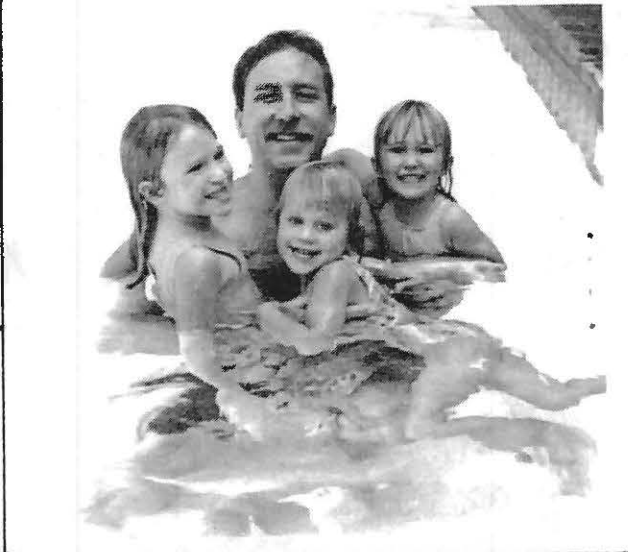
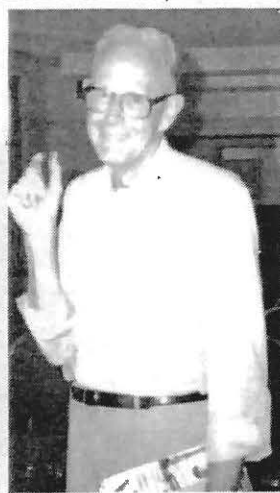


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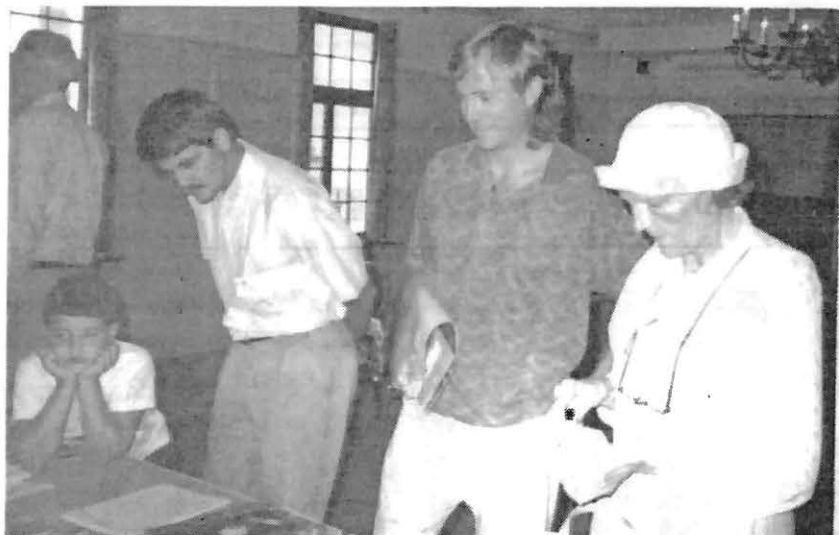
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## Smile, You're in San Antonio!



Smiles were abundant as fifty members from fifteen states gathered for the 1992 Texas Jack Roundup in San Antonio, Texas. Held at the historical La Mansión del Rio Hotel July 8-10, the event was planned and hosted by president Jack Omohundro and his wife Jane. It was simply superb!

The Roundup began with registration Wednesday afternoon. Tucked into everyone's registration packet was a little surprise: commemorative Texas Jack postcards designed by Rick Brown. Later in the day, some members renewed friendships in the hospitality suite, some went for a refreshing dip in the pool, others began exploring the enticing River Walk.



Brandon and Rick Omohundro; Randy McKinney; Virginia VanLeu



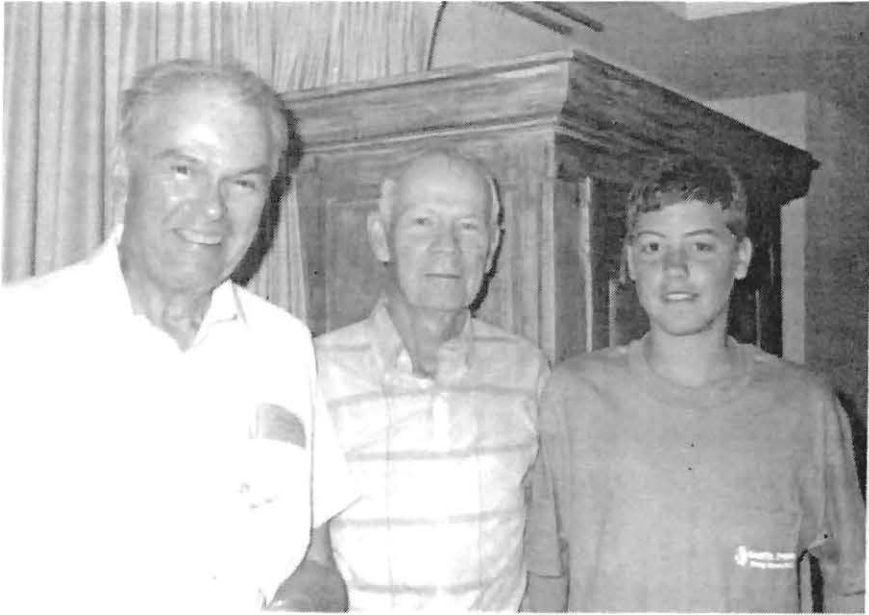
Angela and Mal Wyche; Julie Greene



Judy, Sheryll, and Jane Omohundro



John and Edna Nees



Ben, Mal, and Brandon Wyche



Julie Greene and Jack Omohundro

First thing Thursday morning was the business meeting. Afterwards, we boarded a tour bus and were given an excellent overview of the city by our guide, Joan Minten. She knew innumerable facts and anecdotes about the old and new San Antonio. We rode past the Alamo, the King William Historic Area, San Fernando Cathedral, and the Spanish Governor's Palace. We visited the San Jose Mission and the Institute of Texan Cultures. After browsing the shops and stalls at Market Square, we headed back to our hotel to cool off in the pool, relax, and change for dinner.

