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Virginia Awaits

By Randy Golladay

High atop the hill, overlooking the James River, the sprawling James River Inn anticipates the arrival of the Texas Jack Association on the second full week of July. As your gaze wanders across the river, you notice the lush fields, the Blue Ridge



Mountains, and you begin to relax and enjoy the peace and tranquility. We welcome you to Virginia, birthplace of presidents, rich in heritage and history and the place where the legacy of John Baker Omohundro begins.

Our gathering will commence on Wednesday afternoon with your arrival. We will celebrate the beginning of the 2012 Roundup with light snacks, beverages, and fellowship as we survey the scenery from the veranda. As we catch up on each other's lives since we

were last together, we have the opportunity to watch the sun nestle in behind the mountains and bathe the river in sparkling color. Should you feel the need to travel out for an evening meal; a short drive will take you into historic Scottsville where you may enjoy a variety of cuisines, dining at one of several eateries.

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from the Editor's Desk...



Hello everyone. I hope this finds you well, enjoying life, and excited about the opportunities in each of your lives. I believe that as each of our routines are filled to overflowing, we often take for granted so many of the things we are blessed to enjoy in this life. It is important we take time to remember our past and the journey traveled to get where we are. As we think back, not only to our own travels, but the endeavors and adventures of those who walked before us, we have yet another opportunity. As I find in rereading the Bible, I learn something new and different each time. As we research our heritage, we discover some new and exciting bit of history. In looking through Robert Driver Jr.'s first printing of the 5th Virginia Cavalry, I realized Texas Jack was hospitalized during the Civil War just a few miles from my home. It's the little things in our lives that spark the interest and provide the long enjoyed "spice". And just when we think we've read it all, seen it all, and heard it all we are blessed to find something new.

I am so excited about the 2012 Roundup coming to Scottsville. I am proud to live in an area so rich in history. An area that has had such a profound effect on each of our lives. An area with such natural beauty ranging from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the eastern shore. While I wish we had time to explore all of the history our area has to offer, I have lived here a lifetime and still have so much to learn. My goals are for you to enjoy your stay here with us, to share the area's beauty and history with you, and to have you discover some little tidbit about Texas Jack and his life that you may not have known before.

In the next 4 months, we will be working diligently to prepare for your arrival. There is much to do and we feel the investment of time and energy is so well worth it. I pray that life will be kind to you in that time and that you are looking forward to your time spent here with us. We will gather together soon, seeking and finding more of the treasures that compose the history of our lives.

Until then, be safe and may God Bless each of you.

Randy Golladay Guest 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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If a more serious excursion is desired, another twenty minutes will take you into Charlottesville where the selections are enormous. Wherever you have chosen to rest for the night, I trust you will find your accommodations gratifying and a delightful experience.

Early on Thursday morning, we will depart from the James River Inn by bus for a day of sightseeing and the opportunity to drink in some of the Commonwealth's history. We will begin our travels in the Appomattox Court House National Historic

Park. We all know this to be the place where the chapter in American history known as the Civil War began drawing to a close. In the South, Appomattox is considered hallowed ground. We will have the opportunity to visit the Confederate and Union cemeteries, the battlefields, the McLean House and much more. As I look back on the time in which Lee surrendered to Grant, I am reminded of what a torn nation we were. After four years of Civil War, an estimated 630,000 deaths and over 1 million casualties, there was much healing to take place.



McLean House, Appomattox
<http://modernpolitic.wordpress.com/>

After our visit to Appomattox, we will travel towards Fluvanna County and enjoy a respite at Fox Memorial Baptist Church. The ladies of the church have graciously agreed to provide sustenance for our group. The fare and cool air should refresh us completely and provide ample fuel for the afternoon's excursions.

Our Thursday afternoon plans are not quite cemented as of this writing. We are discussing access to Gale Hill and Pleasure Hill cemeteries with the owners or caretakers. As both are significant in the life and legacy of Texas Jack, either would be enjoyable and fulfilling. The details will be

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worked out long before our arrival at Fluvanna County.

Upon our return to the James River Inn Thursday evening you again may choose to relax overlooking the river, or, seek fine dining and entertainment in Scottsville or Charlottesville. There are a number of wineries in the area and antique shops for browsing. The James River Bateau exhibit is open in Scottsville, and the local Farmers Market will display a great selection of locally grown fruits and vegetables as well as jams, jellies and amazing crafts. Whatever beckons, rest well and prepare for

a busy day on the morrow.

On Friday morning, we will again board the bus for a full day of sights and exploration. Our first stop will be the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. A morning spent remembering the “Rise and Fall of the South”. As we survey the artifacts, manuscripts and photographs, the era may well come to live again in our hearts. The tour would not be complete without a stop at the Confederacy’s Executive Mansion. Confederate President Jefferson Davis and his family lived in the 19th century home from 1861 until 1865.



Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond
<http://www.igougo.com/>

Our mid-day treat is designed to refresh and delight. In the Historic Shockoe Slip district lies the charming Tobacco Company Restaurant. We will enjoy a sumptuous meal

in extraordinary surroundings. The outing is guaranteed to revive you and prepare you for the afternoon’s sightseeing.

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The Tobacco Company Restaurant
<http://www.gotime.com/richmond/places>

Our afternoon will be spent touring the infamous Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond. These 30 acres are the final resting place of Presidents James Monroe and John Tyler, General JEB Stuart, Jefferson Davis, and many members of the Omohundro family. The 90 foot pyramid erected in 1890 serves as a memorial to the more than 18,000 enlisted Confederate soldiers buried there. The rolling hills and winding paths offer a beautiful view of the James River.



Hollywood Cemetery overlooking the Richmond skyline.

Photos by Chris and Stephani Fowler

<http://www.leelofland.com/wordpress/weekend-road-trip-richmond-virginias-hollywood-cemetery/>

As we return to Scottsville Friday evening, no doubt there's something you want to see or do. The evening is yours to enjoy relaxing, reviving in any number of ways.

Rest well as Saturday will be another busy day.

