 2014!

Linda Omohundro

President, Guest & Layout Editor

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The Texas Jack Association was founded in 1980 by Frank Sullivan to commemorate John Baker Omohundro, prairie scout, western hunting guide, and Wild West showman.

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

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The folks around the tables on page 1 are Michael and Jean King, Edna Nees, Steven Omohundro, Hope Wallace, and Kitty Pelkin. Rick Omohundro, Terry Omohundro, and Aaron Poff are around the laptop checking out their ancestors. Karl Pelkin is zooming on the zipline.

Thursday morning bright & very early, we loaded up vans and SUVs for the trip to Appomattox, VA. We were able to spend a couple hours there and listen to several historical speakers.



All of us listening to the Park Ranger



*Some divided into two tours.
Dick O, Kelly Wyche, Jim & Sue Lynch*



*Richard, unknown couple, Dorotha, Kitty, Karl, Linda,
and Dick learning Civil War history.*

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“Edward G. Hicks”



Rand, Aaron, Steven, Kelly, Ben, Beryl, Jean, Dorothea, Linda, Edna laughing at “Edward’s” antics.



Larkin Lynch, Shelby Omohundro in their sun-bonnets



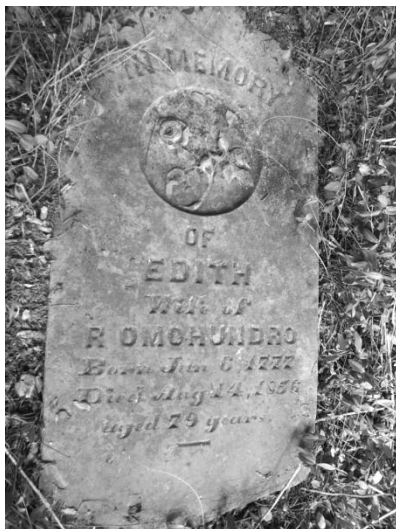
“Edward” serenading Edna Nees after a fun banter.

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From the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park we went to the Frozen Food Locker, a strange name for a great place to have a private lunch. Randy Golladay, our upcoming president, gave the blessing, after being miraculously healed overnight in the emergency room. We were so happy to see him back so soon. After lunch, Aaron Poff, aka Driftin' AaronG, read us eight of his cowboy poems that we have been enjoying in the *Scout*. Being his first public reading, he was thrilled at the enthusiastic applause.



From there we traveled in a caravan to the first of two local cemeteries, Gale Hill Cemetery. We found ourselves bumping through a cow pasture to a wooded area where we visited a private little cemetery full of our ancestors - along with ticks & chiggers! Oh well, it was worth it, so fascinating. Here are photos of us and some of the gravestones:



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This cemetery is described in the Omohundro Genealogical Record on page 464 and in this issue on pages 16, 17. In it are buried Richard 7E, Edith, their nine children, and some of their grandchildren. Richard is the grandfather of Texas Jack, who is buried in Leadville, CO.

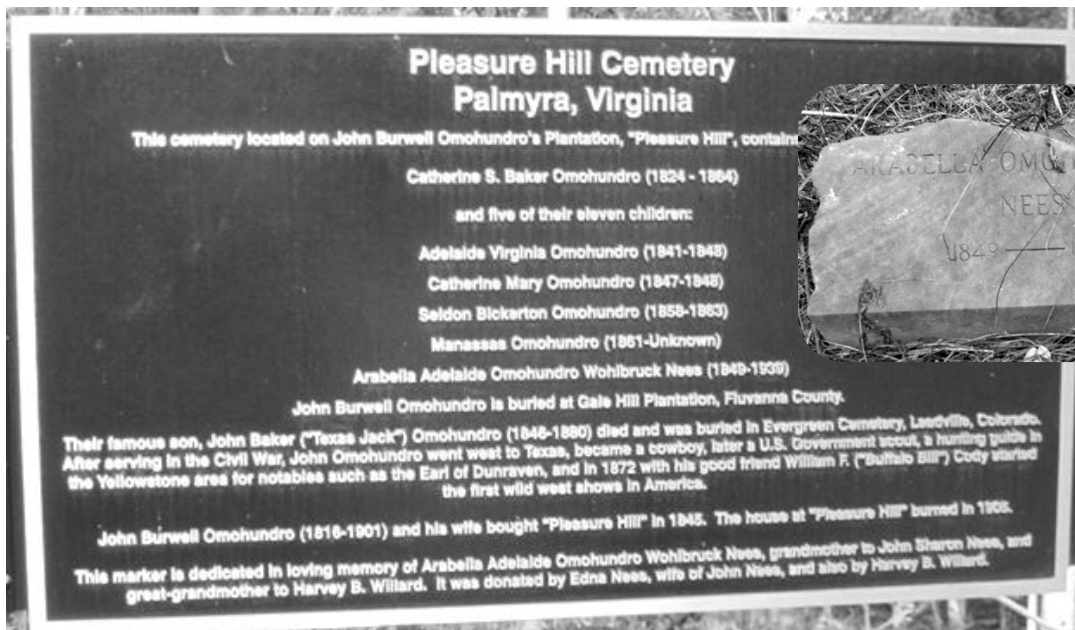
From there we went to Pleasure Hill Cemetery, down a very long, well-kept track, past the



homestead where Texas Jack was born, to a nicely fenced little family plot. The only gravestone there now is for Arabella, Texas Jack's sister, placed there by her grandson, John Nees.