Dinner! For that we walked right out of our hotel and onto three river barges, each outfitted with a dining table set with bright cloths and curled ribbons! As our waiters served up the salad course we floated past shops, cafés, even an outdoor performance. Passersby waved to us; some even took pictures. We felt like celebrities! After a bit, the boats pulled up to our hotel and the servers made a quick exchange of dishes. In a wink we were off again, now being served the main course. Once more we meandered under the quaint footbridges, past the lush foliage and playful waterfalls. During dessert and coffee our boat captains told informative and entertaining stories. For many, the river barge dinner was the highlight of the Roundup!

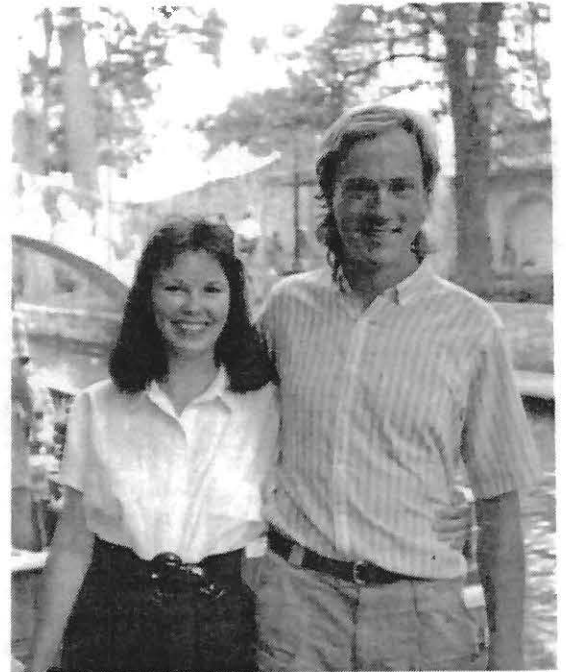
Friday was "on your own." It was a chance to visit the Alamo and other places of interest. Some went shopping along the River Walk. Some drove out to the San Antonio Zoo. One thing was certain--there was plenty to do!



Joan Minten (right) explains an aspect of long-ago mission life.



The San Jose Mission was founded in 1720.



Kitty Pelkan & Randy McKinney



Henry Kucharzyk, Mary Margaret Sullivan, Hughes Diller on a dinner barge.

That evening the farewell banquet brought everyone together for one last time. The music of a mariachi trio heightened the festive mood of the social hour. When it was time to be seated for dinner, each person found at their place a Roundup memento: an autographed copy of THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER by Mary Ann Noonan Guerra.

After the meal, Jack's two sons ceremoniously awarded their dad a coonskin cap! Angela Wyche eloquently thanked Jack for his hard work as president and presented him with a framed photograph of Texas Jack. M.H. Omohundro acknowledged the presence of Mary Margaret Sullivan, wife of the Association's founder and first president, the late Frank Sullivan. Next, professional storyteller Mark Wilson held us all spellbound with his

wonderful stories and poems.

Throughout the Roundup, Edna Nees had been selling chances for an oil painting on wood of Jack and Josephine by Lynn Randall. It was now time to pick the winner. Holly Wyche pulled the lucky name from the box.....Julie Greene!

All too quickly, our long-awaited Roundup was over. We didn't wish to say goodbye. Instead, we echoed the phrase spoken in Cody, North Platte, Richmond and Leadville--"See you in two years!"





# The President's MESSAGE

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Dear Fellow Members,

To each of you who joined us for our Roundup in San Antonio, I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation. To those of you who, for one reason or another, could not, I want to tell you that I think you missed a grand time.

I also want to thank those who worked so hard to make my term as your president such a rewarding experience for me. KITTY, EDNA and R.C. were most helpful, and it is our good fortune to have them continue to give of themselves for the Association. And I must mention ANGELA WYCHE. I cannot remember how many times I called on her for advice or just plain sympathy when things were not going as smoothly as I wanted them to go. To all of you who wrote letters and suggestions, thank you so much. As I said when I began my term, this is your organization, and the participation of each of you is needed if we are to progress.

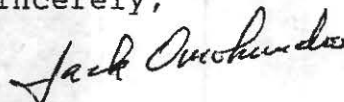
At the business meeting, it was reported that our several projects are still alive and progressing, albeit slowly. ANN MILSTEAD reported that she had had encouragement in her quest to have a mountain peak in Yellowstone Park named after Texas Jack. HUGHES DILLER is looking into our putting an inscription on Frank Sullivan's headstone. We are still hoping to get Texas Jack inducted into the Cowboy Hall of Fame. Keep those letters going!

The matter of dues payment, or lack thereof, was discussed. Various methods of notifying members of dues delinquency were considered. It was brought out that dues payment is the only source of income which we have, and the expenses of publishing the SCOUT are considerable. A consensus was reached that after two years of non-payment of dues, a member would cease to receive the SCOUT. If you are uncertain of your dues status, contact EDNA NEES. She has an up-to-date list and will be glad to advise if you are current or delinquent.