On Saturday morning, the Texas Jack Association will hold its biannual

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business meeting. Among the items to be discussed is the location for the 2014 Roundup, new officers, old and new business for the Association. The midday hours may be spent in any number of ways. Possible jaunts are a trip to Montpelier, tubing or canoeing on the James River, visiting other historical sites (Monticello, Ash Lawn, Michie Tavern, the Rotunda), shopping, hiking, swimming, you get the idea. The possibilities are almost endless. Saturday evening promises to be a gathering of great fun. As we descend upon Pleasure Hill Farm, a regular “hoedown” will commence. Music, food, and any number of

activities are planned for the young and the young at heart. Wild Bill Hickok, Buffalo Bill, and Texas Jack will be joining us for dinner. A gunfight or two may also be vying for your attention as you enjoy the fresh air and mountain views. With the setting sun comes the reflection of what a wonderful gathering the week has been and how we look forward to meeting again.

As you can see, much planning and preparation has gone into the 2012 Roundup. We so look forward to having you spend the time with us and hope you are as excited about the Roundup as we are. Until then;

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.



Live & in person! Wild Bill Hickok, Texas Jack, and Buffalo Bill.

Places to go and things to do close to Scottsville

Scottsville Confederate Cemetery

The Scottsville Confederate Cemetery on Moore's Hill contains the graves of 41 Confederate soldiers who died in Scottsville hospitals.

Location: Confederate Street, just off Hardware Street

<http://scottsvillemuseum.com/war/hospital/home.html>



Scottsville Museum



The Scottsville Museum hosts exhibits on James River transportation, local history, the Civil War, Native American artifacts, and photographs. Admission is free.

Hours: The museum is open April through October, Saturdays 10:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sundays 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Location: 290 Main St.

P.O. Box 101
Scottsville, VA 24590
434.286.2247

<http://avenue.org/smuseum/>

Hatton Ferry

Established in 1870, the Hatton Ferry is the last pole-operated ferry in America. The ferry operates on weekends from mid-April to mid-October. The ferry is located five miles from the Town of Scottsville.

Hours: Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sundays from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: 10120 Hatton Ferry Road
Scottsville, VA 24590

www.thehattonferry.org



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Canal Basin Square

Canal Basin Square is an outdoor transportation history park featuring Virginia's James River and Kanawha Canal story from the Monacans to the railroads. Exhibits explain river and canal travel in the 18th and 19th centuries and how different means of transportation affected Scottsville. On display is a replica of a James River bateau and a scale-model demonstration canal lock. The park is also a Virginia Civil War Trails Site.



Hours: For self-guided tours, 7:00 a.m. to dark during summer, guided tours are available by appointment, call 434.286.9267.

Location: 249 Main Street
Scottsville, VA 24590
434.286.9267

<http://avenue.org/canalbasinsquare/>

Boating, Tubing, Fishing, and Wildlife

The scenic James River courses through the wooded foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and is a wonderful place for canoeing and tubing. It offers the best small mouth bass fishing on the east coast and the opportunity to see deer, blue herons, ospreys, bald eagles, and other wildlife.

James River Reeling & Rafting

265 Ferry Street
P.O. Box 757
Scottsville, VA 24590
434.286.4FUN
<http://www.reelingandrafting.com/>

James River Runners

10092 Hatton Ferry Road
Scottsville, VA 24590
434.286.2338
<http://www.jamesriver.com/>



These offer canoeing, kayaking, rafting, tubing, and fishing excursions for individuals and groups, day or overnight.



Nearby Sites to See In Virginia



Bremo Plantation Fluvanna Co



Richmond City Hall



Carter Glass House, Lybg



Monticello



Montpelier, Orange Co.



Mt Vernon, Alexandria



Natural Bridge



Univ. of VA Charlottesville

First seven from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_National_Historic_Landmarks_in_Virginia
Last from <http://www.charlottesville.org>



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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:**

Note: If you are not registering and wish to attend a single event with us, using your own transportation, you will be charged individually for that event.

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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:

_____ 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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We are staying at beautiful bed and breakfasts in and around Scottsville. Please see the November issue for descriptions. Here is a list with basic information:

James River Inn: Jamesriverinn@aol.com
(434) 286-2100
3057 White Rock Road
Scottsville, VA 24590

High Meadows Vineyard Inn:
<http://www.highmeadows.com>
(434)286-2218
55 High Meadows Lane
Scottsville, VA 24590

The Chester: info@chesterbed.com
(434) 286-3960
James River Road
Scottsville, VA 24590

Oakwood B&B: info@oakwoodbb.com
(434) 286-8883
180 Hardware Street
Scottsville, VA 24590

Snowdonia: snowdoniaventures@gmail.com
(434)286-9167, (434)960-9505
17305 South Constitution Route 20
Scottsville, Va. 24590

Lumpkins Motel & Restaurant
(434) 286-3690
1075 Valley Street
Scottsville, VA 24590



There are also several campgrounds in the area, the two closest being:

Charlottesville KOA:
FREE Cable TV and FREE Wireless Internet
<http://www.charlottesvillekoa.com/>
(434) 296-9881



Located 10 miles south of Charlottesville downtown on Red Hill Road (Route 708) right off of State Route 20

Horseshoe Flats Campground

125 Snowden Road
Route 5, Box 152
Scottsville, VA 24590
(434) 286-4401

Family camping. RV sites with full hook-ups, tents sites on the James River, clean bathrooms. Located off Highway 20 onto state route 783, overlooking the historical James River and the town of Scottsville.



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Get your Texas Jack stuff in time for the Roundup!



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



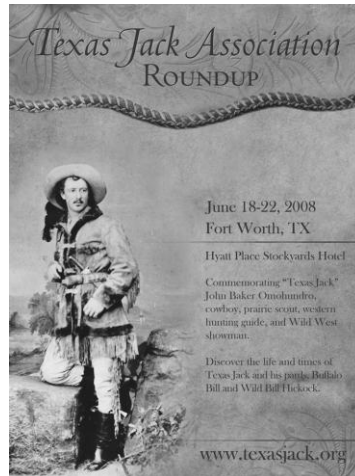
Travel Mug \$15



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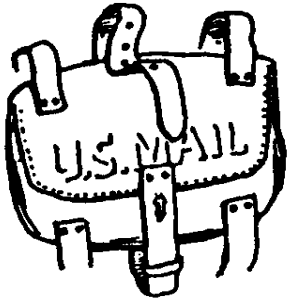


*Prices do not include shipping.

