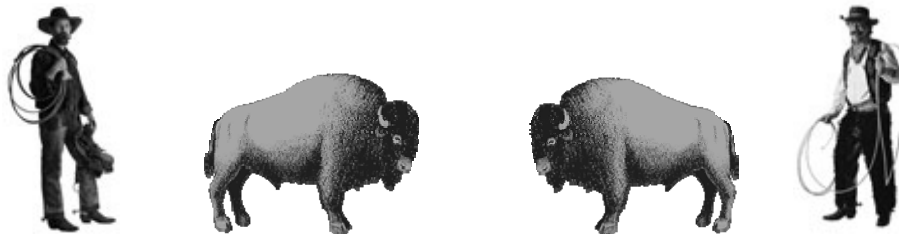




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Accounts of Texas Jack from Primary Sources at the Nebraska State Historical Society

By Margaret Lynn Jones

In 2004, my cousin and I visited the Nebraska State Historical Society (NSHS) to research our cousins who left Georgia in 1872 to homestead in Nebraska. During our study, we discovered the work of Paul D. Riley, an archivist at the NSHS during the 1950's and 1960's. Riley was interested in the diaries of our Georgia-born cousin, Ena Palmer Ballantine McClary of Frontier County, Nebraska, which are now held by the Society. Riley wrote a lengthy manuscript using the diaries as the framework for his book. He also used other primary sources held by NSHS to further portray life on the Nebraska plains of the 1870's. His manuscript remains unpublished in the Ballantine Family Collection at the NSHS where it is available to the public.

This article includes all of Riley's primary sources regarding Texas Jack Omohundro, but excludes the references to Texas Jack in the diaries. (See *THE TEXAS JACK SCOUT*, July 2005 for the Texas Jack references in Ena Palmer Ballantine McClary's diaries.) Several of these sources are newspaper articles which appeared during an era when accuracy was sacrificed for sensationalism.

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Just when it seems that there can be no more new information concerning Texas Jack to contribute to the *Scout* – there is more! This issue’s feature article, Texas Jack in Nebraska, was contributed by TJA member and Guest Editor Margaret Jones. My daughter, Lindsay, and I had the pleasure of lunching with her in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, this past June. She is wonderfully well informed, and we had a delightful lunch. That Margaret is also a first class researcher is apparent from the article which was compiled from Margaret’s research of primary sources while in Cody last summer. A big thank you to her husband, Rob, for his role as typist.

Richard Hurt of Farmville, VA, contributed the two pictures of Texas Jack taken from two different sources. I’m sure I can speak for all the Guest Editors of the Scout when I say that submissions are gratefully accepted. Thank you, Richard.

I hope all of you enjoy reading this issue as much as I did when reviewing the submissions.

Sincerely,

Peggy Greene

Guest Editor



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Riley introduces readers to Texas Jack in his chapter titled *Spring 1872*. After an accurate account of Texas Jack's early years, Riley places Texas Jack in Nebraska as an employee of Mahlon Henry Brown on several cattle drives, possibly in the late 1860's. Brown's expertise is reported in the September 22, 1869, *Omaha Weekly Republican* by Moses Sydenham, writing from Fort Kearny:

"... A Mr. Brown, of North Platte, Nebraska, arrived here to-day with 1,300 head of cattle from Texas. He is taking them to North Platte. They will be wintered in the canyons in the vicinity of Alkali station, on the Union Pacific Railroad, where, Mr. Brown informs me, they will have plenty of good grass and good shelter through the winter. Not a pound of hay will be cut for them. He has had twelve years'

experience on the plains of Nebraska, and knows whereof he speaks."

Perhaps Texas Jack was on this cattle drive!

Several years later Brown himself was quoted in the July 17, 1873, *Omaha Daily Bee*:

"... Mr. M.H. Brown, of this city, in whose employ Jack was for two years engaged in driving cattle from Texas to the plains, testified that he has seen him shoot with a six-shooter the heads off of four quails out of five, while they were running in the grass..."