Of course, the best thing to come out of the meeting was the wonderful new slate of officers. KITTY WYCHE PELKAN graciously volunteered to be our next president. EDNA NEES also volunteered to continue working for the Association. She will be our vice-president and secretary. R.C. OMOHUNDRO sent word that he would continue as our treasurer. RICK BROWN and PEGGY GREENE volunteered to edit and put together the SCOUT, then send it on to EDNA who shall continue to see that it is printed and distributed. HENRY KUCHARZYK and PETER ALEXIS have volunteered to formulate plans for our next roundup to be held in Lowell, Massachusetts in 1994. I know that all of you will give each one of these people your full support and help.

I'll close by again thanking you for the opportunity to serve as your president. I shall continue to do any and everything that I can to assist in the accomplishment of the goals of the TJA which are to make Texas Jack's name as famous and well known as "that other name" we know so well.

Sincerely,



Jack H. Omohundro, Sr.



# Texas Jack Visits Richmond: May 1873

by Robert D. Pepper

For me, a new subscriber to the TEXAS JACK SCOUT, the June number (first I've seen) couldn't have come at a better time. Over the last year or so I've been gathering material for a book on "The Scouts of the Prairie," the play which (as readers of this journal well know) introduced Buffalo Bill Cody and Texas Jack to "the show business," as they used to say.

I've now begun to write up that tour, week by week, though not always in chronological order. And I had only recently put together a first draft of the Prairie Scouts' visit to Richmond, Virginia, when I was delighted to find Malvern Hill Omohundro, Sr.'s eye-witness description of that very event.

Aficionados of Texas Jack are of course familiar with Herschel C. Logan's fine biography, BUCKSKIN AND SATIN. As you may remember, Logan mentions the Omohundro family reunion at the Exchange Hotel, and he reproduces portions of the play reviews in Richmond papers. I can now elaborate a bit on Logan's account; also on the reminiscences of Malvern Hill Omohundro. In the latter, there are only two small errors of fact: six-year-old Malvern went to Richmond not in April 1873, but in May; and his big brother Jack acted there for four days, not three.

The Prairie Scouts had their premiere in Chicago on Monday, December 16, 1872. So when they arrived in Richmond, either on Sunday, May 11 or Monday the 12th, 1873, they had been playing Ned Buntline's drama for 21 weeks and were about to begin week number 22. The previous theatrical week, ending Saturday, May 10 (there were no Sunday performances in those days), had been spent in Washington, D.C., where the DAILY CHRONICLE of Wednesday, May 7 ran a biographical sketch of Texas Jack on the front page. [Ed. note: see April 1985 SCOUT for a reprint of that article.] Jack would surely have brought either a copy of that paper or a clipping from the front page to show his family.

As noted, the Prairie Scouts had a four-day engagement in Richmond: from Monday, May 12 through Thursday, May 15. Friday and Saturday they played the Opera House in Norfolk, whose proprietor, W.T. Powell, also managed what Malvern Hill Omohundro calls "the old Broad Street Theatre" in Richmond. (Contemporary newspapers refer to it simply as "the Theatre.") The following week the troupe went to Baltimore and Philadelphia for return engagements in those cities. And they stayed north of the Mason-Dixon Line until they disbanded at the end of June.

Malvern Hill notes (quite accurately) that the show's leading ladies portrayed characters named "Dove Eye" (an Indian maiden) and "Hazel Eye" (a white trapper's daughter). But what young Malvern could not have known--what even Herschel Logan did not know--was that by the time the Prairie Scouts got to Richmond, "Dove Eye" was no longer played by the actress who created that role. From Chicago to Philadelphia the part was taken by the peerless Josephine Morlacchi; but (as I have discovered) in the Quaker City, at the end of the 19th week, Morlacchi left the cast, returning to New York to star in a revival of the hit musical "Humpty Dumpty."

Why Morlacchi deserted Ned Buntline AND her future husband is a question I will not try to answer here. (Perhaps part of the answer lies in the old saying, "The path of true love never did run smooth.") Suffice it to say that the two women young Malvern met in Richmond were a talented singing actress named Bessie Sudlow, who had replaced Morlacchi as "Dove Eye," and the tall,

sultry, Cuban-born Elie Carfano, who played "Hazel Eye" for the entire run of the "Prairie Scouts."

Another fact young Malvern could not be expected to know was a gruesome one. Fate had decreed that Ned Buntline's blood-and-thunder drama should be given advance publicity of a sort by the most sensational duel in Richmond's civic history. The lawyer John B. Mordicai and the tobacco merchant W. Page McCarty, prominent bachelors in their early 30s, were at odds over a poem by McCarty published on February 5th in the Richmond ENQUIRER. It somehow related to a local belle named Mary Triplett, whom both men admired.

On Monday, May 5, while the Scouts were still in Washington, the rivals for Mary's affections had a fist fight, in which McCarty was badly beaten. That Friday (May 9) he sent his second to Mordecai, and the same evening they dueled with "Colt's revolvers, largest size, loaded with army balls." At ten paces they could hardly miss. McCarty was crippled for life, and Mordecai (who had fought through the entire Civil War) was mortally wounded.

Although Richmond dramatic critics had once been feared for their harsh judgments on new plays, in May 1873, the local newspapers--DISPATCH, ENQUIRER, and WHIG--took a mild and benevolent attitude toward the Scouts. It almost seemed that they were reluctant to discourage northern troupes from venturing into a state which had only recently rejoined the Union. (I suspect that, in private, local theatre people made more than a few sardonic jokes about "troops" and "troupes.") On Wednesday the WHIG called Ned's play "one of the most striking and stirring dramas of the age," and on Thursday the DISPATCH commented rather plaintively (a front-page item) that the troupe's "speedy return to Richmond...[would] doubtless prove gratifying to [its] many admirers." A single unpleasant note was sounded by the ENQUIRER. On Thursday that journal noted soberly that if Bill and Jack were not so handsome, and not such genuine heroes, and if there were not "bonafide Indians on the stage," then "the performance would be tame and unprofitable, indeed."

