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Kansas City, Here We—Were!!

For the first time in the history of the Texas Jack Association, a Roundup was held in the Kansas City, Missouri area. We say “area” because many attendees stayed at our headquarters hotel in historic Independence, Missouri, and we visited venues in Independence, Kansas City, St. Joseph, and a few places in between.



TJA Kansas City Roundup Banquet attendees. (Back row L to R: Peggy Greene, Rene Tyree, Randy Golladay, Elizabeth Harwood, Kitty Pelkan, Nancy Omohundro, Terry Omohundro, Dick Omohundro, Beryl Caterson, Karl Pelkan, Linda Omohundro, Carole Brown, Melisa Brown, Gladys Tyree, Marshall Brown, Rick Omohundro, Larry Tyree and Front row L to R: O. P. Harwood, Mary Golladay, Jean King, Mike King, Edna Nees, Julie Greene, Mark Greene, Alan Tyree) Continued on page 3

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from the Editor's Desk...



What an exciting time we had! I so wish all of you could have been at the Texas Jack Association 2016 Roundup. There is an unbelievable amount of preserved history in the Kansas City area. Who knew? I wonder how many times Texas Jack went through there and even stayed awhile. I would say many.

Dick & I think the Patee House in St. Joseph was the best. Every way you turn, every room was jam packed (but not cluttered) with history. In each small room there was placed an item from modern times for you to find. They even had an area called "Linda's Garden." Stage coaches, a train, a carousel, the actual room where Pony Express men, including Buffalo Bill, rode in to get the mail, what more could you ask?

Another thing that was really great to me was the business meeting, yes, really. To hear three ladies-Carole, Rene, and Peggy brainstorming, sharing their expertise in computer and marketing to help grow the TJA and bring it up to the 21st century was absolutely fascinating. It gave us assurance for the future of our historical, educational organization.

We apologize again for the delay in getting this issue out, but we hope the quality and amount of information that we know you will enjoy reading will make up for it. Thank you to all the contributors.

Linda Omohundro,
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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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Meet and Greet (Wednesday)

As Roundup participants got checked in, they began to filter into the private room we had been given by the Hilton Garden Inn for the duration of the event. It was particularly great to see everyone and begin to get caught up on past years.



Friends and family gathering at the headquarters hotel for a little chit chat and wine! Pictured here (L – R): Peggy Greene, Terry Omohundro, Nancy Omohundro, Rick Omohundro, Randy Golladay, Beryl Caterson.



Pictured L – R: Mark Greene, Peggy Greene, Elizabeth Harwood, Beryl Caterson, Terry Omohundro, Jean King, Nancy Omohundro, Rick Omohundro



Honorary historian, Edna Nees, rocking her TJA Roundup visor.

Thursday morning bright and early we hop aboard our chartered air-conditioned bus (it was 100 degrees out) and travel to our first destination on our historical journey. Our knowledgeable bus driver was born and raised in the areas that we will see. How lucky can we be?

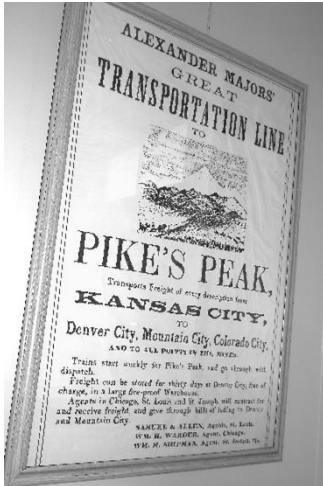
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Alexander Majors House Tour

We rode over to south-central KC to a spot right on the Kansas-Missouri border. We turned onto the Missouri side to a beautiful house with a large barn and other outbuildings – the Alexander Majors Historic Museum.

Alexander Majors, one of the three investors of the Pony Express, became a wagon shipping magnate and was an early founder of Kansas City. Being a smart business man, he situated the family home next to the border with the Territory of Kansas, so that he could keep his horses, mules and other animals in the tax-free area across the street.



In 1848 Alexander Majors started hauling overland freight on the Santa Fe Trail. On his first trip, he set a new time record of 92 days for the 1564 mile (2500 km) round trip. Eventually he employed 4,000 men, including a 15-year-old lad named Billy Cody, later known as Buffalo Bill. Cody became one of his most famous Pony Express riders. In 1853 Majors was awarded contracts to haul supplies to United States Army posts along the Santa Fe Trail. Majors helped establish the Kansas City stockyards, which became a center of shipping beef to the East Coast and Midwest.

Left is a poster advertising one of Major's transportation lines.



In 1854, he teamed up with William B. Waddell and William Hepburn Russell. Majors was responsible for the freighting part of the business. Waddell was to manage the office, and Russell was to use his Washington, DC, contacts to acquire new contracts. Waddell chose to be a silent partner, so the firm was initially called "Majors and Russell." Alexander Majors' shipping company had a productive share of business. But in the 1850s two new partners—Russell and Waddell—joined him in a joint firm. Along with their company, and their short-lived Pony Express venture, these major businesses contributed significantly to the growth of Kansas City.

*Excerpts from <http://www.waldokc.org/alexander-majors>
(Photo of house from <http://bluewhitevases.blogspot.com/>)*

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Steamboat Arabia Tour and Lunch

Next we rode to downtown KC and to the Missouri River where we disembarked at the River Market. There we found the Steamboat Arabia Museum and anything we wanted to eat after the Museum tour.

We started our visit with a film explaining how five men and their families discovered and recovered the hold of the Steamboat Arabia. On September 5, 1856, the Arabia hit a tree snag in the Missouri River and immediately began to sink. Although all the passengers were able to escape to the shore, none of the cargo in the hold did, including a donkey. After many months of painstaking work, this largest gathering of pre-civil war artifacts was put on display in the Steamboat Arabia Museum. Only about 55% of the cargo has been processed. So, daily, the treasure trove which was brought up is still being prepared to be exposed to the air and find its way into the growing museum.