Riley then extracts Texas Jack's purchases at Penniston and Miller's store in North Platte from a store daybook on microfilm at NSHS:

16 December 1869	Jack Omohundrue	1 pck amm	.20
4 May 1870	Filger & Omohundro	by cash	\$ 8.00
20 June 1870	J. Omahundrue	1 coat	4.00
7 August 1870	Omohundrue	oil	.70
31 August 1870	J. Omohundro	125" oats	3.13
	1 Lamp Chimney	.25	
	1 Plug Tob	.50	
26 September 1870	J. Omahundru	132" Oats	3.30
	by cash	12.08	
20 December 1870	J. Omohundrue	1 pr. overshoes	3.00
	Tob	.50	
18 January 1871	J.B. Omahundru	1 Pr. Mitts	.50
10 February 1871	J. Omahundru	Cash	4.00

Note the variety of spellings for Omohundro.

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On July 9, 1880, the *Lincoln Daily State Journal* reports:

“In the year 1870, Jack resided in Plum Creek, or at least what there was of a town at that time, and scoured the Loup country picking up cattle which had strayed from their owners.”

Plum Creek was later re-named Lexington.

John Omohundro next appears on the Platte City, Nebraska, 1870 U.S. Census. He is 23 years old, working as a saloon keeper, with a personal property of \$350. He lives with John Miller, age 51, a day laborer from Virginia.

Texas Jack is next found in Riley’s chapter *June 1872*. This is the month when Colonel Sidney Barnett plans to transport live buffalo and Pawnee Indians to Niagara Falls, New York, for a buffalo hunt open to the public. A writer named “Nebraska” describes this in an Omaha paper of June 12, 1872:

“A novel undertaking is on foot here, and is of gigantic proportions. Colonel Sydney Barnett, of Niagara Falls, is getting up a grand Buffalo hunt at Niagara Falls, from the 1st to the 4th of July. He is now here for the purpose of completing arrangements and superintending the starting of the enterprise, and shipping the buffaloes East.

He has secured the services of the celebrated scout and hunter, Mr. J. B. Omohundro, better known as “Texas Jack,” the hero of the Loup Fork. “Texas Jack” is a partner of “Buffalo Bill,” and nothing that skill and foresight can accomplish will be spared to make this hunt a perfect success.

Through the kindness of Major [Frank] North, the commander of the Pawnee Scouts, arrangements are being made for a party of Pawnee Indians—the deadly and bitter enemy of the Sioux—to go to Niagara with their fleet ponies and lodges, and full war and hunting equipment.

The buffaloes will pass through Omaha the latter part of this, or early part of next month.

We here think this is a grand affair, and believe that there can be no question of success from the reputation of the parties engaged in it. The spectacle that will present itself to the scores of thousands of who will be spectators at Niagara will be the most novel and thrilling ever seen east of the great plains, and will give our eastern friends an idea of what buffalo hunting is in Nebraska.”

William D. Wildman of Cass County, Nebraska, wrote his own account of the undertaking in the *Lincoln Daily State Journal*, dated July 2, 1872:

“Here I will relate an incident heretofore unheard of in Buffalo hunting. A gentleman from Saratoga, N. Y., came to Fort McPherson and hired three of the Western scouts to capture eight full grown Buffalo, to astonish the town of Saratoga, on the 4th of July, at a grand celebration on that day, and I understand a party of Pawnee Indians were to be taken along to shew the uninitiated how Lo could do the Buffalo on a hunt. Three gentlemen well known to Western men for daring were chosen as the leaders, viz., Dashing Charley, Texas Jack, and a man by the name of Barrett (the initials I did not know, as my informant didn’t know them). They started from Red Willow early Sunday morning, 9th June, crossed the Republican, and proceeded to Beaver Creek, 15 miles away, and before noon the eight bulls were prisoners, and loaded on wagons. The mode was [sic] of capture was as [sic] follows: One would throw a lasso over the animal’s neck, and follow with a slack rope, until another could lasso the foot. Then they proceeded to down the “baste.” Once down he was quickly tied, and ready for loading on the wagons, and so the fun went on with one variation. After Texas Jack had lassoed an uncommonly large ugly old bull, and before any one could secure his leg, he turned short, and charged, caught the horse, and pitched both into a gully. Here the grit and action of a true western hunter becomes apparent; his well