Perhaps the most significant thing about newspaper coverage of the Prairie Scouts in Richmond is what was NOT said. For example, not one word about the Scouts' success in Washington, which after all was (and is) a "Southern" city. No biographical sketches, either, of former Union soldiers in the cast. Nor even, surprisingly, of Jack Omohundro, who had spent his early years in nearby Fluvanna County. Could Jack's association with Ned Buntline's troupe have been frowned on by some local people? In any case, the specter of the recent great war still hung over Richmond: it was emphasized by newspaper reports of "Oakwood Memorial Day" (Tuesday, May 12), when ceremonies were held to honor the Confederate dead.

A NOTE ON SOURCES: Information on the Mordecai-McCarty duel (including my quotation) comes from A RICHMOND READER, 1733-1983, edited by Maurice Duke and Daniel P. Jordan (University of North Carolina Press, 1983). And I have learned a good deal from RICHMOND: HER TRIUMPHS, TRAGEDIES AND GROWTH, a handsomely illustrated book of nearly 500 pages, edited by James K. Sanford (Richmond, 1975). For Richmond newspaper comment: besides the reviews quoted by Herschel Logan, I am indebted to the Buffalo Bill Historical Center and the Richmond Public Library.

If readers of the TEXAS JACK SCOUT know of any unpublished information relating to "The Scouts of the Prairie," I should very much like to hear from them: Dr. Robert D. Pepper  
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# *Aristocratic Dudes*

by Brendan Gill

June 1992

ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST

In the decades that followed the initial explorations of Lewis and Clark to the Pacific Northwest (1803-06), a variety of nomadic pioneers crisscrossed the Great Plains: hunters, trappers, cattlemen, missionaries, outlaws. Also present were surprisingly large numbers of European aristocrats who journeyed across the Atlantic in order to encounter, each in his own way, the wonders of the New World. Some of these titled personages, usually described in the press as sportsmen, were bent upon slaughtering as many living creatures as possible; others were amateurs of science, seeking to identify hitherto unknown species of flora and fauna; still others, having read in the cozy comfort of their libraries about cowboys and Indians, stampeding buffalo, and desperadoes as likely to shoot a stranger dead as say good-day to him, were eager to test their mettle against hardships and hazards no longer available to them in the Old World. They were gently mocked as dudes--a derogatory slang term of unknown origin, then coming into common use.

Throughout most of the nineteenth century, the hardships and hazards of life in the Far West were real enough; plenty of adventures were to be had by a brave tenderfoot. Of the tens of millions of acres that the United States acquired from France in the Louisiana Purchase, a large portion had not yet been carved up into states; squatters having settled down wherever they chose, title to property was often established at gunpoint. The many differing tribes of Plains Indians, threatened with annihilation by the invading white man, understandably responded now with passive docility, now with murderous fury. To cross the Great Plains and surmount the jagged, snowy heights of the Rocky Mountains, railroads gradually took the place of the old wagon trails leading out from St. Louis, Kansas City and other bustling frontier towns, but in the days before the Civil War, aristocratic dudes would either pay a fee to join fur traders making their regular rounds or, failing that, would assemble their own overland packtrains, with guides, cooks, valets and ample stores of food-stuffs, bedding, firearms, ammunition and whiskey.

In 1872 the grand duke Alexis of Russia arrived for a visit to the Far West, hoping to harvest the obligatory high number of buffalo. (With some difficulty, he managed to kill six.) The duke's official escort was the dashing and reckless George Armstrong Custer, who had been breveted the youngest general in the Union Army and who was to die four years later in a battle against the Sioux and Cheyenne at Little Bighorn River. Lower in rank than the grand duke but a far better shot was still another titled visitor: an Anglo-Irish peer, the earl of Dunraven, who was a graduate of Oxford and a skilled yachtsman, hunter, fisherman and reporter (he had covered the Franco-Prussian War for the London DAILY TELEGRAPH). On one of the earliest of the dozen or so visits that Dunraven made to the States he paid a call on a famous war hero, General "Phil" Sheridan, whose advice was always sought by distinguished transatlantic visitors interested in exploring the West. Years later the earl wrote a couple of memoirs of the American exploits, THE GREAT DIVIDE and PAST TIMES AND PASTIMES--books that make racy, amusing reading to this day. In them he describes Sheridan as "a great soldier and a delightful man, with the one peculiarity of using the most astounding swear words in ordinary conversation."

Sheridan arranged for the young milord and his personal physician, George Kingsley (people of importance traveled with their personal physicians in those days), to pick up guides at North Platte a desolate whistle-stop on the Union Pacific Railroad, named after the river upon whose banks it had recently been founded. The guides were "Buffalo Bill" Cody and "Texas Jack" Omohundro "of nearby Fort McPherson, tall, well-built, active-looking men, with singularly handsome features," as Dunraven describes them. He continues: "Bill was dressed in a pair of corduroys tucked into his high boots, and a blue flannel shirt. He wore a broad-brimmed hat, or sombrero, and had a white handkerchief folded like a little shawl loosely fastened around his neck to keep off the fierce rays of the afternoon sun. Jack's costume was similar, with the exception that he wore moccasins, and had his lower limbs encased in a pair of comfortable greasy deerskin trousers, ornamented with a fringe along the seams. Round his waist was a belt supporting a revolver, two butcher knives, and, in his hand he carried his trusty rifle, the 'Widow'--now in my possession."