Painting of the Steamboat Arabia as she looked before sinking on a snag.

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A sample of the thousands of items found on the Steamboat Arabia.



Kitty Pelkan listens as we were treated to the recital of a 19th century poem-ballad by our tour guide during the Steamboat Arabia tour. Priceless!



Timbers from the Steamboat Arabia. Pictured (L to R): Mary Golladay, Julie Greene, Edna Nees, Melisa Brown, and Terry Omohundro.



TJA members listen to a lecture on how recovered leather goods from the Steamboat Arabia were carefully dried and reassembled.

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Terry Omohundro with the stern of the ship.

The Steamboat Arabia was delivering goods to stores and an amazing number of products were found intact due to being buried under 45 feet of soil.



Sweet pickles, keys, and other goods destined for a 19th century store recovered from the Steamboat Arabia wreck. Bottom right-tour guide explaining the excavation of the wreck.



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National Frontier Trails Museum

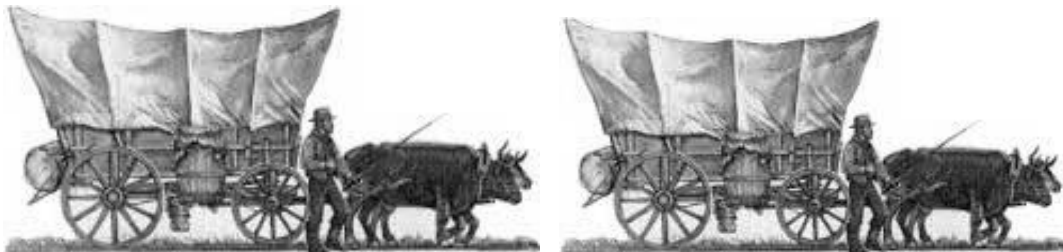
After lunch we journeyed back to Independence where we found the National Frontier Trails Museum and the Bingham-Waggoner Home, both which happened to be across the road from where Dick and Linda were camping. Also down the road a block, visible in this photo, were actual wagon ruts from the tens of thousands of wagons starting on their trek West. >



Independence, Missouri, was the launching point for many of the trails West from the 1840s onward. Due to its location next to the Missouri River, many wagons were built and provisioned in Independence for settlers desiring to travel over the Santa Fe, California, Mormon, or Oregon trails. The museum had many excerpts from letters written home as pioneer families wrote of their joys, hardships, and situations to relatives back East.

Replicas of several of the types of wagons and many items from the time periods gave us a sense of the realities that they confronted.

National Frontier Trails Museum featured the stories of the convergence of the Lewis and Clark Trail, Santa Fe Trail, Oregon Trail, California Trail, and Mormon Trail – all from this location in Independence, Missouri.



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Jim Bridger statue outside the National Frontier Trails Museum.

Back in the days when the West really was wild, one of the men who knew it best was Jim Bridger, who probably took more settlers to California than anyone else. This statue was placed here by students of Bridger Middle School in Independence, MO. *Kansas City Star 3.10.15*



Above right, friends and family preparing for the tour of the National Frontier Trails Museum. (L to R: Mary, Edna, Terry, Marshall Brown, Mark Greene, Melisa, O.P. Harwood, Beryl, Kitty and Karl Pelkin.)



Wayne City Landing, just a mile north of Independence, MO, ca. 1848.

During the early Santa Fe Trail days, Wayne City Landing served as a port to receive supplies for early pioneers.

<http://www.jrusselljinishiangallery.com>

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Stories from the trails, (L to R: Julie, Mark Greene, Melisa Brown, Linda Omohundro, and tour guide). Right-Mark with tour guide.

Bingham-Waggoner Estate Tour



The Bingham-Waggoner Estate is probably most well-known for artist George Caleb Bingham whose art adorns various government offices throughout the state of Missouri. This is the background for one of his most well-known works:

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Union General Thomas Ewing, Jr. issued Order No. 11 in 1863. Ewing wanted to halt Confederate guerrillas, so he made people move who lived beyond one mile from a Union military post. Ewing's order affected thousands of people living in four western counties in Missouri. Bingham believed this order to be unconstitutional. He found its harshness to be such an outrage that he made up his mind to paint one of his most famous works and show the world what general Ewing had done. He finished the work in 1868.



Martial Law or Order No. 11 (Source: <http://shsmo.org/historicmissourians/name/b/bingham>)

Wild Bill Hickok Parking Lot and Shops

A few blocks away was the last stop on Thursday's tours—the Wild Bill Hickok parking lot. Larry Tyree recounted the story that was published in the March 2014 *Scout*. Sometime around 1861 on a Saturday, Wild Bill was present to stop a mob of people intent on lynching a local bartender who had defended himself from a drunken cowboy. A barmaid stuck her head out of a window and yelled “You tell ‘em Wild Bill”...supposedly the first time that the moniker became well known.