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**



From the Mailbag

The following is email correspondence regarding Texas Jack and his encounter with Thomas Edison:

Author seeking information about Texas Jack in 1878
Thursday, February 09, 2012 2:13:33 PM

From: "David Baron" <davidhbaron@comcast.net>
To: <info@texasjack.org>

I am a writer working on a book that deals, in part, with Thomas Edison's visit to Wyoming in 1878. Edison went to Rawlins to view a total solar eclipse. According to Edison, when he was in Rawlins, he had a colorful encounter with Texas Jack. The date of the encounter isn't clear. It would have been somewhere between July 18 and Aug. 20, 1878. I'm trying to track down any documentation of the encounter, when it occurred, etc. Is there a repository of Texas Jack's letters, diaries, or other memorabilia that might help my quest? Do you know if Texas Jack ever recounted his meeting with Edison?

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On Feb 9, 2012, at 8:15 PM, DICK & LINDA OMOHUNDRO wrote:

Dear David,

<http://www.wyomingtalesandtrails.com/rawlins2.html> , and the books about Thomas Edison *The Wizard of Sound* p.54, and *Tesla, the Modern Sorcerer*, p.137, only tell about the encounter, but [http://uwacadweb.uwyo.edu/robertshistory/buffalo\\_bones\\_edison.htm](http://uwacadweb.uwyo.edu/robertshistory/buffalo_bones_edison.htm) tells that Edison's party arrived July 18, 1878, and that night Texas Jack banged on Edison's door.

So it looks like it is July 18.

This site

[http://www.archive.org/stream/buckskinandstain007287mbp/buckskinandstain007287mbp\\_djvu.txt](http://www.archive.org/stream/buckskinandstain007287mbp/buckskinandstain007287mbp_djvu.txt) has the text of *Buckskin and Satin* by Herschel Logan. I did a search of Thomas Edison in the text and did not find him. This book is the best biography of Texas Jack and would have much of the letters, writings, etc. that you are looking for.

In the publication of the Texas Jack Association, *The Texas Jack Scout*, published three times a year, we always have at least one or two articles about Texas Jack and his historical era. The bibliographies show many sources for personal information about him, some of which is even in personal collections. If this email does not have enough information, I will look in the past *Scouts* to see what other sources are available.

Thank you for your interest in Texas Jack Omohundro. I wish you much success with your book. We would love to have you as a member of the Texas Jack Association. We are having a Roundup in July near Texas Jack's birthplace.

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Sincerely,  
Linda Omohundro  
Pres. Texas Jack Association

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From: David Baron <davidhbaron@comcast.net>
To: DICK & LINDA OMOHUNDRO <omohndro@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thu, February 9, 2012 11:22:01 PM
Subject: Re: Texas Jack in 1878

Linda –

Many thanks for the quick and thorough reply. I'm actually halfway through reading *Buckskin and Satin* and had hoped it would have information on the encounter with Edison, but -- as you noted -- it does not. Still, it's quite a good read. What a life Texas Jack lived!

As you point out, Edison arrived in Rawlins on July 18, and Edison recalled years later that he met Texas Jack on his first night in town, but that recollection is probably incorrect. Edison also remembered that New York Herald reporter Edwin Fox was there when Texas Jack showed up, yet Fox didn't arrive in Rawlins until July 21. What's more, it seems that Texas Jack was not in Rawlins until July 23. The Laramie Daily Sentinel reported the following on July 24, 1878:

John Omohundro [sic] ("Texas Jack") went up to Rawlins last night with a party of friends, on a hunting and fishing excursion.

As for that hunting and fishing excursion, I found this in the New York Evening Telegram of July 19, 1878:

J. B. Omohundro, the only Texas Jack, has returned to Wyoming and Colorado, on a hunting tour of three months as guide for Dr. A. Feber [? hard to read] and Otto Franks.

One historian (Philip Roberts, who wrote one of the items you referred me to) has written elsewhere that perhaps the encounter with Texas Jack occurred in mid-August, after Edison and Fox had returned to Rawlins from a tour of California. I doubt that's the case, but who knows?

It may be a bit silly to try and nail down the exact date, but any additional documentation I can find would be helpful. What's more, I'm curious to know more about what Texas Jack was doing in July and August of 1878. Might some of your members have relics from that time? Does anyone know about Dr. Feber (?) and Otto Franks -- who they were and where the party went? I'd also love to know where Texas Jack was on July 29, 1878 -- the day of the total eclipse -- and if he ever shared his impressions of that celestial event.

By all means, feel free to share my e-mails with members of the association, including through *The Texas Jack Scout*. Perhaps someone, somewhere, has a piece of paper that will answer my questions! I will check out your website in greater detail and appreciate your invitation to become a member. I'll consider it!

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By the way, what is your relationship to the great man?

Thank you!

David

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Sun, February 12, 2012 3:08:34 PM

Re: Texas Jack in 1878

From: Rand McKinney

To: DICK & LINDA OMOHUNDRO, "davidhbaron@comcast.net"  
Edison and Texas Jack.pdf (262KB)

Funny you should mention this. I was just made aware of the meeting between TJ and Thomas Edison by a neighbor who was reading "Edison: A Biography" by Matthew Josephson. I'm not certain, but it appears that Josephson's information is drawn from Edison's journals.

\*I scanned the relevant passages and have attached a PDF. You might need to rotate it or print it out to read it properly.

Rand

C. Rand McKinney

<http://about.me/randmckinney>

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From: Julie Greene <greene7@pacbell.net>

To: DICK & LINDA OMOHUNDRO <omohndro@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Thu, February 16, 2012 6:17:38 PM

Subject: Re: Texas Jack in 1878

Hello Linda:

I'm sorry that we don't have any info concerning this. I wish we could help. When we started the TJA Scout, we put everything we could get our hands on in it, but it was hard going as there was no internet or other modern venues. We actually went down to the L.A. public library and did as much research as we could find. Also our main sources of information were Herschel Logan whom we interviewed in depth and the Omohundro family in VA. I would be interested in hearing about all this.

Best regards,

Julie Greene

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Fri, February 17, 2012 8:07:40 AM

Re: Texas Jack in 1878

From: David Baron <[davidhbaron@comcast.net](mailto:davidhbaron@comcast.net)>

To: DICK & LINDA OMOHUNDRO <[omohndro@sbcglobal.net](mailto:omohndro@sbcglobal.net)>

Thanks, Linda. It's funny how little information seems to exist on Texas Jacks' doings in 1878.

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Herschel Logan pretty much skips over that year in his book. I'll keep looking, and I'll let you know if I turn up a trove of unknown documents!

Many thanks for the help.