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trained horse waited for its rider, and my informant stated that the rope was not even dropped, but man and horse were together, again following the buffalo, until he was finally captured. To read of such things is all very well; but to do them is quite a different thing. For my part I believe rather than to be one to capture one of these fellows, I had rather to go thru the Battle of Chickamauga again.

I was told the next morning that seven of the eight died."



Note that "Lo" as used in the second sentence of the paragraph above is a slang term referring to the Indian or an Indian. It is at least mildly pejorative and originates from a fairly literate source: Alexander Pope's *Essay On Man* (1733-1734) in which the author speaks of the American Indian:

"Lo, the poor Indian!
Whose untutor'd mind,
Sees God in clouds,
or hears him in the wind;"

Wildman was in error stating that the buffalo were going to Saratoga. Their destination was Niagara Falls.

Meanwhile, the procurement of Pawnee for the New York spectacle was undertaken by Texas Jack. The *Pawnee Agency Letterbooks* contain a letter from Jacob M. Troth, Pawnee Agent, to Barclay White, Superintendent of Indian Affairs in Omaha, written June 13, 1872:

"I referred to the letter of J. B. Omohundro in reference [sic] to the Buffalo hunt at Niagara Falls. I had not replied to him but wrote at once communicating our disapproval [sic] of our indians engageing in any enterprise of this kind."

Riley explains President Grant's attempts to reform Indian Policy in the U.S. by placing Indian tribes under the jurisdiction of various religious denominations. The Pawnee, Omaha, Winnebago, and Otoe were placed in the care

of the Society of Friends, or Quakers, based in Omaha. According to Riley, the Quakers tried to organize the Pawnee into an egalitarian society, which in turn, undermined traditional Pawnee culture.



Pawnee Warriors

The *Letterbooks* also contain a note from Troth, the Pawnee Agent, to Texas Jack written the same day as the letter quoted above:

"Your letter was rec and I have had an interview with the Superintendent on the subject and we unite in our view in refference [sic] to our Indians going off/on an expedition of the kind you propose. It is also prohibited by the Department."

A third mention of Texas Jack in the *Pawnee Agency Letterbooks* was written on June 24, 1872, by Agent Troth to Superintendent White:

"In my last letter from Columbus of the 22nd I omitted [sic] to state that J. B. Omohundro rec a dispatch from Burnt that the Commissioner refused permission for our Indians to engage in the Hunt of Buffaloes intended to take place at Niagara Falls. I communicated with him at Fort McPherson in refference [sic] to his engagement to go out with the Pawnees."

Despite Texas Jack's failure to obtain permission to take Pawnees to New York, he continued to promote the possibility of the hunt by traveling to Omaha, where he was warmly

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received. The *Omaha Daily Bee* wrote a lengthy article about Texas Jack in the June 22, 1872 issue:

**TEXAS JACK.
THE NIAGARA FALLS BUFFALO HUNT.
SOME INTERESTING
PERSONAL FACTS CONCERNING THIS
NOTED SCOUT AND
HUNTER.**

“The celebrated scout and hunter, Texas Jack, has been camping at the Metropolitan Hotel for a day or two, having come to Omaha on business.