Hickok, ca. 1863

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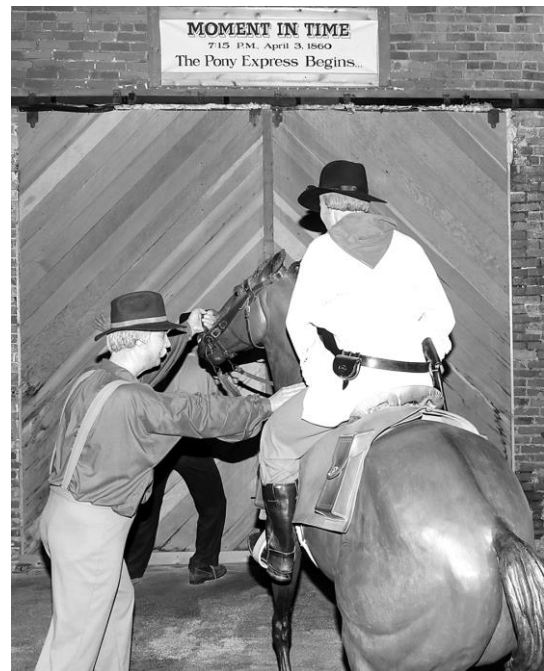


<This building is the site of the bar in the story. It is across from the NW corner of the parking lot.

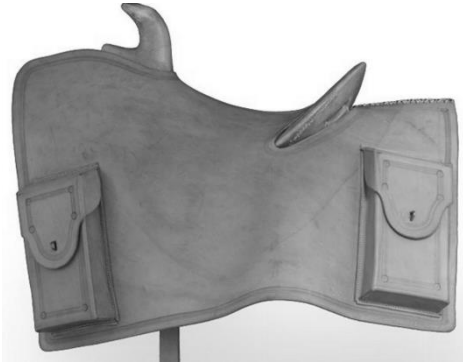
Pony Express Museum – St. Joseph Missouri

On Friday we journeyed to St. Joseph, Missouri. Our driver was of course familiar with this city also, having been there many times. The Pony Express started in the spring of 1860 to quickly deliver mail along a two-thousand- mile route between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. We learned of the importance of the Pony Express in the life of a young Billy Cody, who was hired as a relay rider at the age of 15.

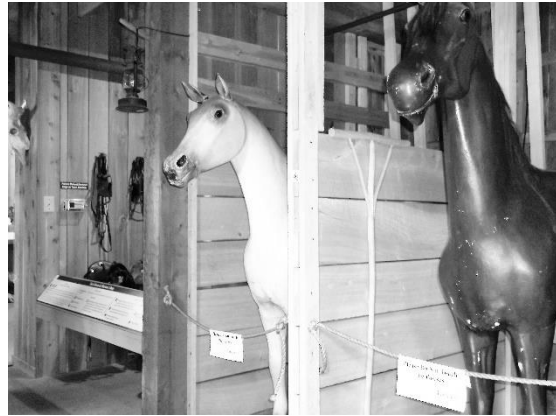
Right is a depiction of the moment of the start of the Pony Express. Note the special lightweight saddle overlay designed to carry mail called a “mochila.” It had four hard leather boxes to carry mail and could quickly be transferred to another horse.



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Pony Express Mochila



These were the actual horse models that were used in the stables.



Wild Bill Hickok joined his friends and fellow scouts Texas Jack and Buffalo Bill for a part of the 1873-74 season.



Buffalo Bill's first play was *Scouts of the Prairie*, written by Ned Buntline. The two appeared with Texas Jack Omohundro in Chicago, Boston, St. Louis and other cities during late 1872 and 1873. By the time the Buffalo Bill Combination appeared at Tootle Opera House in 1877, the company had a new play, *The Prairie Waif*.

We were thrilled to see Texas Jack Omohundro showcased at the Pony Express Museum along with Buffalo Bill, Wild Bill Hickok, and Ned Buntline in the now famous photos. The Buffalo Bill show toured St. Joseph beginning in 1877 as “Buffalo Bill’s Combination” acting troop performing at the Tootle Opera House, which is still standing in St. Joseph.

19th century show stars Buffalo Bill, Texas Jack, Wild Bill and Ned Buntline featured in the Pony Express Museum, St. Joseph, Missouri

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Patee House Museum

A four minute walk up the hill from the Pony Express Museum was the Patee House Museum, which revealed a place like no other. Built in 1858 as a 140-room luxury hotel, it was filled with innovations and was considered one of the finest and best-know hotels west of the Mississippi River. It is here that Russell, Majors and Waddell set up the headquarters for the Pony Express in 1860, and the riders were housed here.



<The mailroom of the Patee Hotel. It is through these doors that Pony Express horse and rider would enter (yes, the horse, too!) and receive their mail pouch and off they'd go!

Below—The chandelier above the hotel registration desk came from the Tootle Opera House that opened in 1873 at Fifth and Francis Streets. Made of brass, it was both gas and electric with six gas lights held by brass lions and an electric switch the ignited the lights. “People would get there early for a show, just to see the lights turned on” according to Gary Chilcote, executive director of the museum. It was in Tootle Opera House that “Buffalo Bill’s Combination” acting troop performed in 1877.



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Another view of the mailroom.



Central Overland Express stage coach



Marshall Brown and Randy Golladay



Jean and Mike King

Jesse James Home and Museum

Right behind the Patee House is the home of notorious outlaw, Jesse James, in which he was shot and killed on 3 April 1882 by gang member, Bob Ford. Jesse was 34 years old and was living with his wife, children and mother under the assumed name of Tom Howard. In addition to the place of his demise, we saw artifacts from his grave and information about DNA results that showed 99.7% certainty that the man buried in his grave was, in fact, Jesse James. This modest home was relocated in 1939 from its original location two blocks away to be nearer the Patee House. Jesse and his family were southern sympathizers during the Civil War, and he rode with “Bloody Bill” Anderson’s Missouri bushwhackers as a teenager.

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Terry Omohundro pointing to the hole where the bullet that killed Jesse James entered the wall. It's been enlarged by souvenir hunters.