After a month spent hunting elk with Cody and Omohundro, Dunraven boasted in his memoirs that his party returned to Fort McPherson as "about the dirtiest, most bloodstained, hungriest, happiest, most contented, and most disreputable crowd to be found anywhere in the great territories of the West." The following year he and Kingsley returned and, again with Cody and Omohundro as guides, sought out buffalo on the prairies, bighorn sheep in the mountains and merry social gatherings in such newly laid-out boomtowns as Denver, where they stayed at a hotel that billed itself as "the Delmonico of the West." In Denver, they were told of a vast, secret valley of ten or fifteen thousand acres, a paradise for hunters, just to the north of Colorado Springs. It was called Estes Park, and in the dead of winter Dunraven went off to investigate it.

Estes Park proved to be every bit as beautiful and as full of good shooting as his lordship had been promised. Soon he conceived the notion of purchasing the entire valley and turning it into his private hunting reserve. He hired a land agent who engaged in a common practice of the day, buying large tracts of land in the names of local squatters, who then turned the properties over to the agent on behalf of his foreign master. By the time Dunraven had accumulated some four thousand acres by this means, the "locals" were beginning to resent his presence and the earl himself was having second thoughts. In his memoirs, he writes that people had begun to wander in--his understated way of conveying that from a hunter's point of view Estes Park was becoming downright overcrowded. He gives an example: "I was sitting smoking at the door of a little one-room shanty when to me appeared a queer little old man on a pack-horse and says he, 'Say, stranger, is this a good place to drink whiskey in?' I said it was if only there was whiskey. He looked disappointed and wandered off. It became evident that we were not to be left monarchs of all we surveyed....People came in disputing claims, kicking up rows; exorbitant land taxes got into arrears; we were in constant litigation....So we sold for what we could get and cleared out, and I have never been there since."

Long vanished from his cottage on Fish Creek in Estes Park is the brave and handsome young earl, but his name remains enshrined in nearby Mount Dunraven, Dunraven Pass and Dunraven Glade. And he is at least indirectly present in the reading room of the Denver Public Library, where there hangs an immense landscape painted in 1877 by Albert Bierstadt. Meeting Bierstadt in New York City, Dunraven invited him out to Estes Park, where the artist made sketches of Longs Peak from the vantage point of the Fish Creek cottage; the actual canvas was painted in Bierstadt's New York studio. Dunraven paid the artist fifteen thousand dollars for the picture, which hung for many years at the earl's seat, Adare Manor, in County Limerick. He left it to his daughter, the

countess of Meath, who gave it to a nephew, Desmond Fitzgerald, hereditary knight of Glin. The picture occupied a proud place in the drawing room of the knight's home, Glin Castle.

The knight died in 1949, and his widow sold the picture several years later, for five thousand dollars, to help pay for the education of her young son, also named Desmond Fitzgerald. This Desmond, the twenty-ninth knight of Glin, is a well-known authority on Irish paintings and architecture and is president of the Irish Georgian Society. He remembers staring for hours at the immense Bierstadt landscape during his early childhood at Glin, but he has yet to visit Estes Park and observe at first hand the view that filled his mind (as his great-grandfather wrote that his mind had been filled in childhood) with "tales of Red Indians and grizzly bears...prairies and buffaloes...cowboys and voyageurs."

[Ed. notes: While flying back to Seattle from the San Antonio Roundup, the passenger next to me passed along his finished copy of the June AD. What an exciting postscript to the Roundup to find this wonderful article in a national publication!

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Permission to reprint excerpts from "Aristocratic Dudes" was neither granted nor denied. My letter of request was answered thusly: "Thank you for your letter and for submitting your story idea to the attention of Brendan Gill. While it is indeed interesting, our editors feel it wouldn't work for our magazine, as we focus on the interiors of private residences."

Readers are encouraged to find a copy of the June AD as the theme for the entire issue was The Wild West. Gill's piece also details the visits of Captain William Drummond Stewart and Robert Campbell (from Scotland) and Alexander Philip Maximilian, prince of Wied-Neuwied. The article is accompanied by beautiful color photographs of some of the artwork that was commissioned by the European visitors, including the Albert Bierstadt painting "Estes Park."

And finally, Desmond Fitzgerald, the knight of Glin, is an honorary member of the TJA and was introduced in the October '85 SCOUT. The earl of Dunraven VI and the present earl of Meath are also honorary members.]

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## Introducing . . .



Texas Jack's younger sister,  
ARABELLA A. OMOHUNDRO WOHLBRUCK NEES

Arabella was born July 22, 1849, just five days shy of brother Jack's third birthday. She was the sixth of eleven children born to John Burwell and Catherine S. Baker Omohundro of Fluvana County, Virginia.

At age nineteen Arabella married Theodor C. Wohlbruck of Germany, with whom she had five children. Wohlbruck died when Arabella was 32. Six years later she married Charles Wm. Nees, Sr. and they had two children. Most of her adult life was spent in New Jersey.

Two of Arabella's descendants--Harvey Willard and John Nees--were at the Roundup in San Antonio and told of hearing stories of Arabella's beauty and pluck. She was always the belle of the ball and always had lots of beaux. Because of Jack she had met Buffalo Bill. They maintained a correspondence, and whenever the Wild West Show played at New York's Madison Square Garden, Cody would send complimentary tickets to Arabella and Carl, and Arabella would be the wagon driver for that show! (As were her brothers Jack and Wood, Arabella was accomplished on horseback.) Afterwards, Cody would take his guests to dinner.

At age 72 Arabella was widowed a second time. The last four years of her life she was totally deaf and blind. Grandson John Nees remembers going with his daddy to visit her at the nursing home--"She would fire out the questions and you'd shake her hand up and down for yes, side to side for no." He also recalls that one bitter cold day he had stubbornly refused to wear his gloves. When Arabella grasped his icy hand for her question and answer session, she severely scolded her son Carl for not providing her little grandson with gloves! "She was spunky and inquisitive to the very end," said John. She died November 8, 1939 at age 90 and is buried at Pleasure Hill.