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* Edison and Texas Jack.pdf From the book in this pdf document, *Edison A Biography* by Matthew Josephson, page 176:

“The two visitors were fairly disconcerted when Texas Jack, in his efforts to entertain them, drew a Colt revolver and, aiming through the window at a weather vane above the depot down the street, nearly shot it off. Only by pleading that he needed sleep and agreeing to see the man in the morning could the inventor be rid of his unruly admirer. In this frontier country with its high-spirited, free-shooting citizenry, fame could have its drawbacks.

“The next day, July 29, 1878, the day of totality, Edison, though heavy-headed for lack of sleep, went out with the astronomers—who did not forget to take their rifles along—to observe the eclipse.”

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The following is email correspondence regarding Texas Jack Dime Novels inquiries by Debra Marvin:

From: "Debra Marvin" <[debraemarvin@yahoo.com](mailto:debraemarvin@yahoo.com)>  
To: "info@texasjack.org" <[info@texasjack.org](mailto:info@texasjack.org)>

Hello,

I'd like to know what the dates are for the Texas Jack dime novels. I'm interested in referencing them in a short work of fiction and I'm not sure if they would have been available in 1887. From what I see, he died in 1880, and dime novels were available after that, but I can't find actual dates, or a list titles.

Any information would be appreciated. Thanks!  
Debra

Debra E. Marvin  
*Dark Tales Brimming with Light*  
[www.debraemarvin.com](http://www.debraemarvin.com)

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Thu, February 9, 2012 5:23:01 PM  
Re: dates of dime novels?  
From: "Ltyree5353@cs.com"  
To: [debraemarvin@yahoo.com](mailto:debraemarvin@yahoo.com)  
Cc: [omohndro@sbcglobal.net](mailto:omohndro@sbcglobal.net)

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Hi Debra,

There is a bunch of information about this subject in "Buckskin and Satin" which is about the life of Texas Jack. \*I will scan the appropriate pages and send them to you. It appears that the earliest was actually in 1872, although most really got going in the mid 1870s and then for the next 30 or 40 years.

Larry

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Thu, February 9, 2012 6:06:42 PM

Re: dates of dime novels?

From: "ltyree5353@cs.com" <ltyree5353@cs.com>

To: debraemarvin@yahoo.com; omohndro@sbcglobal.net

Hi again,

There is also more that was written... this is just a beginning [from *Buckskin and Satin*]. I was asked a few years ago by a couple in France who wanted to sell their French collection of Texas Jack Dime Novels, and there were 150 of them. Unfortunately someone else finally bought them.

I hope this is helpful.

Larry Tyree

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**From:** DICK & LINDA OMOHUNDRO <omohndro@sbcglobal.net>

**To:** debraemarvin@yahoo.com

**Sent:** Thursday, February 9, 2012 8:57 PM

**Subject:** Dime novels

Dear Debra,

Your email was forwarded to me today and I am so glad to hear that Texas Jack Omohundro will be mentioned in another publication. Larry Tyree, director of the Texas Jack Association, carbon copied to me his correspondence with you. Besides being president of TJA, I also do the layout for our publication, *The Texas Jack Scout*, and wondered if I could put an edited version of the correspondence into the Mail section of the *Scout*.

I trust his response was helpful to you. Best of luck with your writing. I just had an "as told to" book published (*Farm Boy*, by Dale Blackwell) and know how much work it is.

Sincerely,

Linda Omohundro

Pres. Texas Jack Association

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## *The Texas Jack Scout*

Thu, February 9, 2012 9:04:48 PM

Re: Dime novels

From: Debra Marvin <debraemarvin@yahoo.com>

To: DICK & LINDA OMOHUNDRO <omohndro@sbcglobal.net>

Hi Linda,

I've just started to look through the information. My novella takes place in 1887 and I wanted to reference the Texas Jack dime novels if they were indeed in circulation at that time. You're welcome to mention my question. Right now the story is in process and there's no guarantee of publication. If, indeed, I receive a contract for it, I'll also let you know.

Thanks,

Debra

Debra E. Marvin

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**Subject:** Re: Dime novels

Hi Linda,

I'm just finishing up some edits on the story. It is part of a novella proposal for a small publishing company, and I'm working with other authors, though mine will be the only one using the 'dime novel' story line.

I wonder if anyone has a list of the Texas Jack novel titles? I'd like to reference them in the story and I wonder how I would get permission to do that? So far, I've added small snippets of 'dime novel' text which I've made up myself. If, or I should say 'when' this novella is published, I'd like to add a reference to your organization. I will definitely keep in touch and let you know what is happening with the story.

thanks,

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\* Ed. On the following page are the scanned copies of the pages of Buckskin and Satin that are relevant to the dates of Texas Jack Dime Novels:

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"TEXAS JACK, The White King of the Pawnees" first appeared in Street and Smith's *New York Weekly* Vol. XXVIII, No. 20, under the date of March 24, 1873. It ran as a serial up to and including issue No. 33, June 23, 1873. It may have been Buntline's attempt to establish Texas Jack nationally as he had done with Buffalo Bill in *Buffalo Bill The King of Border Men* some two years before. In any event the serial, which ran during the time the play, *The Scouts of the Prairie*, was on the road, was eagerly received. It was the forerunner of many more novels in which Texas Jack played the part of the hero or one of the prominent characters. This first thrilling story of Texas Jack's frontier life proved to be most popular with readers and was reprinted at various times in the following Street and Smith Publications:

*New York Weekly* . . . reprinted again as a serial in 1887  
*Sea and Shore Series* No. 28 . . . . . 1891  
*Log Cabin Library* No. 132 . . . . . 1891  
*Log Cabin Pocket Edition* No. 31 . . . . . 1898  
*Log Cabin Pocket Edition* No. 169 . . . . . 1901

Some years after this, Buntline produced another novel with Texas Jack as the hero. This one, "TEXAS JACK'S CHUMS, or The Whirlwind of the West" appeared in No. 316, *Nickel Library*, 1883.

One of the most prolific and best known of all Dime Novel authors was Col. Prentiss Ingraham. It is said that nearly a

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thousand novels came from his pen in his almost thirty-four years of writing. Like Buntline he was a veritable soldier of fortune, having traveled in many foreign countries, fought in several wars and had lived in the West for a while where he became acquainted with many of the frontier scouts.

