



Highway markers to Honor Texas Jack

Members invited to attend Leadville Ceremony

by Julie Greene (Carmel, CA)

On Sept 17th, 1996, there will be a formal dedication of two highway markers and a cemetery marker in Leadville, Colorado, attended by the mayor and other town dignitaries. Texas Jack Association members are encouraged to attend this important event.

The two highway markers are similar to the one at Texas Jack's birthplace in Fluvanna, Virginia, and will be placed at either end of the highway going through Leadville. The Texas Jack Association is erecting one of the markers, and the other is a gift from Edna Nees, dedicated in memory of her husband, Texas Jack's grand-nephew John Nees. Concurrently, a marker will be placed at the entrance to Evergreen Cemetery, a gift from Astrid Omohundro in memory of her husband Stuart Omohundro, also a grand nephew of Texas Jack. Both John Nees and Stuart Omohundro were long-time members of the Texas Jack Association.

The old silver mining town of Leadville, nestled high in the Rocky Mountains is the last home and final resting place of Texas Jack. There are

many interesting sights and historical attractions in and around Leadville. Its proximity to Denver and Aspen make it an ideal location to enjoy the glorious autumn of the Rocky Mountains. Members may wish to make it the nucleus of a holiday in Colorado during the nicest time of the year, when the summer crowds have gone home.

For further information, contact Edna Nees, 213 Coles Rolling Rd., Scottsville, VA 24590.

Nashville Roundup '96

There's still time to register for the 1996 Roundup in Nashville, Tenn. See article on page 2. **Don't miss out!**



You Can Still Register for the Nashville Roundup

It's not too late to sign up for the 1996 Texas Jack Association Roundup. Registrations will be accepted until July 10. The registration fee is just \$80.00 (for children, too). The cost for the Saturday banquet only is \$30.00.

Here is the final agenda:

July 24, Weds. 3pm+, Check-in, pick up registration packets. 8pm-Initial meeting in the Hospitality Suite with light refreshments served, hosted by the Willards.

July 25, Thurs. 9am- 1pm bus tour of Omohundro and Logue Homes and Stones River Battleground, time permitting. Richard B. Omohundro, tour director. 8pm-Meeting in Hospitality Suite.

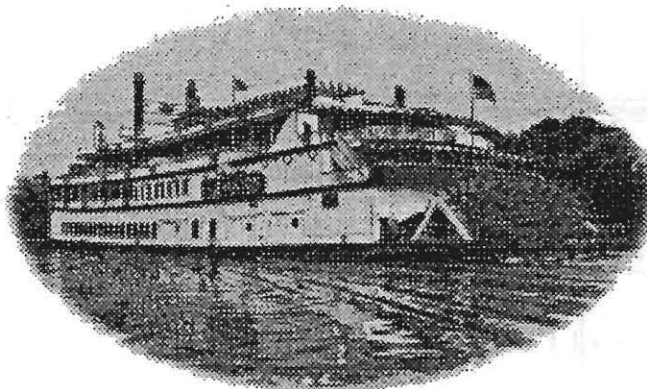
July 26, Fri. 9am Business Meeting. 12 noon trip on General Jackson Showboat; luncheon served on board (Dutch treat). Evening open.

July 27, Sat. Free day, see list of suggested activities. 6:30pm: cocktail hour, cash bar. 7:30pm: Banquet, choice of chicken florentine or creole pork chops.

For Friday evening some people might like to attend the Grand Ole Opry. They have performances at 6:30pm and 9:30pm. Tickets (around \$20) are still available, but order now by calling (615) 889-3060.

For Saturday, consider Opryland tours of Nashville, the Hermitage, Jack Daniels country, and many other attractions. Others may want to just hang around the pool and socialize.

The General Jackson showboat promises to be a real treat. The General Jackson is a \$12 million four-deck paddlewheeler that cruises the



General Jackson Riverboat

Cumberland River and brings back the by-gone days of riverboat entertainment. Each cruise features live entertainment. Strolling entertainers and bands play outside on the boat's four decks in the summer.

We need to select a site for the 1998 Round-Up, (Cody, Wyoming?) and a new Vice-President. Dick Omohundro will become the next President, and we are looking for people to help with The Scout, the Texas Jack

mountain peak, and the Texas Jack stamp. Hopefully there will be many volunteers at the business meeting!

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1996 Texas Jack Roundup Registration Form

I (We) plan to attend the 1996 Texas Jack Roundup at Nashville, TN on **July 24-27, 1996**. Enclosed is a check payable to the Texas Jack Association for the Registration Fee. This fee includes the bus tour of Nashville Omohundro sites, a trip on the showboat Jackson, (lunch not included), and the banquet.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

All activities: _____ x \$80/person = _____

Banquet only _____ x \$30/person = _____

Total Enclosed = _____

Mail to:

**Edna Nees
213 Coles Rolling Rd.
Scottsville, VA 24590**

The deadline for registering is Jul 10.

The registration fee does not include lodging. Make your reservations with

Embassy Suites Hotel, 10 Century Blvd., Nashville, TN 37214, Tel. (615) 871-0033

Toll Free Reservations (800) 362-2779

Mention you are with the Texas Jack Assn. to qualify for the special rate of \$99 (plus tax) per night for 1-6 person suite. The suite rate includes a full complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast, a two-hour beverage reception each evening, free parking, and complimentary transportation to and from the Nashville Airport.

Nashville Attractions

The Nashville area offers a number of historical and other attractions. Here are a few to help with planning of your free time during the Roundup.