# The Scouting Report

WELCOME! to new members...

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CONGRATULATIONS! to...

JANE HUDSON MILSTEAD and Robert Ray Sheets who were married May 23 at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville, VA. The bride is the daughter of TJA members WILLIAM and ANN MILSTEAD.

CONDOLENCES to...

- ..the families of TJA charter members NELLIE SHYDER YOST LYDIC, 86, and FRANK A. LYDIC, 82, of North Platte, NE. Frank died November 9, 1991; Nellie on January 16, 1992. Both were active and prominent founding members of the Association. A tribute to them will be printed in the next SCOUT.
- ..the family of TJA member WILLIAM BECKWITH PERKINS, Rear Admiral USN (Retired), 81, of Fork Union, VA who died September 17. He is survived by his wife, five children, ten grandchildren, a brother, and a sister.
- ..the family of BILL GARLOW CODY, 79, of Cody, WY who died September 18. Cody was the last surviving grandchild of Buffalo Bill. He welcomed members of the TJA to his ranch during the 1984 roundup in Cody.

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- ..FRANKLIN H. PHILLIPS of Newport News, VA for his donation of \$50 to the TJA from the sale of posters.
- ..EDNA N. NEES of Scottsville, VA for her donation of \$380 from the '92 Roundup raffle and auction and from postcard sales.
- ..ANGELA G. WYCHE of Virginia Beach, VA for sending in a news account from THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT regarding the national convention of the Sons of the American Revolution held last June in Norfolk. An excerpt: "Malvern H. Omohundro, 86, of Richmond, is a descendant of Richard Omohundro, a Revolutionary War navy officer. 'Omohundro,' he said, 'was commissioned an ensign by his neighbor, Thomas Jefferson.'"
- ..VIRGINIA COOKE of Richmond, VA for sending a news report about the restoration of an historic alley in Richmond. Reminiscing about her childhood, the reporter wrote, "And occasionally, the alleys were great hideouts after a successful fig heist from Mrs. Omohundro's giant fig tree at the end of the block."
- ..JOHN OMOHUNDRO of Hannawa Falls, NY for sending an excerpt from ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK: A HISTORY by C.W. Buchholtz. Wrote John, "This authoritative history...cites (though misspells) Texas Jack as a scout for the Earl of Dunraven. Further evidence of his valuable role in early Rocky history and justification for naming a peak after him!" The information has been duly forwarded to Ann Milstead who is working toward that goal.
- ..RANDY MCKINNEY of Santa Barbara, CA for his information that Texas Jack is a minor character in BUFFALO GIRLS, c. 1990, by Larry McMurtry (the author of LONESOME DOVE, THE LAST PICTURE SHOW, and TERMS OF ENDEARMENT). Randy intends to write McMurtry and will let the SCOUT know if anything interesting results. JOHN OMOHUNDRO of Hannawa Falls also sent word about the book. He said, "BUFFALO GIRLS is a novel loosely based on the life of Calamity Jane. Buffalo Bill and Texas Jack are background characters. However, in the novel Texas Jack was supposedly born in Texas, whereas we all know he was born in Virginia. It is safe to assume Texas Jack's characterization is chiefly based on fantasy, not fact." Another example is that Texas Jack, in the book, is still alive for the Wild West Shows and is even part owner with Buffalo Bill! Oh, well! It's gratifying, nevertheless, to have Texas Jack portrayed as an equal to Cody. That, as we know, is NOT fantasy!
- ..M.H. OMOHUNDRO of Richmond, VA for loaning his copy of ON THE WING OF OCCASIONS by Joel Chandler Harris (best known for his B'r'er Rabbit stories). First published in 1900, ON THE WING is now out of print. The fictional story is set in the years after the Civil War. It depicts Texas Jack as the brightest, bravest, and most trustworthy scout in the southern army; a handsome, dashing hero!

## Roundup Rollcall



(r-1) BERYL CATERSON (Weaverville, CA) and DOROTHA WHALON (Lake Havasu, AZ)

Beryl, a great-granddaughter of T.J.'s half brother Malvern Hill and a charter member of the TJA, had so much fun at the Leadville Roundup, she insisted that her mother join her for this one. Wrote Dorothea, "I really had a wonderful time!"



HUGHES DILLER (Springfield, IL) is a charter member who became interested in Texas Jack through his good friend and founder of the TJA, the late Frank Sullivan. Hughes has attended roundups in Cody, North Platte and Leadville.



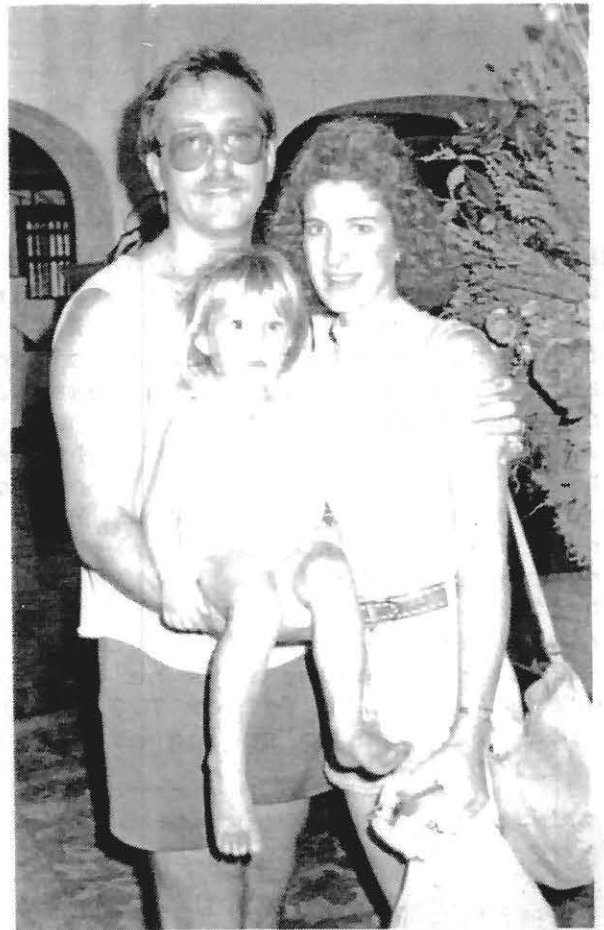
ROMA and FRED HAYLES (Seal Beach, CA) Fred is a charter member. He and Roma learned of Texas Jack from their friends Julie and Dennis Greene, and attended the Leadville Roundup. Fred wrote, "We salute our outgoing president and his wife, Jack and Jane, for their great leadership in 1990-92. We welcome our new president, Kitty!"