Ingraham's novel, "TEXAS JACK, The Mustang King," first appeared in the quarto edition of the *Beadle's Boys Library*, No. 5, of January 11, 1882. Two years later it was used in the *Beadle's Boys Library*, Octavo Edition, No. 10, June 21, 1884. The last reprint of this sensational story concerning Texas Jack made its appearance in the *Beadle's Pocket Library*, No. 392, July 15, 1891.

Col. Ingraham used several *nom de plumes* in his writing. It is said that he wrote some of the novels credited to Buffalo Bill after that scout grew tired of writing. The Novel, "NED WYLDE, The Boy Scout," by "Texas Jack" (J. B. Omohundro) is generally credited to Ingraham. This novel first appeared in serial form in *The Saturday Journal* Vol. VII, beginning with No. 348, November 11, 1876 and ending in No. 354, December 23, 1876. Some years later it came out in novel form in *Beadle's Half Dime Pocket Library*, Third Edition, Vol. 1, No. 9, March 19, 1884. It was reprinted again in No. 1059 of the same series and in *Beadle's Half Dime Library* No. 38.

Wm. F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill") also authored a couple of novels about his old "pard," Texas Jack. The first "Texas Jack, the Prairie Rattler; or, The Queen of the Wild Horses," was written as a serial for *Beadle's Weekly*. It began in issue No. 40, (August 18, 1883) and ran to issue No. 50 (Oct. 27, 1883). His second, "TEXAS JACK, The Lasso King; or, The Robber Rangers of the Rio Grande," was likewise a serial. It began in issue No. 615 (August 25, 1894) of *The Banner Weekly*, and ended in No. 627, (November 17, 1894). In 1897 it was reprinted in the No. 969 issue of *Beadle's Dime Library*.

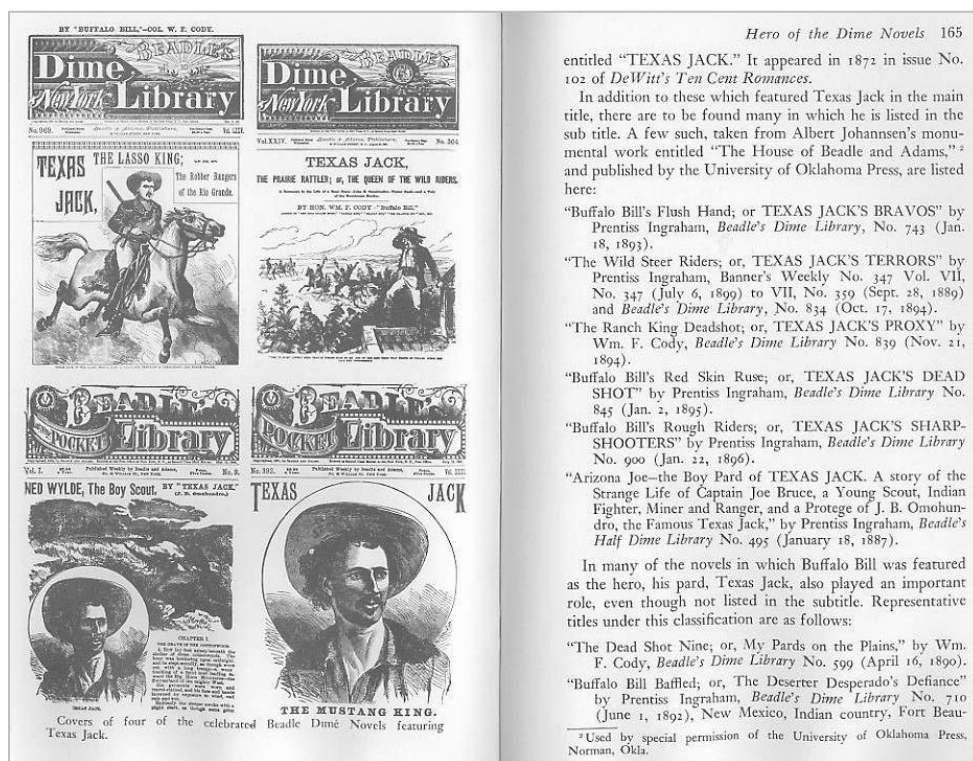
One of the earlier novels about Texas Jack is the one written by someone using the pseudonym of "Lone Star" and



DIME NOVELS  
 Covers from four of the better known Dime Novels and weekly papers in which Texas Jack was the hero.



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Covers of four of the celebrated Texas Jack.

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entitled "TEXAS JACK." It appeared in 1872 in issue No. 102 of *DeWitt's Ten Cent Romances*.

In addition to these which featured Texas Jack in the main title, there are to be found many in which he is listed in the sub title. A few such, taken from Albert Johannsen's monumental work entitled "The House of Beadle and Adams,"<sup>2</sup> and published by the University of Oklahoma Press, are listed here:

- "Buffalo Bill's Flush Hand; or TEXAS JACK'S BRAVOS" by Prentiss Ingraham, *Beadle's Dime Library*, No. 743 (Jan. 18, 1893).
- "The Wild Steer Riders, or, TEXAS JACK'S TERRORS" by Prentiss Ingraham, *Banner's Weekly* No. 347 Vol. VII, No. 147 (July 6, 1899) to VII, No. 359 (Sept. 28, 1889) and *Beadle's Dime Library*, No. 834 (Oct. 17, 1894).
- "The Ranch King Deadshot; or, TEXAS JACK'S PROXY" by Wm. F. Cody, *Beadle's Dime Library* No. 839 (Nov. 21, 1894).
- "Buffalo Bill's Red Skin Ruse; or, TEXAS JACK'S DEAD SHOT" by Prentiss Ingraham, *Beadle's Dime Library* No. 845 (Jan. 2, 1895).
- "Buffalo Bill's Rough Riders; or, TEXAS JACK'S SHARP-SHOOTERS" by Prentiss Ingraham, *Beadle's Dime Library* No. 900 (Jan. 22, 1896).
- "Arizona Joe—the Boy Pard of TEXAS JACK. A story of the Strange Life of Captain Joe Bruce, a Young Scout, Indian Fighter, Miner and Ranger, and a Protege of J. B. Omohundro, the Famous Texas Jack," by Prentiss Ingraham, *Beadle's Half Dime Library* No. 495 (January 18, 1887).