A few of our TJA Roundup attendees hanging out on the porch after touring the home in which Jesse James was gunned down on 3 April 1882 in Saint Joseph, Missouri. The border war between Missourians and Kansans prior to, during and after the Civil War, was often referred to during our KC Roundup site visits. Pictured (L to R): Linda Omohundro, Peggy

Greene, Elizabeth Hargrove, Melisa Brown, Marshall Brown, Julie Greene, Terry Omohundro, and Mark Greene.

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TJA Banquet

Capping off the Roundup gives us an opportunity to dress up and enjoy some great company, food and entertainment. Boy, did we eat well! We enjoyed what may seriously be the best brisket in the country prepared by mega BBQ award winners, Andy and Kim Groneman, with Smoke On Wheels BBQ. While eating, we enjoyed the excellent music of Pick and Hammer, the performance name used by John and Diane Lehman. We were then taken away by the stories of Ralph Goldsmith, owner of “Pioneer Trails Adventures,” who explained, among other things,



why the mule was second to none for pulling wagon trains across the country.

TJA Roundup Entertainers: Our musical entertainment was Pick and Hammer, and we enjoyed the stories of Ralph Goldsmith.



Good company and food! (Clockwise from left: O. P. Hargrove, Elizabeth Hargrove, Kitty and Karl Pelkan, Mike and Jean King, Beryl Caterson, Dick Omohundro standing, Alan Tyree seated).

See whole group photo on page 1.

Contributors to “Kansas City, Here We—Were” - Larry and Rene Tyree, Linda Omohundro; photos by Larry, Rene Tyree, Rick Omohundro, Linda Omohundro

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**Minutes of the 2016 Texas Jack Association
Business Meeting**

The 2016 Texas Jack Association business meeting was called to order by President Mary Golladay on Saturday, June 25, 2016, at 10:13 A.M.

There were 23 people present.

Mark Greene thanked Larry and Rene Tyree and Peggy Greene for planning and putting together the Roundup and also praised the success of the Roundup and the many opportunities in Kansas City for learning about Western history.

Mary distributed copies of the minutes from the 2014 business meeting to be read individually. The only correction found to be made was grammatical. Approval of minutes was moved, seconded, voted on and accepted.

Rick Omohundro gave the treasurer’s report. The balance at the end of 2015 was \$8964.80. As of June 25, 2016, the balance was \$10,213. This did not include most of the Roundup expenses. The 2014 Roundup was \$255.96 in the black, thanks to Mary’s frugal planning.

The bus driver’s tip was not included in what he was paid. Several individuals tipped him. Kitty Pelkin collected more tips from members at the meeting.

Dues paid in 2014-	23	individuals	23	singles	25	families	2	honorary (don’t pay)	= 73
“ 2015-	18	“	18	“	18	“	4	“	= 58
“ 2016-	19	“	11	“	17	“	3	“	= 50

Actual totals are more because the “family” category is not singular.

Two of the honorary members, Julie Greene and Edna Nees, are at the Roundup. Since 1998, Edna has attended 15 Roundups in a row.

Rene moved that the Treasurer’s report be accepted, Larry seconded, we voted and approved.

Old Business

Linda brought up some questions about items in the minutes.

- There was much discussion by email after the 2014 roundup since Silas and his headstone was a family matter, not a TJA matter. The outcome was that TJA should not be involved in any way. Since it was in the minutes, Edna gave us an update. The stone was purchased by voluntary funds, and set in place.
- Guest Editors—one *Scout* issue it was unclear who the Guest Editor was. Two issues, the Guest Editor could not do it due to emergency circumstances. Thankfully, John

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Omohundro (NY) and Larry came through with articles for two of the issues and Linda took care of the rest. She would like a “bank” of articles to have for these times.

- Other questions will be answered in the website and Facebook discussions.

Rene began the discussion of revamping the website to attract the attention of Millennials. They want things to be fun and exciting, and they need to be able to do things like sign up and pay immediately. Following is a summary of the discussion led by Rene, Carole Brown, and Peggy:

1. Create a way to display *Scouts* online in a password protected member only area.
2. Upload *Scouts*.
3. Make *Scouts* and *Scout* content searchable.
4. Find an inexpensive way to allow online membership registration and payment.
5. Same for Roundup registration.
6. Connect online membership registration/payment to both website and Facebook.
7. Work with Carole to build an Instagram site.
8. Rework membership page to explain that membership gets online access to *Scouts* along with other privileges.
9. Provide for sign up for PDF email version to replace paper version of *Scout*, to be started at new membership cycle. Rick will send out the PDFs.

New Business

Regarding Millennials and GenX, Larry remarked that they need to be reached in order to keep the TJA alive. They need initial involvement as soon as they become members. They like to communicate with their devices, definitely not by direct mail. Melisa Brown suggested that there needs to be Millennial oriented activities at the Roundups and they should be in interesting cities.

Peggy said that we need to broaden our outreach and not always go to places where Texas Jack went. The mission statement also emphasizes the West. Karl Pelkin and Rick said locations where Texas Jack and/or Buffalo Bill appeared on stage could include a world of entertainment that had not been considered. Also any Civil War area may be considered.

Melisa and Marshall Brown will start a team to market the TJA to Millennials. Larry will write the job description. Larry moved to develop the team, Peggy seconded, and it was approved.

Rene said that we need to invest funds to boost the TJA on Facebook. There is a lot of new information on the West coming on the Internet, which can be put on Facebook as a link to click on.

An ad will allow you to target your audience. \$20 can get you 15,000 views. A budget needs to be set up for ads. In the ad we should use “call to action” language. People must be able to fill out and pay online, which Rick and Rene can set up. Peggy made the motion use \$1200 per year for ads and evaluate after one year using membership increase and impressions as criteria. Melisa seconded, and it was approved.

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Rene will set up a calendar of events in Texas Jack's life so we can revisit key dates during the year, possibly through *Scout* articles.