Her great-granddaughter Mary Golladay freshened up her flowers, and we discussed the recent history of the cemetery,

where it was almost lost to the logging company, and Edna Nees came through and saved it for the future. See the Mailbag for more on this. Mary also placed wreaths at both cemeteries.



On this marker on the cemetery fence are the names of those buried here: Catherine Omohundro and five of her and John Burwell Omohundro's children. It states where Texas Jack and John Burwell are buried and gives information about them.

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On the way back to the Inn we stopped at the Texas Jack highway marker.

< *Michael King*

The next morning we boarded a bus for the trek to Richmond, VA, where we caught up with several more of our members. We toured the Museum of the Confederacy and Jefferson Davis' executive mansion, the White House of the Confederacy. The museum houses the world's most complete collection of Confederate artifacts. It boggles the mind how much this museum has and puts on display,

including Robert E. Lee's camp furniture, J.E.B. Stuart's plumed hat, original Confederate battle flags, personal effects of hundreds of Confederate soldiers, and items belonging to women of the Confederacy. The White House of the Confederacy had been carefully restored to its 1860s



appearance. Our guides were very interesting and told many stories about the former occupants

of the house.



Left are Michael King; Rick, Nancy Omohundro

Right are Hope Wallace and Dorothea Whalon walking back to the bus.

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From the museums we bussed to The Tobacco Company Restaurant, a former tobacco warehouse converted to a sunny, plant-filled, three-story atrium.



Karl Pelkin, Beryl Caterson, Elizabeth Harwood Richard Omohundro, Jim & Sue Lynch, Edna Nees



Clockwise from left: Kitty, Karl Pelkin; Beryl Caterson; Ben Wyche; Dick, Steve, Linda, Terry, Nancy Omohundro

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Jean King, Susan, John, Dan, Dan, Jr. Omohundro



Our view of the atrium

From the restaurant we went to the Hollywood Cemetery, named after the many holly bushes throughout. This is a very important, historical cemetery with many Omohundro and Harwood families interred, plus famous people of the South. For our tour some of us went in cars with our guide, the rest walked the two miles in the sun and up the hills with their guide. The guides showed us the famous and the infamous, described the many symbols on the markers, and answered our many questions.



The Walking Tour

The Riding Tour



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The people buried in the Hollywood Cemetery of Omohundro lineage are: Malvern Hill Omohundro, Sr., died July 4, 1960; Marguerite "Daisy" Van Lew Omohundro, April 14, 1961; Julia Omohundro Phillips, October 4, 1982; Charles Homer Phillips, February 18, 1977; Henry Franklin Phillips, May 15, 1996; Elaine Williams Phillips, October, 1986; Malvern Hill Omohundro, Jr., February 22, 1999; Elizabeth Overby Omohundro, May 19, 2008; Richard A. Omohundro, VIII, October 13, 2001; Thomas Bransford Omohundro, December 16, 1985; Virginia Van Lew Omohundro, November 30, 1998; Silas Omohundro, 1864. Names provided by Edna Nees, TJA Historian.



This is the plot where Silas Omohundro is buried, but he has no headstone. Please see the business meeting minutes for more information.

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There are many famous people buried here also. Below are two of them: Jefferson Davis and J.E.B. Stuart.



On the way back to the Inn we stopped at Brightly, the stately mansion where Malvern Hill Omohundro, Sr. wrote his Omohundro Genealogical Record. It is on the National Record of Historical Places and is now a Bed and Breakfast.

Rt- Brightly, 2006, <http://dhr.virginia.gov>



On Saturday morning we had our annual business meeting. Please see the minutes in this issue for the big news about our next Roundup.

Saturday evening was a big Hoe-down/Pig-roast Celebration enjoyed by members, family, friends, and neighbors. For those who believe in miracles, this night was the second one of the Roundup (for the first, see page 5). There were storms and flood warnings all around us the whole evening. Those with Smartphones looked at the radar with amazement; it showed the storms all going around us, like we were in a dome. We had no wind, no thunder, no more rain than a few sprinkles. Tom Mix and his Rangers were playing shoot-em-up, the children were running back & forth to the barn, and everyone else was eating and talking, having a grand ole time, as the next page shows.

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Edna Nees is helping out the Rangers.
Some need help!



Richard Omohundro (TN) is going back in time.



Beryl, Michael, Kitty, Karl



Threatening storm



Why is this pig smiling?