The Hermitage Tour Nashville's national treasure, The Hermitage, Home of President Andrew Jackson, our nation's seventh president. Tour includes: orientation film, museum exhibits, tour of Hermitage mansion and grounds, formal garden, original log cabins, Jackson's tomb, Tulip Grove mansion, Old Hermitage Church and confederate cemetery. On-site restaurant and museum store. **Admission:** \$7.50 adults; \$6.50 seniors (62 and over); \$4 children (6-12); under 6 free. **Hours:** Open daily 9 am-5 pm;

Grand Ole Opry Don't miss the world famous Grand Ole Opry bringing America country music for over 70 years. Come see superstars, "Hall of Famers," legends and hot new stars perform on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry House, a 4,400 seat broadcast studio. Opry membership includes country favorites like Bill Monroe, Little Jimmy Dickens, Vince Gill, Lorrie Morgan, Alison Krauss, Porter Wagoner, Connie Smith, Alan Jackson, Bill Anderson and Patty Loveless. As the world's longest running radio show, the Opry is broadcast live on clear channel WSM-AM 650 every Friday and Saturday night. And, a half-hour segment of the Opry is televised live on TNN: The Nashville Network every Saturday night.

Belle Meade Plantation Known as the "Queen of the Tennessee Plantations," the 1853 Greek Revival mansion was the centerpiece of a 5,300-acre plantation, world-renowned as a thoroughbred stud farm and nursery in the 19th century. The present 30-acre site includes outbuildings and carriage collection in the Carriage House and Stable. **Admission:** \$7 adults; \$6.50 seniors; \$2 children (6-12); under 6 free. **Hours:** Monday-Saturday 9 am-5 pm; Sunday 1-5 pm (last tour is at 4 pm).

Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum This behind-the-scenes look at the world of country music includes a visit to the museum and Hall of Fame, an insider's tour of Music Row and a visit to historic RCA Studio B to see a real recording session. Museum exhibits include Elvis' Solid Gold Cadillac; Stars & Guitars: The Gibson Centennial Exhibit featuring an interactive computer that lets the instruments "talk" to you; Alan Jackson's ski from the Chattahoochie video and many more costumes and personal treasures from country's legends and hottest new stars. **Admission:** \$9.95 adults; \$4.95 children (6-11); under 6 free. **Hours:** June-Aug., daily 8 am-6 pm; Sept.-May, daily 9 am-5 pm

Opryland Known as "the home of American music," Opryland is a musical theme park. More than 40 million people have enjoyed the park's family entertainment since it opened in 1972. The one-price admission covers more than a dozen musical shows, two dozen rides (including the thrilling new roller coaster, Hangman), a petting zoo and scores of other attractions. Also in the park are numerous restaurants, game areas, gift shops and other amusements. **Admission:** One-day, one-price Opryland admission: \$28.99 plus tax for all Opryland rides and shows; children 4-11 years old: \$18.99 plus tax.

1st & 2nd Ave S. : shops, restaurants, an old fort, trolley ride
Cheekwood in W. Nashville : mansion filled w/ art; gardens; restaurant; gift shop

Tom & Eva Pratt 352-8816 (Janet's parents)

Leadville, Last Home of Texas Jack

By Julie Green (Carmel, CA)

Texas Jack died in Leadville on June 30, 1880. The Omohundro's (Jack and Josephine) had decided, after a successful career in show business, to semi-retire and settle in Leadville. Josephine had opened a dance studio for children called "Morlacchi teaching the puzzle, and Jack was looking into various local investment opportunities.

They had immersed themselves in social and civic life in this bustling and thriving town and became very popular and active citizens. The young couple looked forward to a happy life together here in the West that Jack loved. Sadly, it was not to be.

Because Texas Jack was so used to the ruggedness of outdoor life (having spent months at a time in the wilderness under the most extreme weather conditions) when he caught a cold he dismissed it as a simple annoyance. However, with the high altitude of Leadville, exacerbated by a heavy smoking habit, it soon developed into pneumonia. It was

Condolences to :

Kenneth Omohundro of Santa Ana, CA, whose mother died on Mar 3, 1996.

Judy Omohundro of Santa Ana, CA, whose father died on April, 8, 1996.

Condolences to immediate family and friends of:

John Moten Omohundro of Nashville, TN, who died on December 5, 1995

Sarah Anderson Morris of VA

Franklin Phillips of Newport News, VA

due to this condition that at the age of 33, he died.

In recognition of his honorable service to both the Confederate and Federal armies, and his many brave deeds during and after the war, he received a soldier's funeral.

The ceremony as held in the Tabor Opera House to accommodate the numerous friends, acquaintances and other citizens of Leadville who wished to pay their respects. The Tabor Light Cavalry, of which Jack was a member, led the procession to Evergreen Cemetery where a martial salute was fired over his grave.

A temporary wooden marker erected by Josephine was somehow never replaced with a granite headstone, as per her instructions when she left. It was not until many years later, in 1909, that Jack's old friend William F. Cody heard of this injustice and brought the entire company of his immensely popular Wild West Show to Leadville to "dedicate a proper headstone for his old pard." That stone marks Jack's grave to this day.

Alice Roggie of Indianapolis, IN

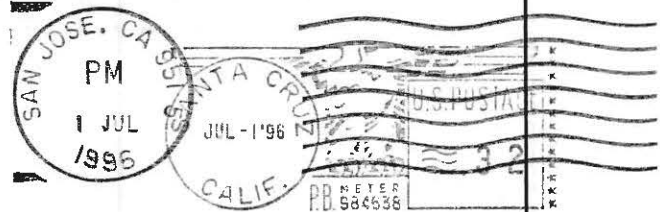
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