Peggy moved that we set up a Social Media Marketing Committee, Melisa seconded, and it was approved.

John and Susan Omohundro (NY) sent merchandise to be sold at this business meeting. Carole has the rest of the merchandise. Peggy moved and Mary seconded that the funds go to TJA. It was voted on and approved.

New Officers

Treasurer—Rick Omohundro
Secretary—Linda Omohundro
Vice President—Larry Tyree
President—Carole Brown

Duties of office begin in October.

The Bylaws should be changed to have the Treasurer take care of membership instead of the Vice President. We will act as if that has taken place and make it official at the next Roundup.

2018 Roundup

Westmoreland County, VA.

Linda read two emails from Dan Omohundro, Sr. (CT) suggesting Nomini or Montross, VA. It is where the Omohundros first settled in America. The area has beaches, inns, Washington and Lee sites. Dan and son would help organize.

Sacramento, CA

Several members that are present at this Roundup either live in the area or have close family there, so it is logistically easier to accomplish the difficult task of organizing. It is the terminal end of the Pony Express route. There is much 19th century Western history including the gold rush.

Both sites are compatible with Bylaws.

Sacramento was selected by a show of hands. Larry made the motion, Peggy seconded, and it was approved. June 20-23, 2018, are the tentative dates. The Brown and Greene families will plan.

Misc.

Rick needs everyone's correct email address.
Mark praised Larry for a wonderful Roundup.

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Julie Greene will bring her Texas Jack memorabilia to the next Roundup. It will be a selling point for attendance at the Roundup.

Rene wants photos on Facebook with captions. Carole will help with uploading.

Guest Editors

November 2016—Carole Brown

March 2017—Randy Golladay

July 2017—Peggy Greene and Carole Brown

November 2017—Julie Greene and Melisa Brown

March 2018—Larry Tyree

July 2018—Carole Brown and Peggy Greene

At 12:10 P.M. Rick moved that the meeting be adjourned, Randy seconded, we voted and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Omohundro, Secretary



Announcing the marriage of Phillip A. Rincón to Laura Greene in Jupiter, FL, on February 26, 2016. Laura is the daughter of Peggy and Mark Greene and the great, great granddaughter of Malvern Hill Omohundro, brother of John B. "Texas Jack" Omohundro.

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TALE OF THE COWBOY TRAIL...May 2013

By: Driftin' AaronG

*This is a tale of a tale of the Cowboy Trail
When cowboys roamed the West where some would win an' some would fail*

*This is about the driftin' cowboys who had no particular place to go
They roamed this land to seek their adventures and fortunes always putting on a good show*

*Some of these good ol' boys came outa' the East while some were born in the West
But they were almost always the same, always giving their very best*

*Most were hard-working and rode for the brand
Some were shiftless an' lazy while some were special and grand*

*The cowboy trail was one that was not easy on any man
Roping steers and branding, they gave as good as any man can*

*Scouting for Indians or headin' up a wagon train across the western plains
Driving a herd of cattle up the Chisholm Trail didn't take a lot of brains*

*But all these trails took common sense and a lot of heart
And these cowboys they did it all, right from the very start*

*Chasin' cows an' ropin' broncs was a hard way to live
But each cowboy from their souls they'd give*

*Just to ride down the old Cowboy Trail was a treat to each man that rode
To give of his very best was their very own special code*

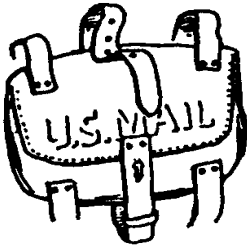
*So if you happen to visit an auction where some old saddles and tack are for sale
Just take a moment to think about the old cowboys who once road the Cowboy Trail*



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Art from www.singingcreekcenter.org

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From: Jean & Mike King <kingkasa10@yahoo.com>

Subject: MOXLEY

Date: July 5, 2016 at 1:45:32 PM EDT

To: Terry Omohundro <oterryo@yahoo.com>

The Round Up was great fun. It's always wonderful to catch up with cousins.

And speaking of cousins, we may have found a missing link!

Our fairly new neighbor is Thomas Moxley and Tom has done extensive family research. I briefly sat with him this a.m. to see if there is an Ann Moxley in his history. YES!

father - WILLIAM MOXLEY born in England
son - William Moxley 1670-1752 Westmoreland County
son - Thomas Moxley 1672-1702 Princess Ann, VA
dgt - Ann Moxley 1674-1700 Westmoreland County
son - Daniel Moxley 1676 ???

Tom's genealogy shows Ann married a WILLIAM OMOHUNDRO 1672-1699 Westmoreland Co.

The only info we have is what's in the Omohundro book, and not much seems to be known about our Richard and Ann. Do you have anything to add that might help link Ann Omohundro to Ann Moxley?

Now wouldn't that be something if our neighbor is also our cousin.

Looking forward,
Jean & Mike

Jean & Mike King <kingkasa10@yahoo.com>

To Dick & Linda Omohundro Mary Om/Golladay Edna Om/Ness Terry Omohundro

Jul 8 at 12:02 PM

Hi cousins

Thanks for helping to put together a fun, fun Round-Up. Another success story.

It would appear that our neighbor Thomas Moxley is a direct decedent from William Moxley 1670-1752. William is the brother of Ann Moxley, wife of Richard (the 1st) Omohundro. Altho as you will read there is a discrepancy as to who Ann married. But reading Richard's will it shows Ann as his wife.

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We have a copy of "the book" on our computer and there is not much mentioned about Ann. Do you know if more has been learned about her? Birth, marriage, death, etc.

Our neighbor lists siblings as William 1670, Thomas 1672, Ann 1674, Daniel 1676. Their father William Moxley born in England.