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Rand and Candace McKinney



Susan and John Omohundro



Mary Golladay and Linda Omohundro



Dorotha Whalon and Beryl Caterson

As soon as people started to gather their things, say their good-bys, hug each other, and get on their “horse” to go home, it started to rain. What timing!

Because we were all having such a good time there are some things we forgot to do. One thing was to get the new officers together for introductions, so I’ll do it here. Treasurer-Rick Omohundro, Secretary-Linda Omohundro, Vice President/President Elect-Mary Golladay, President-Randy Golladay. The November issue will have their photos and biographies. Congratulations to all, and we know you will do a great job.

Those of you that could not make it to the 2012 Roundup, we really missed you. As many did, if you can’t go to a whole Roundup, you can always go to part of it. I can’t wait till the 2014 Roundup. It’s in the high desert, so it will be comfortably cool. Not crowded, but very big cities and resorts nearby. You’ll think you are in the Old West, and Texas Jack could step out of a saloon any minute! See y’all there! 🤠

All photos from Michael King, Aaron Poff, Linda Omohundro, Judy Phillips, Rick Omohundro

**2012 Texas Jack Association
Business Meeting Minutes**

The 2012 *Texas Jack Association* business meeting was called to order by President Linda Omohundro on Saturday July 14, 2012 at 10:02 A.M.

There were 20 people present.

Minutes were read from the 2012 business meeting. Motion was made by Richard “Dick” Omohundro that the minutes be accepted as read. 2nd by Rand McKinney. Motion passed.

Dick Omohundro read the 2012 Treasurer’s report:

Income for the period was \$ 9,478.95
Expenses for the period were \$13,750.66
Net for the period -\$ 4,230.17

Discussion was held regarding the deficit. Dick informed the group that the bulk of the deficit was due to cost overruns on the 2010 Roundup. It was stated that the hope was to come closer to breaking even with the increased registration fees for the 2012 Roundup.

Motion was made by Rand McKinney and seconded by Stephen Omohundro to accept the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

Old Business:

There was discussion on how to achieve better communication within the association as well as with the outside world. The need for up-to-date email addresses was expressed. An email database has been

established, and everyone was encouraged to submit their email address to be included. The desire to see a quarterly reporting of Profit and Loss was expressed by Michael King. It was discussed that the information could be included in the *Scout* or sent out to all members via email. No decision reached as far as which method would be used.

There was renewed discussion on the placement of posters in area businesses and tourist attractions. It was decided that each member would make an effort in their own community to contact places of interest about placing a poster. The member would be given the poster to coordinate placement with the owner of the establishment.

It was announced that the Association had received a generous donation from Elizabeth Harwood and her family, in honor of her mother, Ellen Omohundro, to help offset the costs of the 2012 Roundup. The donation was recognized by the members attending. It was decided to purchase a Thank-You card, have all those attending the Roundup sign the card, and present the card to Elizabeth at the Celebration Saturday evening.

Beryl Caterson shared a newspaper article that had been sent to her. The article from the *New York Weekly*, dated March 24, 1870, was on the life and times of Texas Jack. Linda, John, and Susan Omohundro offered to have the article scanned, digitized, and made available to the members. They

are going to work with Beryl to bring this to fruition.

President Linda Omohundro read the email from Stephanie Greene concerning her inability to continue as the Secretary of the Association. She also read and stated reasons for the inability of Rene Tyree to continue as Treasurer and Webmaster. Rand McKinney, with the help of Steven Omohundro, offered to take over as Webmaster.

Linda then read the bylaws concerning the duties of the office of Treasurer. The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Treasurer. Richard "Rick" W. Omohundro (KY) was nominated and seconded.

Rick accepted the nomination with the understanding that all functions of the Treasurer be placed in his care, including the posting and issuance of checks. This was agreed upon as it is stated in the bylaws regarding the duties of the Treasurer. Membership voted, and Rick was elected Treasurer.

Linda read the Duties of the Office of Secretary as outlined in the Bylaws. Linda offered to serve as the Secretary for the coming term. She stated she had been assisting Stephanie with the duties during the current term. It was discussed and no conflict was found in Linda serving as the Secretary as well as the Director. Nomination was made by Terry Omohundro, second by Rand McKinney. The vote was taken, and Linda Omohundro was elected Secretary.

Linda read the Bylaws outlining the duties for the office of Vice-President /President Elect. Mary Golladay was nominated by Richard C. "Dick" Omohundro and seconded by Rand McKinney. The vote was taken, and Mary Golladay was elected Vice-President.

Linda read the duties of the Office of President as outlined in the Bylaws of the Association. No nominations from the floor were received. Per the Bylaws, Randy Golladay was approved as the President for the coming term.

New Business

There was discussion regarding making past versions of the *Scout* available to viewers of the website. It was stated that the *Scout* was one of the perks of membership. The current issues of the *Scout* should not be available to web surfers. The decision was agreed upon to leave this issue to the discretion of the web master Rand McKinney. There was also discussion regarding having the issues from November of 2004 through July of 2012 bound in a new edition. The smaller edition was thought to be more attractive in terms of handling and display. It was decided to pursue the binding of those 8 years and then to consider binding 5 years at a time.