In many of the novels in which Buffalo Bill was featured as the hero, his pard, Texas Jack, also played an important role, even though not listed in the subtitle. Representative titles under this classification are as follows:

- "The Dead Shot Nine; or, My Pards on the Plains," by Wm. F. Cody, *Beadle's Dime Library* No. 599 (April 16, 1890).
- "Buffalo Bill Baffled; or, The Deserter Desperado's Defiance" by Prentiss Ingraham, *Beadle's Dime Library* No. 710 (June 1, 1892), New Mexico, Indian country, Fort Beau-

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vior. A story featuring Cody, Powell, Omohundro, and others.

- "Buffalo Bill's Body-Guard; or, The Still Hunt of the Hills. The Story of the 'Robber of the Ranges,'" by Prentiss Ingraham, *Beadle's Dime Library* No. 727 (September 28, 1892). A Silk Lasso Sam story, with Buffalo Bill, Texas Jack, and Dr. Powell taking part.
- "Buffalo Bill's Beagles; or, Silk Lasso Sam, the Outlaw of the Overland. A Story of Wild West Heroes and Heroism," by Prentiss Ingraham, *Beadle's Dime Library* No. 731 (Oct. 26, 1892). Buffalo Bill, Texas Jack, Dr. Powell and others are the leading characters.
- "Buffalo Bill and His Merry Men," by Prentiss Ingraham, *Beadle's Dime Library* No. 735 (November 23, 1892). Buffalo Bill, Texas Jack, Wild Bill and Dr. Powell are the heroes.
- "Buffalo Bill's Tangled Trail; or, Gentleman Jack, the Man of Many Masks. A Romance of Tangled Trails Followed by Buffalo Bill and His Buckskin Heroes, Surgeon Frank Powell, Wild Bill, Texas Jack, Captain Jack Crawford, Buckskin Sam, Colorado Carl, and a Mysterious Unknown," by Prentiss Ingraham, *Beadle's Dime Library* No. 904 (February 19, 1896).
- "Buffalo Bill at Bay; or, The Gold-Seeker's Doom. A Story of the Great Scout's Red Ally," by Prentiss Ingraham, *Beadle's Dime Library* No. 950 (January 6, 1897). Lost in a blizzard. Buffalo Bill, General Miles, Texas Jack, and Dr. Powell take part.
- "The Dead Shot Four; or, My Pards of the Plains. A Romance of Wild Careers and Heroic Manhood in Dark Days Camp," by William F. Cody, *Beadle's Dime Library* No. 973 (June 16, 1897) *Banner Weekly* No. 752 (April 10, 1897) "Dark Days," a mining camp out West. Texas Jack, Wild Bill, the Powells, and Buffalo Bill have parts in the story.
- "Buffalo Bill's Relentless Trail; or, The Unknown Slayer of the Black Cavalry," by Prentiss Ingraham, *Beadle's Dime Library* No. 979 (July 28, 1897) Arizona Territory, Buffalo Bill, Wild Bill, Dr. Powell and Texas Jack perform wonders.

The following list, with but one exception all appeared in *The Banner Weekly*. The first one listed is from *Beadle's Weekly*.

The Banner Weekly to the Front! With Change of Title we give this Great Banner Story!



THE DEAD SHOT NINE:  
OR, MY PARDS OF THE PLAINS.  
BY HON. WM. F. CODY, "Buffalo Bill."

Texas Jack is featured in this story by Buffalo Bill along with other frontier characters of the time.

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"The League of Three; or, Buffalo Bill's Pledge," by Prentiss Ingraham, No. 1 (Nov. 18, 1882), to No. 13 (Feb. 10, 1883). A story of a trail followed to the bitter end by the three famous scouts, Buffalo Bill, Wild Bill and Texas Jack.

"The Dead-shot Nine; or, My Pard of the Plains," by William F. Cody, Vol. IV, No. 157 (Nov. 14, 1885), to Vol. 169 (Feb. 6, 1886). Kansas in the 1870's. Getting after the "Red Owl" gang. Cody, Wild Bill, Texas Jack and Dr. Frank Powell take part.

"The Wild Steer Riders; or, The Red Revolver Rangers," by Prentiss Ingraham, Vol. VII, No. 347 (July 6, 1889, to No. 359 (Sept. 28, 1889). Baltimore and Texas—Indians, gamblers, card sharks; cowboys: Texas Jack, Buck Taylor, Buckskin Sam, etc.

"Buffalo Bill's Brand; or, The Brimstone Brotherhood," by Prentiss Ingraham, Vol. VII, No. 359 (Sept. 28, 1889, to Vol. VIII, No. 371 (Dec. 21, 1889). A romance of Army—, Scout and Wild Life in the True Wild West. Fort Fairview with Buffalo Bill, Texas Jack and Dr. Powell.


"Buffalo Bill's Boys in Blue; or, The Officer Outcast," by Prentiss Ingraham, Vol. VIII, No. 371 (Dec. 21, 1889), to No. 383 (March 15, 1890). Valley City on the Overland Trail. She sold herself for her lover's life—Cody, Powell and Texas Jack are featured.

"Buffalo Bill's Buckskin Braves; or, The Renegade Queen" by Prentiss Ingraham, Vol. VIII, No. 383 (March 15, 1890), to No. 395 (June 7, 1890). A Romance of Life in the Wild West—with Buffalo Bill, Dr. Powell, Texas Jack, Sioux Indians, outlaws, soldiers and gamblers at "Fort Fairview and Gold Pocket."

"Gentleman Jack, the Man of Many Masks; or, Buffalo Bill's Peerless Pard," by Prentiss Ingraham, Vol. IX, No. 419 (Nov. 22, 1890), to No. 432 (Feb. 21, 1891). A Romance of Tangled Trails followed by Buffalo Bill and his Buckskin Heroes, Surgeon Frank Powell, Wild Bill, Texas Jack, Capt. Jack Crawford, Buckskin Sam, Colorado Carl and a Mysterious Unknown.

"Red Butterfly, the Spy of the Overland; or, The Nine Scouts League," by Prentiss Ingraham, Vol. IX, No. 431 (Feb. 14, 1891), to Vol. IX, No. 443 (May 9, 1891). Colorado in the 1870's, also Lake George, N. Y. Quantrel's band, Buffalo Bill, Wild Bill, Texas Jack, the Powells, Capt. Jack

We hope you are able to read the fascinating information in these 5 pages about the variety and volume of dime novels that were written about Texas Jack and the portions of the novels that were printed in magazines of the time. Or you can look in your own copy if you are fortunate enough to own Buckskin and Satin.