If our neighbor Tom is an Omohundro cousin sure proves "it's a small world."

Thanks for any help you can give.
Jean

DICK & LINDA OMOHUNDRO <omohndro@sbcglobal.net>
To Jean & Mike King
Jul 8 at 7:46 PM

<https://www.geni.com/people/Ann-Omohundro/6000000029053846334> This site says she's married to William O. 1st time I've seen that.

<http://boards.ancestry.com/surnames.moxley/227.1/mb.ashx> This site mentions several Moxley books and has much info on Ann and Omohundros, some actually from our "book".

https://www.myheritage.com/names/ann_omohundro Lots of Ann Omohundros & Moxleys, mostly the same person.

Linda Omohundro

Susan Omohundro <omohunsl@northnet.org>
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Our genealogical records are in storage. But what I remember is that Richard and Ann were first cousins, they married in England, her father bought them land in Virginia. They had 6 children; I think the first two were born in England. Our Richard and Ann would have been older than the neighbor's ancestor but the repetition of the names makes me wonder if it isn't part of the same family. If Richard's will was in the 1690s (?) his children were born in the 70s most likely as some were adults before he died. These Moxleys could be cousins. Interesting they were also in Westmoreland County.

Tom would be a 9th or 10th cousin?

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The Moxley Family was written by Harvey B Willard and printed in October 2003
Hope this is helpful

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To Dick & Linda Omohundro

CC Terry Omohundro Edna Om/Ness Mary Om/Golladay Susan Omohundro

Jul 19 at 2:37 PM

Thanks to one and all for your input for ancestors. It's been a fun "trail."

Linda, we received your request yesterday and I'm becoming a firm believer in coincidence as I was just about to send you the attachment "The Trail of Moxley." Perhaps you'll find this news-worthy in a human interest way. We'll understand if it's too late for the July issue or too long. There's always next fall.

Hope all of you are having a fun and healthy summer.

luv ya cousins

Following is a summary of these amazing findings:

THE TRAIL OF MOXLEY **by** **Michael H. (Omohundro) King & Jean King**

Genealogy records tell us that in the year 1659, in the American colony of Virginia, the first known Richard (b.1639) Omohundro married Ann (b.1643) Moxley and the American Omohundro family began.

Fast-forward 357 years to the year 2016, T.J.A. Roundup in Independence, MO, and we hear many ancestral names mentioned. The name Moxley catches our attention and we looked at each other and said "nah it's not possible." Yeah folks it is possible, and that small world is right here in Portage, MI, in our condo community with neighbors of two years, Thomas & Mary Jo Moxley.

Tom, a casual genealogist had the answer at his finger tips and confirmed that Mike and he are indeed cousins. All of you, too, who are related to Texas Jack! Tom has done DNA testing and perhaps Mike should also.

As the story goes, it seems that William (b.1610) Moxley married Ann (b.1618) Bush in England. William Moxley and Ann Bush had two children: William (b.1640) and Ann (b.1643). We know that Ann Moxley married Richard (b.1639) Omohundro and had 6 children. Now we learn that William Moxley (b.1640) married Mary Redman and they had 4 children.

Sister Ann and brother William contribute greatly to the family tree- - -

William and Mary **Moxley** are parents to William (b.1670), Thomas (b.1672), Ann (b.1674), Daniel (b.1676). William (b.1670) is the direct line to newfound cousin Tom Moxley.

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Ann and Richard start the **Omohundro** line, from which **John B. (Texas Jack) Omohundro** is descended, with:

Ann (b.1662), William (b.1662), John (b.1679), Elizabeth (b.1682), Richard (b.1684), Thomas (b.1685).

Okay, following so far? Now it gets interesting- - -

In the year 1690, William (b.1662) Omohundro married Ann (b.1674) Moxley.

Not to be out done - - - -

In the year 1693, Thomas (b.1672) Moxley married Ann (b.1662) Omohundro.

Yes, first cousins marry and the girls are both named Ann.

Different source materials can reveal different dates, so some are iffy. No surprise there. Cousin Tom has provided some unknown dates and names, verified others and has added the following to the roots of the family tree:

Brother and sister: William (b.1640) Moxley, and Ann (b.1643) Moxley (Omohundro). Their father William (b.1610) Moxley is the son of William Moxley (b.1574) of England and Marie Gouch (b.1585) of England (married in 1613). And this William is the son of Richard Moxley (b.1540) of England.

If you know all about this you can understand our excitement. If you can add, subtract, or correct any information, please do so. No, Mike and Tom don't look alike nor do they have the same interest or hobbies. But just knowing there is a relationship feels special.

So here we are in the 21st century watching our grandchildren, Sofia (10) & Adam (6) King play with cousins Amelia (5) and Addison (3) Moxley knowing that in the 17th century little Moxley and Omohundro cousins were playing together, too. We shake our heads and wonder at the different paths life can lead.



Meet Addison & Amelia Moxley with Adam King. These are the 3 youngest, and they don't have a clue that cousins almost 400 years ago were also playing together. Minus benefit of Jeep and helmets. Amazing!