There was discussion on the location for the 2014 Roundup. Also discussed was moving the Roundup date to late June, as many members expressed conflicts with the July time-frame. The nominations were;

Hayes, Kansas

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Custer, SD

November 2013

Aaron Poff

San Antonio, TX

March 2014

Julie Omohundro

Virginia City, NV

July 2014

Kitty Pelkan

After discussing the pros and cons for each location, the members present took a vote, and the majority voted for Virginia City, NV. The date was set for June 25 – 28, 2014, to coincide with the anniversary of the death of Texas Jack. Mary Golladay agreed to organize the festivities with Rand McKinney and Aaron Poff assisting.

There was discussion about establishing a marker for Silas Omohundro to be placed in the Hollywood Cemetery. Should anyone wish to contribute to that, donations would be accepted and should be sent to Edna Nees at her address. The difference between donations and actual cost would be assumed by family and friends. The hat was passed and \$120 was collected.

Guest editors for the *Scout* in the coming term are as follows:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned @ 11:45 A.M.

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Aaron Poff

Respectfully submitted,

March 2013 John & Susan Omohundro

July 2013

Randy Omohundro

Randy Golladay

Vice President, acting Secretary TJA

People Buried at Gale Hill Cemetery In Fluvanna County, Virginia By Edna Nees August 12, 2012

Richard Omohundro, Jr. 7E* was born April 5, 1777, at the Old Omohundro Place. As a young man his first job was working at a sawmill; then poled bateaux of cargo on the James River.

bought a farm and moved to Fluvanna Co. VA, which he named Gale Hill and built the first brick house in Fluvanna, County.

Then for 20 years he managed a large farm near Scottsville, Virginia, in Albemarle Co. owned by the Scott brothers, who formed the town and named it "Scottsville". None of the jobs suited him, and in 1820 he

When Richard died in January 13, 1860, he had accumulated a snug fortune of over a hundred thousand dollars and owed not a cent. He was buried at Gale Hill. His epitaph is, "Mark the Perfect Man and Behold the Upright for the End of that Man is Peace". He married Edith Seay, Dec 13,



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1802. She was born January 6, 1777, and died August 14, 1856, and buried at Gale Hill. She was the daughter of John and Rebecca Seay. They had nine children.

Children of Stella Morton Omohundro (2F)*

2G. Isetta “Stella” George, born ca. 1830, never married, died Dec. 2, 1888. She was deaf. She was buried at Gale Hill. The grave is unmarked. Isetta was Richard 7E’s granddaughter.

3G. Ellen M. George, born ca. 1833, died April 12, 1915, married ca. 1856 George Fisher Kirtley. Both are buried at Gale Hill. Ellen was Richard 7E’S granddaughter. Both graves are unmarked.

Children of Ellen M. George Kirtley 3G.

1H. Richard Melton Kirtley, born September 11, 1859, died July 14, 1890, buried at Gale Hill.

2H. Alice Kirtley, died when she was about 18 years old. (I would guess she was buried at Gale Hill since all the other children were buried there.)

3H. Daughter died in infancy. (I would guess she was buried at Gale Hill since all the other children were buried there.)

4H. William B Kirtley, born ca. 1869, never married, died March 20, 1897, buried at Gale Hill.

4G. Richard B. George, born May 13, 1836, never married, died September 17, 1859. He is buried at Gale Hill.

7F. John Burwell Omohundro, Sr. was born November 23, 1816, in Albemarle County, died July 6, 1901, in Radford, Virginia, while he was living with Malvern Hill Omohundro, Sr. He had a big Plantation which he named Pleasure Hill. He is buried at Gale Hill.

1H. Orville Logue Omohundro was born, April 21, 1869, in Tennessee, died in Richmond, VA, October 28, 1941, buried at Gale Hill. He was the son of 3G. Orville Calhoun Omohundro. Orville Logue Omohundro 1H was the grandfather of Richard Bond Omohundro 4J, born March 6, 1934. He lives in Tennessee.

8 F. Norella Elizabeth Rebecca Omohundro was born October 24, 1818. 1st married February 14, 1842, Overton Franklin Pettit, buried at Gale Hill. 2nd married May 9, 1866, Andrew Jackson Foster, born April 24, 1841. He is buried at Gale Hill (unmarked grave). She died November 19, 1899, and is buried at Gale Hill.

9 F. Moton Patterson Omohundro was born December 24, 1821, and died September 11, 1847. He is buried at Gale Hill.

Sallie Bledsoe Goodman Warren, buried at Gale Hill. (No stone found).

Bledsoe Goodman Warren, buried at Gale Hill. (No Stone found). 

* Numerals and letters refer to generations and birth order in the Omohundro Genealogical Record by Malvern H. Omohundro.



Members We Have Lost



Betty T. Woods



SPRINGFIELD - Betty Tabor Woods was called to Heaven, Monday, June 14, 2010, while in her sleep.