**NEXT SCOUT ISSUE INFORMATION**

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

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*The* President's  
MESSAGE

This has been a very eventful winter for many of us. My husband, Dick, was in the hospital for nine days with pneumonia and is still recovering. Right after he got home, I was in the hospital twice with seven episodes of pain from a still unknown cause. Our Director/Past President, Larry, has been very ill and hospitalized with a severe reaction to mold, and our Treasurer and Webmaster, Rene, has been his caretaker. Our Vice President/President-Elect had pneumonia and a near-death experience in his family. Prayer, friends and family have brought us all through so far, and we all still covet your prayers.

Spring is coming! New life and renewed health. Normally frozen Ohio has crocus and daffodils blooming. Then comes the long awaited summer and the exciting 2012 Texas Jack Roundup! The beautiful rolling hills of Virginia is the setting where Texas Jack was born and where we will meet. In spite of all the medical problems, the Texas Jack Association board, especially Randy & Mary Golladay, have been working feverishly to make this Roundup the most memorable one that you have ever experienced. It promises to be full of fun, food, and fellowship, history, and natural beauty, filled with the spirit of Texas Jack.

Our Texas Jack Association website, <http://www.texasjack.org>, Roundup information has not been able to be updated as of this writing due to illness, but the forms for Membership are working, making it easy to

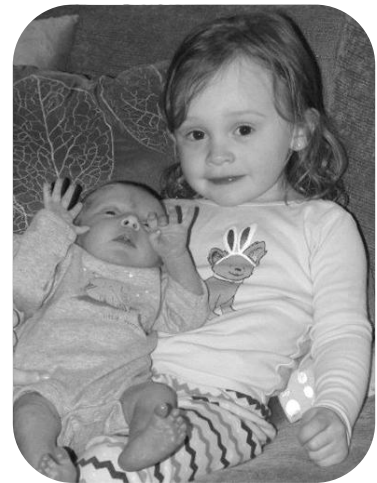
get your membership renewed. There are also forms in this issue to use.

Thank you all for being patient with us since the last issue. I think we have taken care of everyone who needed answers and information. We have really enjoyed corresponding with all of you.

As I have urged before, I hope everyone is taking every opportunity to spread the word about Texas Jack and the TJA. I have found many people that have not heard of him, but they certainly know about him now. He was an interesting and exciting character and an important part of our history.

Speaking of new life, we'd like to welcome to the TJA

family Jett Golladay. He is the grandson of Randy and Mary Golladay and the great-grandson of Edna Nees, historian of



the TJA. Jett and sister Lauryn are direct descendants of Texas Jack's sister, Arabella Omohundro Nees. Arabella was the grandmother of Edna Nees' late husband John.

*Linda Omohundro*, President



**THE AWESOME WILD THREESOME**...January 2011

“A Tale of Sophia, Sam and Grandpa”



By: Driftin' AaronG

This is an exciting adventure tale of the awesome wild threesome  
It's about Sophia, Sam and grandpa ridin' horses across a great western kingdom

Sophia on Spirit, the wild mustang stallion of the plains  
An' Sam ridin' Apache, a black 'n' white paint with him hold'n' tight onto the reins  
An' here comes grandpa on to his ol' bay laggin' behind slow an' easy jus' watchin' the land  
change  
This awesome wild threesome ridin' across Minnesota, Kansas, Montana an' all the  
western range

Wild outlaws on the prod the newspapers did say  
Robbin' and stealin' what's not theirs to take almost ever' day

Sophia an' Sam thought about the outlaws an' made up their mind  
They'd go after 'em 'cause the bad guys were not a good kind

With ma an' pa havin' to work to keep up their little ranch  
It was up to grandpa to ride an' give his grandkids a fair chance

So on his ol' bay horse he mounted and rode west keepin' 'em in sight  
Jus' knowin' they were honest an' would stop the outlaws 'cause it was only right

All across the western land they followed the trail  
Only wantin' to send those outlaws off to jail

The awesome wild threesome trailed the outlaws through Wyoming an' Utah  
Then west toward Nevada an' turned toward Idaho an' the outlaws they finally saw

A ridin' their horses hard an' fast tryin' to get away from Sophia an' Sam an' grandpa, too,  
I must say  
There they were jus' catchin' up with those outlaws who were tryin' to get away that very  
day

Sophia an' Sam were smart an' was herdin' them outlaws toward a box canyon ahead  
An' a posse comin' to help these three awesome wild ones whom the outlaws did dread

The outlaws caught and taken to jail, the awesome wild threesome headed home to ma an'  
pa's ranch  
the adventure of a lifetime they had, the awesome wild threesome, the outlaws didn't have  
a chance.

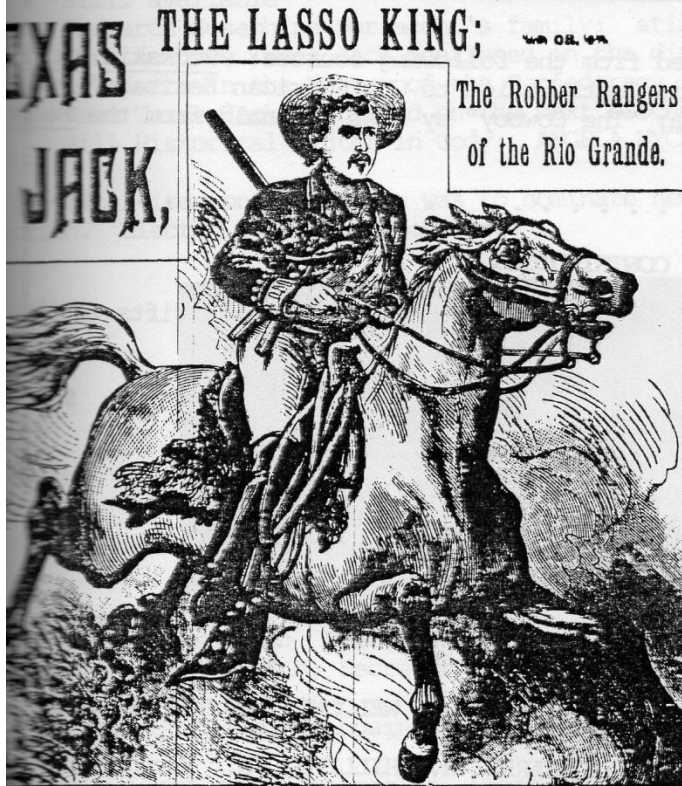
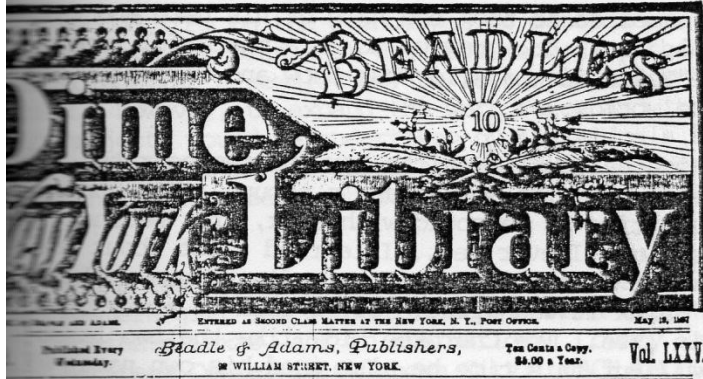
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### LARIATS AND LASSO KINGS