Ann Moxley Omohundro & Richard Omohundro (1st) are the 9th Great Grandmother & Grandfather of Adam King and 10th Great Grand Aunt & Uncle of Addison and Amelia Moxley

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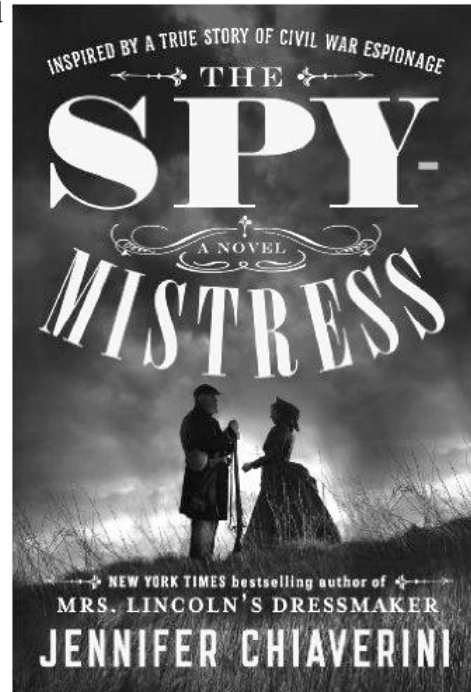
Book Review

The Spymistress by Jennifer Chiaverini Submitted by KB Chapman

The *Spymistress* is a story of heroism, patriotism and bravery, featuring ELIZABETH VAN LEW, a woman who risked everything by caring for Union prisoners of war – and stealing Confederate secrets.

Born to slave holding aristocracy in Richmond, Virginia, and educated by northern Quakers, Elizabeth Van Lew was a paradox of her time. When her native state seceded in April, 1861, Van Lew's convictions compelled her to defy the new Confederate regime. Pledging her loyalty to the Lincoln White House, her courage in the clandestine combat would never waver, even as her actions threatened not only her reputation but also her life.

Van Lew's skills in gathering military intelligence were unparalleled in ingenuity. Even as the deprivations of war broke the bonds of polite society, she evaded detection, repurposing common household items to conceal coded information critical to the Union campaign and enlisting unlikely messengers – enslaved, incarcerated, and free – under the guise of humanitarian aid. Her efforts helped construct the Richmond Underground and orchestrated escapes from the infamous Confederate Libby Prison. The reach of her spy ring was vast – from clerks in the Confederate War and Navy departments to the very home of Confederate president Jefferson Davis.



Although celebrated by Northern leaders as “a true Union woman as true as steel” and posthumously inducted into the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame, the astonishing scope of Elizabeth Van Lew's achievements has never been widely known. In *New York Times* bestselling author Jennifer Chiaverini's riveting tale of high-stakes espionage, a great heroine of the Civil War finally gets her due.

Elizabeth Van Lew was the aunt of Malvern Hill Omohundro's wife Daisy Van Lew Omohundro. I have read original letters from Elizabeth Van Lew to her niece which are in the possession of Rand McKinney from his mother Virginia, youngest daughter of Daisy and Malvern Hill Omohundro. I enjoyed the story and was amazed at Elizabeth's bravery and creativity at smuggling information from the prisoners to the Union troops. Her loyalty to the North caused a temporary and painful break in her relationship with her beloved brother John. A good read.

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Hi Texas Jack Family!

Well the Kansas City Roundup is over, so, if you didn't make it, YOU MISSED IT! A great time was had by ALL!

As my last Presidential duty, I would like to thank everyone who helped make this Roundup so much fun! It was great to see TJ family and friends again as well as seeing new sights!

A special thanks to Larry and René Tyree!! It was so nice to see Larry healthier and able to participate!

Also, Mark and Peggy Greene worked hard to make this Roundup a success as well! Of course, as usual, Mark was his zany, witty crazy self!!!! He alone is entertainment!!

I would like to wish our new officers the best of luck in continuing the leadership of the TJA! I look forward to seeing each of you in Sacramento, California in 2018! Praying for good health, safety and contentment for all, until we meet again!

Love to all!
Mary Golladay

Next *Texas Jack Scout* Information

The deadline for the November 2016 issue of the *Scout* is October 15, 2016. Please send ideas and materials to our Guest Editor:

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Thank you, Carole!



Our Members' Favorite Parts of the 2016 Roundup

One of my favorite things about this or any roundup I attend is the renewing of old friendships. I have known most of the attendees since I first joined the TJA in 1990. I only get to see them for four days every two years, so it is good to catch up with what is going on in their lives. I suppose my favorite place we visited during this roundup was the Steamboat Arabia. It was pretty amazing how so many artifacts survived the sinking of the Arabia and fascinating to see these artifacts in such pristine condition. I would also add that if you have never attended a roundup, you are missing out on some great friendships and fun in places you would probably never visit on a family vacation.

Rick Omohundro

Dawn broke to a warm and clear June day. After a hearty breakfast with the cousins we are bound for the Steamboat *Arabia*. This boat was built in the year 1853 in Pennsylvania, and for 3 years it traveled the waters of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, as far north as the Yellowstone River in North Dakota. Perhaps we cousins will be among the 130 passengers. Will 7 year-old Texas Jack be found on deck? 200 tons of freight will supply general stores and frontier homes along *Arabia's* 1000-mile journey. Every item one could need or want will be available to these pioneer people. There will be dishes to choose from, fabrics to sew, and books to learn from. Tools for building and weapons for food and protection will be among toys for children and food and spirits for everyone.

The moment we've been hoping for. The steam is building; the paddles are turning and we await the ship's whistle to welcome us aboard. But alas! we are but dockside visitors only here to learn of *Arabia's* exciting history, 163 years late. We missed the boat!

Mike and Jean King

Pony Express National Museum


This visit was an interesting piece of western history. The museum is located in St. Joseph, Missouri. It is also known as Pony Express Headquarters which honors the memory and houses artifacts and reproductions of pony express memorabilia. It is housed in the actual part of the stables from which the pony express riders stayed and began their journey.

The pony express ran for a short 19 months from 1860-1861. It officially started as a privately owned company founded by three men. William Russell, Alexander Majors and William Waddell who were stage coach operators and owners of a pioneer freight business.

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Pony Express help wanted posters were distributed and the riders that were hired had to sign an oath on behalf of their employer's pledging their faithfulness in fulfilling their Pony Express engagement.