(1-r) Mark and Peggy Greene, DENNIS and JULIE GREENE (Palos Verdes Estates, CA), Rick and Carole Brown Julie is a granddaughter of T.J.'s half brother Malvern Hill and served as the second president of the TJA. She and Dennis (charter/sustaining members) have made enormous contributions to the TJA. A few: set up the structure for the TJA, solicited the starting membership, designed the logo, created the SCOUT, with Nellie Yost's help organized the North Platte Roundup. Julie and Dennis are avid collectors of Texas Jack items. They have attended all of the roundups.



MARK and PEGGY GREENE with LAURA and JENNIFER (Jupiter, FL)



RICK and CAROLE GREENE BROWN with MELISA (Watsonville, CA)

Mark, Peggy and Carole are all charter members and all attended the Richmond Rally. Mark and Peggy and their girls were also at Leadville. Peggy and Rick will serve as co-editors of the SCOUT for the next two years. Peggy will gather and write the articles and then send them to Rick. He'll do the word processing, layout and graphics. Rick is a budding desktop publisher and designed our Roundup souvenir postcards.



HENRY KUCHARZYK (Lowell, MA) is a charter member because of his curiosity and love of history. A friend of his had moved to Leadville and happened across the names Texas Jack and Josephine and the fact that they had once lived in Lowell. She sent the information to Henry, knowing he would research it further. He did! And along the way he got Peter Alexis interested, too. (See Feb/Mar SCOUT) Together they will host the '94 gathering. Henry, who also attended the Leadville Roundup, says he enjoys "conversing with fellow T.J. members. I look forward to seeing everyone in Lowell."



JOHN and EDNA NEES (Scottsville, VA) John is a grandson of T.J.'s sister Arabella and is a charter member. Through her research while updating the Omohundro genealogy, Edna has discovered she's a cousin! Edna works tirelessly for the TJA. A few examples: processes new memberships, gets the SCOUT printed and mailed, provides photos and stories for the SCOUT, and is working to get T.J. t-shirts made. She and John are very involved with the archaeological digs in Fluvanna (see Oct. '91 SCOUT). They assisted with the preparations of the Richmond and Leadville Roundups.



RUTH and JERRY MURPHEY (Corpus Christi, TX) are our newest members! They are collectors of 101 Ranch memorabilia and are organizing the 101 Ranch 100th Anniversary Celebration to be held next August in Ponca City, OK. Watch future issues of the SCOUT for further information about the Celebration.



JACK H., SR. and JANE OMOHUNDRO (Crowley, LA) Jack, a charter member, is a great-grandson of T.J.'s brother O.C. Jack is the fifth to serve as president of the TJA, and has been working to have T.J. admitted to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. He and Jane attended roundups in Richmond and Leadville and hosted the San Antonio event. "Hope everyone had a good time!"



JACK H., JR. and JUDY OMOHUNDRO (Las Vegas, NV) Jack and Judy caught roundup fever in Leadville. Asked what his favorite part was Jack wrote, "The whole affair!"



RICHARD L. and SHERYLL OMOHUNDRO and BARRY HOLZAPFEL (Norwich, CT) Richard heard so much about these gatherings from his father and brother, he decided to try one for himself. What did he think? "It was great!" What did he enjoy most? "Everything!"



RICHARD (Hummelstown, PA), KATHY (CA) and MARK OMOHUNDRO (CA)  
 Richard is a charter member whose great-grandfather was T.J.'s uncle Silas. Richard attended the Richmond Rally and says he enjoys meeting other Omohundros. This was the first roundup for his children Kathy and Mark. We hope they'll join us again!

RICHARD W. ("RICK"), NANCY and BRANDON OMOHUNDRO (Salt Lick, KY) Rick is a great-great-grandson of T.J.'s uncle Richard. While vacationing in 1990, Rick made a special trip to Leadville in search of T.J.'s gravesite. Guess who else was in town?! Sixty-odd members of the TJA for their roundup! Rick, Nancy and Brandon joined the festivities and they've been loyal members ever since. "We are already looking forward to the trip to Lowell."

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1. Jack H. Omohundro, Sr., TJA President
2. Angela G. Wyche
3. Rick Brown with (l-r) neices Laura and Jennifer Greene and daughter Melisa
4. Richard Omohundro
5. Barry Holzapfel, Sherryll, Richard, Jack and Judy Omohundro
6. M.H. Omohundro, TJA Chairman

1992 Roundup photographs were provided by Jack Omohundro, Sr., Rick Omohundro, Martha Sullivan, Kitty Wyche Pelkan, and Angela Wyche.