Betty was born on October 17, 1920, to Walter J. Tabor Sr. and Nell V. Tabor; they preceded her in death.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Edward English Woods; and two infant children, Edward English Woods II and Mary Jo Woods.

Betty, a lifelong member of St. Agnes Parish, was educated at St. Agnes School. She was a 1938 graduate of Sacred Heart Academy and a recipient of a silver medal and gold medal in Piano. She taught ballet in her parent's home and gave recitals for her students. Attendees were treated with ice cream from Maldaner's Restaurant, which was owned and operated by her father Walter J. Tabor, Sr. from the 1920s to 1971. She attended and received certification in dance from the Schuester Martin School of Art in Cincinnati, Ohio, combined with studies at the University of Cincinnati.

Betty's career began with the YWCA, and she became the health, education, and recreation director from 1962 through 1973. In 1974, Betty began working for the City of Springfield at the Springfield Commission on International Visitors where she assumed the role of executive director through her retirement in 1991. Betty engaged many volunteers to meet and welcome government-sponsored visitors.

Betty was a sustaining member of the Junior League of Springfield, a docent and member of Springfield Art Association, Sangamon County Historical Society, past president of the St. Louis D'Marillac Guild, former membership chairperson of the Friends of the Lincoln Library, board member of the Vachel Lindsay Society, member of the **Texas Jack Association**, founding member and co-chair for the Westside Neighborhood Association, past president of the Springfield Community Concert Association, and a member of the Springfield Women's Club. She also entered into the 3rd Order of the Benedictine Oblates.

Betty was grateful for the many people she encountered and lasting friendships made through her work-related activities and volunteer activities and also grateful to all of her friends in her "lunch bunch group."

Betty is survived by her brother, Walter J. Tabor Jr. (Mary Rose) of San Diego, CA; cousins, Tom Tabor (Sally) of Del Ray Beach, FL, and Natalie Beam of Springfield, IL. She also is survived by her daughters, Martha Woods Wolters (John) of Springfield and Sarah Woods Pedersen (Nils) of Katy, TX; and grandchildren, Catrin Tabor Pedersen and Cian Johnson Pedersen; nieces, Nancy Woods Simmons (Art) of Plano, TX and Cricket Trutter Hauff (Ken) of Northfield, IL; and nephews, Tyler Tabor (Jaime) of Seattle, WA, H. Samuel Woods of Springfield, IL, Jonathan Woods Trutter of Lake Forest, IL, and Judge David Brett Woods of Denver, CO.

Her family would like to thank many for her care over the past few months. Burial was at Oak Ridge Cemetery. Betty's family requested that memorial contributions be made to St. John's Hospital, Hospice Program, 800 E. Carpenter, Springfield, IL 62769 or the American Cancer Society, 687 E. Linton Ave., Springfield, IL 62703.

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William Diller Jr.



SPRINGFIELD - William Hughes Diller, Jr., of Springfield and The Villages, Fl. passed away Saturday June 4, 2011 at the Villages Hospice.

Mr. Diller was born July 15, 1916, in Springfield, Illinois. He was the son of William Hughes Diller, Sr. and Corine Payne Diller.

Mr. Diller graduated from Springfield High School, St. Louis County Day College Prep School, attended two years at Yale University, and was a graduate of Grinnel University.

Mr. Diller was a United States Army Veteran of World War II, serving in the Field Artillery and served in Germany in the European Theater of Operations. He received the good conduct medal, American defense service medal and the American campaign medal.

Mr. Diller was a lifelong member and the longest living member of the First Presbyterian Church where he served as Deacon and Elder. He has been a member of the local, State, and National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) since 1942. He served as an officer in the Springfield SARS Chapter and was honored in 2006 at the National SAR Convention held in Chicago with the 65 Year Membership Award. In late August, 1983, he along with over 100 compatriots from across the country flew to Paris to participate in week-long events commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Signing of the Treaty of Paris, which concluded the Revolutionary War. Mr. Diller served as President from 1986 to 1987 and was appointed the Honorary Director and held several offices of the Sangamon County Historical Society. **He was a charter member of the Texas Jack Association**, President of the Civil War Round Table, and served as President of the Evening Etude Society, Toastmaster, Abraham Lincoln Association, the Illinois Farm Bureau, and the Council of World Affairs.

Mr. Diller was an avid reader of historical books, especially interested in the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln era. Mr. Diller donated many historical books and other artifacts to universities and other historical organizations including the donation of President Abraham Lincoln's desk to the Illinois Old State Capital and also a chair in which it is believed Lincoln sat during visits to the Diller drug store.

Mr. Diller belonged to the Illini Country Club, Sangamo Club, YMCA, the Senior Men's Golf Group, and the Chicago Golf Association. He played in the Kroger Senior Classic in Cincinnati and the LPGA Pro Am for many years. He will be remembered as an avid golfer.

Mr. Diller had a lifelong interest in farming and cattle raising in central Illinois.