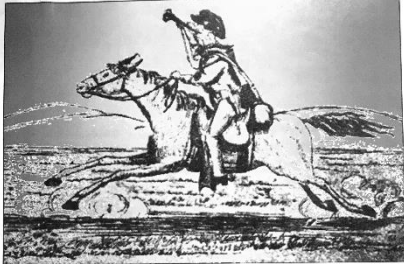


PONY EXPRESS
St. JOSEPH, MISSOURI to CALIFORNIA
In 10 days or less.

WANTED

YOUNG, SKINNY, WIRY FELLOWS
not over eighteen. Must be expert
riders, willing to risk death daily.
Orphans preferred.
Wages \$25 per week.

APPLY, PONY EXPRESS STABLES
St. JOSEPH, MISSOURI



PONY EXPRESS RIDER'S OATH

"I, _____, DO HEREBY SWEAR, BEFORE
THE GREAT AND LIVING GOD, THAT DURING MY EN-
GAGEMENT, AND WHILE I AM AN EMPLOYEE OF RUS-
SELL, MAJORS AND WADDELL, I WILL, UNDER NO CIR-
CUMSTANCES, USE PROFANE LANGUAGE, THAT I WILL
DRINK NO INTOXICATING LIQUORS, THAT I WILL NOT
QUARREL OR FIGHT WITH ANY OTHER EMPLOYEE OF
THE FIRM, AND THAT IN EVERY RESPECT I WILL CON-
DUCT MYSELF HONESTLY, BE FAITHFUL TO MY DUTIES,
AND SO DIRECT ALL MY ACTS AS TO WIN THE CONFI-
DENCE OF MY EMPLOYERS. SO HELP ME GOD."



The express horses were carefully selected and purchased and had to be able to out run the fast ponies of hostile Indians. These horses were fed and housed with conscientious care. They used Mustangs and Morgan horses which are known for their versatility and strength. These breeds, along with pintos and thoroughbreds, were the animals of choice for the Pony Express.

The express ran through the great plains, over the Rocky Mountains, and over the Sierra Nevada's to Sacramento. Transporting mail, messages and small packages in the saddle bags of pony expressers in as little as 10 days. Starting this business was able to tie California to the rest of the United States until the telegraph was invented. Carole Brown

It was another great roundup in a long string of great ones. We always enjoy seeing our fellow TJA members and exploring a new area of our country. All of the sites on the tour schedule were of great interest, but three especially stood out for us. The Arabia Steamboat Museum was

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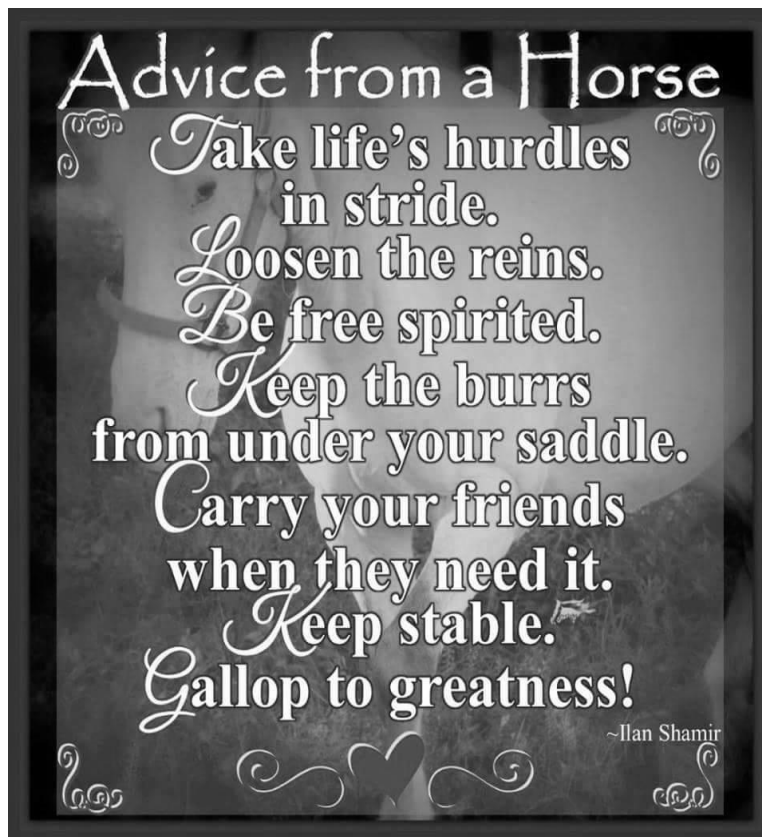
absolutely fascinating. Both our guide and the film were excellent, and the items rescued from the wreckage--on display in the museum--provided an amazing time capsule. We also very much enjoyed the Pony Express Museum, learning the details of that bold, daring, short-lived venture. The big surprise was that the museum's temporary exhibit featured the most well known Pony Express rider, Buffalo Bill, so naturally there were some photos and mentions of Texas Jack as well. At the Plains Museum it was quite moving to read first-hand accounts of the hardships endured while traveling the overland trails to California and Oregon. We were surprised to see how small and narrow the "prairie schooners" actually were. A big thank you to Larry and Rene Tyree and Mark and Peggy Greene for their hard work in organizing a wonderful roundup. We are already looking forward to the next one!

P.S. The banquet's barbeque and brisket were mm-mm-MM!!!

Kitty and Karl Pelkan, Seattle, WA

I really loved the whole trip to Independence. My greatest pleasure was seeing everyone again after so many years. I had no idea there was so many very interesting historical venues - hard to choose just one. Larry certainly knew where to go. I especially loved the homes we visited. Looking forward to Sacramento!

Julie Greene



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