by Kitty V. Wyche

The lariat, as a lasso is called in the Southwest, was first made from ropes of hair, grass, or henequin. It varies in length from 30 to 70 feet. The longer rope is used in the open plains while the shorter length works better in brush country and mountainous terrain. To fashion a lasso, the cowboy makes a small "honda knot," or fixed loop, at one end. He then passes the other end of the rope through the honda knot and forms a flexible loop which can be pulled taut or slackened.

BY "BUFFALO BILL,"—COL. W. F. CODY.



TEXAS JACK IN THE LEAD, RIDING LIKE A VERITABLE CENTAUR—A COMMANDING AND ROMAN FIGURE.

"TEXAS JACK, the Lasso King" was the second of the Texas Jack dime novels written by Buffalo Bill. It first ran as a series in *The Banner Weekly* from August 25 to November 17, 1894. It was reprinted by *Beadle's Dime Library* in 1897.

It was the Mexican cowboy, the "vaquero," who taught Texans how to whirl and throw a rope, and soon the lariat became a cowhand's most important tool. With it he caught cattle, held his horse, pulled wagons across muddy rivers and swamps, tied his packs in place, and killed snakes. Texas Jack spent nearly three years as a Texas ranch hand and cattle driver. In various writings by him he mentions his lariat as part of his gear and speaks of the cowboy's need to "learn to handle a rope" and "lasso an untamed mustang."

And learn to handle a rope he did! When Texas Jack escorted the Pawnee on their 1872 summer buffalo hunt, they were so impressed with his abilities with a lasso that they called him Whirling Rope. In December of the same year Texas Jack, along with Buffalo Bill and Ned Buntline, debuted on a Chicago stage in Buntline's *Scouts of the Prairie*. Referring to that first performance, the *Leadville Herald Democrat* wrote in 1908, "The Chicago audience was seeing the earliest use of the lasso in a dramatic production as Texas Jack roped the rebellious savages. It was he who first introduced a roping act on the American stage." Even after his death in 1890, Texas Jack's proficiency with a lasso was not forgotten when his old pard Buffalo Bill penned a dime novel

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that proclaimed Texas Jack the Lasso King.

But the tale does not end here, for a little known fact is that Texas Jack indirectly influenced two other American lasso kings. TJA members who have the October '86 Scout or Herschel Logan's Buckskin and Satin can read further details of this fascinating historical footnote, but the gist of the story is as follows. . .

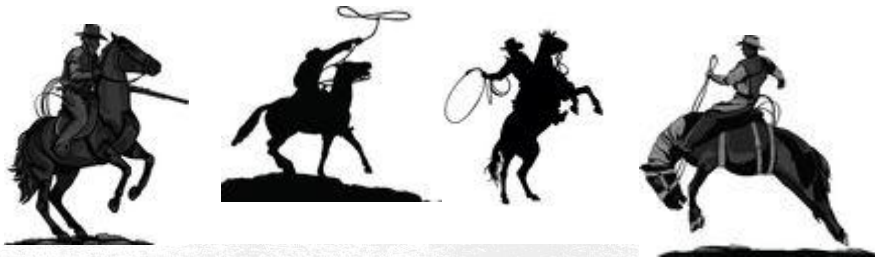
While in Texas, Jack happened upon a small boy whose parents had just been slain by hostile Indians. He took the child to the nearest fort and left money for his care. The orphan did not know his parents' names so he took the name of his hero and called himself Texas Jack, Jr. Like his idol, Jack, Jr. grew up to be a masterful roper. He formed his own traveling exhibition--"Texas Jack's Wild West Show and Circus"-- and performed in major cities all over the world.

In 1903, in Ladysmith, South Africa, a young American boy who demonstrated talent with a lasso applied for and was given a job with Texas Jack's troupe. His stage name was The Cherokee Kid. He spent as much time as he could with Jack, Jr., because "Texas Jack was one of the smartest showmen I ever met...I learned a lot about the show business from him. He could do a bum act with a rope that an ordinary man couldn't get away with, and make the audience think it was great. So, I used to study him by the hour..." Sadly, Jack, Jr. died in 1905. The Cherokee Kid, like the two lasso kings before him, later formed his own show. But this time he also used his own name--Will Ross

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Information for this essay was gathered from the following sources: Buckskin and Satin by Herschel C. Logan; "The Cowboy: His Contribution to Our American Heritage" by H.A. True, Jr.; The World Book Encyclopedia; "The Cowboy" by Russ McDonald from the Fedco Reporter.

We hope you enjoyed this classic article by one of our past presidents, Kitty Wyche. It is from the September, 1988, issue of *The Texas Jack Scout*.



*Do you know someone who has an interest in THE OLD WEST?...who might like to become more aware of men and women who took part in that century old saga but whose stories have seldom been told?*

*We would really like to expand our family of members - to both those who have a desire to learn as well as those who have information, stories or ideas to share with us.*

*If each of us members of the TEXAS JACK ASSOCIATION were to bring in just one additional member, we would most certainly be able to reach, or even exceed our goal by the end of 1985.*

*We will be very happy to send information about our organization, a brochure and one of our recent newsletters to anyone whom you may recommend. Just send us the names, or pass along this application to your friend. OUR GROWTH DEPENDS UPON YOU!, so please, won't you help?*

*What was true in 1985 is still true in 2012!*

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