Mr. Diller holds the distinction of having a great grandfather, Roland Weaver Diller, who was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln. His grandfather, as a child was a playmate of Abraham Lincoln's two youngest sons, Willy and Tad.

The Diller Family of Springfield is a remarkable family in Illinois history. For eight generations the family can be traced back from the Revolutionary War to the present generation which is represented by William Hughes Diller, Jr.

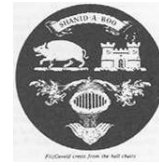
Hughes was buried at Oak Ridge Cemetery with military honors by the InterVeterans Burial Detail of Sangamon County.

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Desmond FitzGerald Knight of Glin

Coat of Arms>



THE 29TH Knight of Glin, Desmond FitzGerald, the last heir to one of Ireland's oldest hereditary titles, died aged 74 on September 15, 2011. He takes with him the 700-year-old title of the Knight of Glin, as he had no heir to inherit it.

Minister for Arts and Heritage Jimmy Deenihan led tributes, saying Ireland "has lost one of its titans and greatest champions of the arts and heritage".

Describing the knight as a friend, Mr. Deenihan recalled "having wonderful informed conversations with him at his home" – Glin Castle, Co Limerick. "He was always generous with his advice and kind in his remarks."

The Minister expressed his deepest sympathy to the knight's wife, Olda, and their three daughters, Catherine, Nesta, and Honor, who were all by his bedside at a hospice in Limerick when he passed away after being ill with cancer for the past two years.

"We in the Irish Georgian Society will sorely miss him and will find it hard to come to terms with his absence as he has been involved with the society since its early days and has been president for the last 20 years", said its executive director, Donough Cahill.

"A passionate man, the knight tirelessly worked for the future of Irish country houses, their contents, parks, and gardens, showing the way with the restoration of Glin Castle, and making it home to his collection of Irish paintings, furniture, and the decorative arts.

"He was always a convivial and amusing companion, never shy of expressing his opinion and, even in the midst of the odd tirade, the glimmer of mischief was there, as his humour and love of words removed any possible sting," Mr Cahill said.



As a campaigning president of the Irish Georgian Society, he helped to save many architectural treasures over the Irish Sea from dereliction or insensitive development. The greater part of his energies, however, he devoted to restoring and preserving his family's ancestral seat of Glin Castle, on the Shannon estuary in Co Limerick.

<The Knight of Glin, Desmond FitzGerald and his wife Madam Olda FitzGerald in the grounds of Glin Castle

The Knight of Glin, also called the Black Knight, is one of three ancient Irish hereditary titles dating from the 13th and 14th centuries and recognised by Irish Republican governments. Glin, an estate which once encompassed more than 30,000 acres, was granted to this branch of the

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FitzGerald family in the early 14th century by their overlord at the time, the FitzGerald Earl of Desmond.

Desmond FitzGerald would refer to the “general improvidence” of his ancestors. In 1923 Desmond’s grandfather, the 27th Knight, saved the castle from being raided by a Sinn Fein mob. Desmond FitzGerald inherited the castle and title aged 12, on the death of his father from tuberculosis in 1949. By this time, all that remained of the estate was 500 acres of park and grazing land. The castle was dilapidated, and there was very little good furniture. After moving back to Glin from London in 1975, Desmond and his wife Olda threw their own energies into the project.

They spent decades combing auction rooms in an attempt to buy back the pictures, drawings and china that had been sold in leaner times, steadily restoring the fabric of the building and “filling in the incomplete pretensions of the 18th and 19th century” as Desmond put it, including completing the top floor. A plaque in the garden bears the legend 1785-2002 — a construction span of 217 years. At the castle the 29th Knight, a youthful and handsome figure into his 70s, continued to cut a dash in his signature tweed jacket and black polo neck sweater.

Desmond John Villiers FitzGerald was born July 13, 1937, the youngest of three children and an only son. His father, the 28th Knight of Glin, was a keen fisherman and driver of vintage sports cars. His English mother, Veronica Villiers, was a considerable beauty and a cousin of Winston Churchill. Desmond was sent to England from the age of eight and claimed to have gone to “more schools than you’ve had hot dinners”. But he settled down at Stowe, an “architectural paradise” which inspired him to study Architecture and Art History at university.

He first went to the University of British Columbia. He then took a Master’s degree at Harvard. In 1965 he moved to London, where he got a job at the Victoria and Albert Museum as a curator in the furniture department. It was around this time he met his first wife, Loulou de la Falaise, who would become famous as the muse of Yves St Laurent, but the marriage lasted less than a year. In 1970 he married Olda Willes, a great friend of Loulou’s.

FitzGerald wrote and lectured extensively on Irish art, architecture, and decorative arts. A governor of the National Gallery of Ireland, he published a family history, [The Knights of Glin](#) in 2009. Other books he published included [Irish Furniture](#) (2007) and [The Irish Country House](#) (2010, both co-written with James Peill). He was also elected a member of the Royal Irish Academy and served on the boards of the Irish Landmark Trust and the Castletown Foundation.