MALVERN HILL, JR. ("M.H.") and LIBBY OMOHUNDRO (Richmond, VA) M.H. is the son of T.J.'s half brother Malvern Hill, Sr. He is the chairman and a sustaining member of the TJA. He financed the Texas Jack highway marker on Rt. 15 in Fluvanna, VA and has attended every single roundup!



(1-r) MARY MARGARET SULLIVAN (Boulder, CO), Henry Kucharzyk, MARTHA SULLIVAN (Denver, CO) Mary Margaret is the wife of the late Frank Sullivan and Martha is their daughter. Both charter members, they have faithfully attended all roundups. Marth traveled with Frank to Ireland to meet descendants of the Earl of Dunraven. She has promised to write about the trip for the SCOUT.

Frank Sullivan was an attorney and a history buff. He had become intrigued with Texas Jack through his readings about the Earl of Dunraven. Then by happenstance, Frank and M.H. were attending the same conference in Boston. Frank noticed the Omohundro on M.H.'s name tag. "Are you by any chance related to Texas Jack?" Together they planned a memorial observance of the 100th anniversary of T.J.'s death. It was held in Leadville in 1980 and attended by a handful of people. It was so much fun, another gathering was organized in Cody, WY in 1984 and they've been happening every two years ever since!



STEPHEN OMOHUNDRO (Albany, CA) Stephen, a charter member, is a great-grandson of T.J.'s half brother Malvern Hill. He and his dad, Stuart, have attended all the roundups, although Stuart had to miss this one due to recent surgery. We look forward to seeing them both (and Astrid and Audrey, too) in '94!



VIRGINIA VANLEU and son RANDY MCKINNEY (Santa Barbara, CA) are both charter members of the TJA. Virginia is a daughter of T.J.'s half brother Malvern Hill. Like her Uncle Texas Jack, Virginia loves an adventure--she never misses a round-up! Randy's missed only one, due to a bicycle trip through Australia. His thoughts about this one? "An outstanding roundup."



(1-r) ISABELLA and HARVEY WILLARD (Bradenton, FL) and John Nees Harvey is a great-grandson of T.J.'s sister Arabella through the Wohlbruck line. The Willards visited the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, WY and were excited to see the Texas Jack display. When they inquired about obtaining more information, Paul Fees, the museum director and an honorary member of the TJA, put them in touch with Edna and John Nees. Turns out Harvey and John were long-lost cousins who hadn't seen each other since boyhood! (Be sure to read "The Mail Pouch" for Harvey's taking-home-the-brick story.)

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page 5 identities: (top, 1-r) Dennis Greene and M.H. Omohundro; Rick Omohundro and Rick Brown; Brandon Omohundro

(middle, 1-r) Fred Hayles, M.H. Omohundro, Isabella and Harvey Willard, Jack Omohundro, Sr.; Hughes Diller

(bottom, 1-r) Mark Wilson, storyteller; Jack, Jr., Jack Sr. (in coonskin cap) and Richard Omohundro, Kitty Wyche Pelkan

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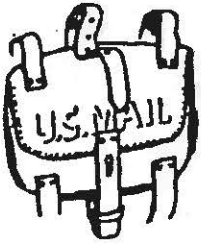
BEN and JUNE WYCHE (Arlington, VA)  
Ben and June are both charter members of the TJA and have attended the roundups since 1984. Ben is a grandson of T.J.'s half brother Malvern Hill. "We appreciate the hard work done by Jack, Edna, Kitty and others."

MALVERN H., JR., BRANDON and HOLLY WYCHE (Buxton, NC) and Malvern's fiancée Sandy Rosell (Frisco, NC) Malvern is a charter member and great-grandson of T.J.'s half brother Malvern Hill. He and Brandon had such a good time at the Leadville Roundup, they made sure Holly and Sandy came along this time!



MALVERN H., SR. ("MAL") and ANGELA WYCHE (Virginia Beach, VA) and daughter KITTY WYCHE PELKAN (Seattle, WA) are all charter members. Mal is a grandson and namesake of T.J.'s half brother Malvern Hill. He and Angela have attended the roundups since 1984. They dragged Kitty to North Platte in 1986, and she's been hooked ever since! When Angela served as the third president of the TJA, Mal was treasurer and Kitty the SCOUT editor. They hosted the Richmond Rally in 1988. Kitty also served as editor of the SCOUT the past two years and was elected president for the 1993-'94 term.

**FROM THE MAIL POUCH...**



"The Texas Jack-Pleasure Hill brick is great to have on our hearth. Edna, you did a marvelous job on the needlepoint cover. It will be a family heirloom! On our way home I put the brick in my carry-on luggage. At the San Antonio Airport, the security-check man ran it through the X-ray machine twice, then asked me to take it out of the bag. After examining it, he called his supervisor, who ran the brick through twice by itself. Then he examined it very carefully. I thought he was going to ask me to remove the needlepoint cover! He finally handed it to me and said, 'Don't hit anyone with it!'"

Harvey Willard, Bradenton, FL

"I had several offers on the Buffalo Bill signatures. I sold the calling card but still have the post-card, of which I'm sure I can sell. I thank you for putting it in the Texas Jack Scout and for your interest."

Doris Shepherd Nanaimo, B.C., Canada

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**from the Editor's Desk...**

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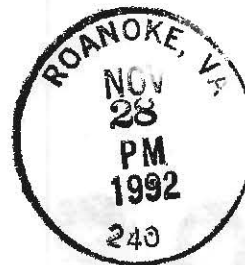
I have enjoyed being SCOUT editor the last two years, but I'm thrilled to be handing over the responsibility to Peggy Greene and Rick Brown! Send info to Peggy at: 18329 Loxahatchee River Rd. Jupiter, FL 33458

As your new president, I welcome your ideas, so do let me hear from you!

*Kitty*

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