The Knight was philosophical about having no son to inherit the Glin title and estate: “I can’t really feel too sad about it. A male heir would have inherited an impossible burden”. None the less Olda, Catherine, Honor and Nesta FitzGerald intend to continue the restoration of Glin Castle to which he contributed so much.

Compiled from *The Telegraph*, *The Irish Times.com*, *Independent.ie*. Desmond Fitzgerald was the grandson of the **Earl of Dunraven** and an honorary member of the **Texas Jack Association**.



Well, this is my last President's message. There are so many things I would have liked to get accomplished, but I am thankful for what I was able to do. I have really enjoyed working with my board and appreciate all their help and encouragement. Since our Director Larry Tyree would send me all the emails and letters he received from the website and blog for the last four years, I got to interact with wonderful people from all over the country. Solving these people's problems turned out to be my primary TJA activity. That gave me a real feeling of accomplishment because they were so grateful to be helped!

I had always been introverted, shy, and low key. I've gradually come out of my shell over the last 15 to 20 years by volunteering for things that would help in that endeavor. This job has put me on top of my shell. There are still some things I would like to follow through on that I did not get to do

because life got in the way. I have a folder in my TJA file box called "Loose Ends".

Many illnesses, family and personal, have prevented most all of our officers from doing things for TJA that they wanted to do. We hope and pray that the next two years will find all of us much healthier.

Those two years will bring us to the 2014 Roundup, where East and West come together in VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA! Get it? East is "Virginia" where Texas Jack was born and the site of this Roundup. West is "Nevada", which represents the era of Texas Jack's lifetime.

See you all there!

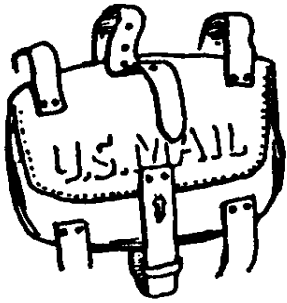
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President, TJA



NEXT SCOUT ISSUE INFORMATION

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

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From the Mailbag

The following four letters are memories of the 2012 Roundup. I asked members to send their favorite memory to me to incorporate into the Roundup article, but each one was so special I decided to show them separately.

We enjoyed our visit to Appomattox, but perhaps not for the usual reasons. We were excited to discover that the tavern built in 1819 had a lavish display of wall stencils and painted canvas floor cloths with patterns similar to those we know from New England and our own house in northern New York. We didn't realize stenciling could be found so far south! Now we want to research Virginia as a region for historic stencils. Shown here are stencils from the tavern (left) and stencils from our house.



Another highlight was the tour of Hollywood Cemetery, because it is a fine example of a rural cemetery with similarities to our own National Register-listed Bayside Cemetery in Potsdam (Susan is on the board). Both have a park-like landscape design and wide variety of mortuary art. We could have spent hours walking around there – on a cooler day. The cemetery director, who has been recommended as very knowledgeable, may be able to give us pointers.

John and Susan Omohundro

"a few of our favorite things" . . . Discovering that my great, great grandfather John Baxter Omohundro was a Confederate soldier and received his "parole" at Appomattox. Off-roading over hill and dale to find old family plots, literally buried in the woods. Ticks included! And last, but not least, as new attendees experiencing the love and friendship of cousins from all corners of the USA. . . .
. Jean & Mike "O" King

My favorite times were meeting all my new cousins that first evening and of course the second would also be like the first...Appomattox...It was awesome to say the least and the young man who portrayed the soldier that told us his story and sang the song and played his banjo was surely a plus...

It was all very fun and well put together...My hat is off to all of those and we all know who they are that worked so hard to make it so great... Aaron Poff

All the activities were of interest to us, plus there was time to sit in the lounge at the James River Inn and visit with folks. We look forward to the Virginia City Roundup! Kitty and Karl Pelkin

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From: Robert Burns <burns.7@osu.edu>
To: Dick Omohundro <omohundro@rrohio.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2012 11:48 AM
Subject: Omohundro Surname

Dick [Omohundro],

Irish / Spanish. Not conclusive, but, again, possibly descendants of the wreck of the Spanish Armada (the Battle of Gravelines in 1588, which the British Navy won), who washed ashore in Ireland [24 of the ships were wrecked on the Irish coast]. They then intermarried with the Irish women.

It's an English name, although the nationality of people with that name is American. It may be derived from a distant Spanish or other Romance language origin -- or it could just be a corruption of something more recognizably English. The web sites that suggest an American Indian origin of the surname are mainly just guessing without having looked at the document record (censuses, land and marriage records, etc.) The other answer that it's "actually Spanish and Irish" is in the ballpark. The Omohundro family was settled in the British Colony of Virginia by the middle to late 1600s. Virtually everyone alive today with the surname Omohundro or Mohundro traces back to the same colonial American from Westmoreland County, Virginia.

Bob Burns

From: Robert Burns <burns.7@osu.edu>
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Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2012 2:15 PM
Subject: Re: Omohundro Surname

Dick,

I added the detail about the sinking of the Spanish Armada. The sinking of the Spanish Armada is featured at the conclusion of "Elizabeth: the Golden Age". Great movie. (Not entirely accurate about the Battle, but close enough. They have the speech right, though.)

There are websites calling into question how many of the shipwrecked Spanish sailors survived, settled, and intermarried. But, then it would only take one. Also, some of the early Irish kinds had Spanish "bodyguards" in their court.

I mention the Buffalo Bill movie in the newsletter. Sorry, they took Texas Jack and combined him with two other historical characters to create a composite. Not accurate in this regard. But, I think they might have captured the vanity / self-aggrandizement of Buffalo Bill. He was right up there with General Custer as being the first of our media celebrities.

Bob Burns

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From: Andy Sorrell
To: andeseen@earthlink.net
Date: 6/23/2006 2:13:33 PM
Subject: re: Pleasure Hill Cemetery

Hi Mrs. Nees,

To put down in text what we traveled today at lunch time, the cemetery is approximately 0.91 of a mile in after turning off Rt. 53 (on the south side). As we saw, there is one gate right after you turn off of Rt. 53. You will next go under a large power line (that is marked on the maps) and then come to another gate. Once past the second gate you travel under a smaller power line which is not marked on most maps. The cemetery (and house site) is on the northeastern side of the road approximately 350 feet once crossing the small power line approximately 110 feet off the logging road on its northeastern side. It is marked by a chain link fence and a bronze sign indicating those buried in the cemetery. As we measured off this afternoon, the cemetery is approximately 31' x 31' square and is located on tax parcel 30-A-27 which is approximately 265.5 acres in size and currently owned by New Forestry LLC.

I am attaching several pictures that we took to help document the site. As these files are somewhat large, I will send several emails as not to clog up your email box.

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This is a scan of the letter Edna Nees received to verify that Pleasure Hill Cemetery is now on the map and therefore protected. (Please excuse the slant.)

From Janice Fox, Librarian of the Leadville Public Library, from Facebook:

Janice—I went out to see Jack, I posted a pic on the Texas Jack Facebook page. I will put out his new flags a little closer to summer. The others are a little faded. April 25, 2012

Linda—Thank you very much for taking care of him. April 26, 2012

Janice—My pleasure. April 26, 2012





COWBOY HEAVEN...October 2007

By: Driftin' AaronG

I was ridin' under the Big Montana Sky, a great sight I can tell
An' I knew it was time to stop at the old rock just to rest a spell

This ol' life has had its ups an' downs an' is about done for this ol' boy
To look back an' revisit my past is not the best or had enough joy

The years have come an' gone so fast in this life of mine
I can't help but think of all the unhappy years of my time

I've often wondered why I was so different from all the rest
I guess it was written a long time ago so I could end up with my final test

So I stand here looking out over the horizon so far away
And wonder where some day my lonely spirit will lay

Will the final test that comes my way be an easy and successful one?
Or will it be so difficult I will fail, then turn and have to run

I've had my rest and now it's time for me to ride
Back down to the valley hoping God will always be at my side

But for now I'll just move on with a warm heart and a smile upon my face
Knowin' somehow that when it's time, Cowboy Heaven will be my final resting
place





Important Notes

☛ Larry and Rene Tyree's address has changed to:

118 SW Rock Garden Lane
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

Please use this address for any correspondence concerning circulation and publication of the *Scout*.

☛ You may have noticed that there is no page for the sale of merchandise. The Texas Jack merchandise is being inventoried and will be displayed in the November issue. Meanwhile, if you would like to order anything, send your order to:

Mary Golladay
93 Coles Rolling Road
Scottsville, VA 24590
All merchandise is now at this location.

☛ If you would like to contribute toward the grave marker for Silas Omohundro, please send your check to Edna Nees and make it out to her. 213 Coles Rolling Road
Scottsville, VA 24590

The following is a fitting way to end this issue:

From Kitty Pelkin: Here is an excerpt from the April 1986 issue of *The Texas Jack Scout*, page 5, "Family Recollections of Texas Jack," compiled by Julie Omohundro Greene. It is a recollection by Jack's half-nephew, Malvern Hill Omohundro, Jr. (first Chairman of the TJA). Jack would have been 18 years old at the time of the story.

As told to Julie Greene in 1986:

"About fifty or sixty years ago I was on a bird-hunting trip up to Sister Bettie's [Mrs. W.P. Adams, Texas Jack's sister, who died in 1934 at age 92] at Scottsville, Virginia. One night I was asking her about Texas Jack. This is one of the things she told me: 'About the middle of April, 1865, Jack came riding up to the house. He looked tired and was hungry. He told me Lee had surrendered at Appomattox. I told him to get down off the horse and tie it. Then I fed him and took all his clothes and burned them. I loaned him some of my husband's clothes. Jack told me he was going home to see his other folks and then would probably go to Texas because there was little to be done in Virginia after the war ended in 1865.'"

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