Some few weeks ago Sidney Burnett came out from Niagara Falls for the purpose of securing some live buffalo for a grand hunt at the Falls on the Fourth of July. Proceeding to Fort McPherson, he employed the noted hunter, Texas Jack, to capture them. A hunt was accordingly organized, and the result was that eight buffalo were taken alive. Some of them have since died, and it is doubtful if any of them can be transported alive on account of the warm weather. If, however, Mr. Burnett is successful in securing and transporting a sufficient number of live buffalo, he will give the proposed grand hunt at Niagara Falls on the Fourth of July. The hunt will be managed entirely by Texas Jack, who will take with him Captain Mathews, as interpreter, a Pawnee lasso man, and several Pawnee Indians. They will take with them their entire equipments—horses, weapons, and Indian costumes.

Jack is here, under instruction of Mr. Burnett, to obtain permission of the Superintendent of the Pawnee Indians, who resides in this city, to take the required number of Pawnees to Niagara Falls. The Superintendent has given his permission, but says that it will be necessary to get further orders from Gen. Walker, the Commissioner, at Washington. Jack accordingly sent dispatches to Mr. Burnett, and he has sent on to Washington to obtain leave to take the Indians.

Texas Jack, whose right name is J. B. Omohundro, is a Southerner by birth. From

his boyhood up, he has followed the profession of scout and hunter. He is now twenty-four years of age. Is[sic] tall, broad shouldered and handsome; weighs 180 pounds, and like all frontiersmen he has muscles of iron, and the courage of a lion.

He talks fluently and uses correct grammatical language; and all his actions denote that he is one of Nature’s own noblemen. He has never had much of an opportunity to obtain a school education, yet he may be said to be a tolerably well education [sic] man, having improved his leisure time in study.

Texas Jack and Buffalo Bill are the warmest friends. They have been acquainted for three years and for the last six months they have been in partnership in hunting. Texas Jack received an invitation to go out with the Duke Alexis party, but as he was out hunting at the time, he refused to go. For a couple of months past he has been employed as a scout for the government.

During the late buffalo hunt for Mr. Burnett, he had a very narrow escape from death, which, to him, was but a mere trifling [sic] incident, having passed through so many nearly fatal experiences. He was riding his celebrated horse, “Tall Bull, “ when a fierce buffalo bull attacked both rider and horse, badly goring the latter. Texas Jack, his horse, and the buffalo all fell into Beaver river, from which they soon after emerged, and the fight continued, the result of which was the capture of the buffalo, and the probable death of the horse.

“Tall Bull” is one of the most celebrated horses in this country, having been captured in a fight from old Tall Bull, a noted Indian chief, who was defeated and killed.

The horse is the swiftest and longest-winded animal on the plains, having never yet been beaten in a race, although having had hundreds of contests of speed. Jack thinks he is the finest horse in the Western country, and expresses a great deal of sorrow over the

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goring of his pet, as he is of the opinion that he will never recover. "Tall Bull" was Jack's favorite horse, although he owns several other fleet animals. He formerly rode "Prairie Belle," a fleet black mare, educated and brought up on the plains. "Whale-bone," another fast horse was badly wounded during the hunt, but he will recover. Jack himself was cornered over twenty times in a single day by the monarchs of the plains.

Texas Jack makes a lucrative livelihood from the proceeds of the hunting expeditions, and his numerous engagements as a scout for the Government and as a guide for English and American hunting parties, which are becoming more fashionable each year.

Last winter he undertook the guidance of Professor [Henry A.] Ward's party, who came out to gather specimens. He afterwards sent the Professor the head of a buffalo killed by the Duke Alexis.

Last evening he received quite a reception at the hands of many of our citizens, who were very much pleased with the open-hearted frontiersman. He attracted considerable attention by his costume and manly appearance, and made a most favorable impression upon those who had never met him.

He was entertained during a part of last evening by an exhibition of scientific billiard-playing by Louis Shaw, at Richards & Bakers hall. He also accepted an invitation from Frank Currier, the artist, to have his photograph taken to-day. Professor J. H. Steiner, the aeronaut, also invited him to go up in a balloon with him on the 4th of July, and if the buffalo hunt does not come off on the 4th at Niagara Falls he promised to be here, and accompany the Professor in his ascension."



The Buffalo Hunt by Currier & Ives
<http://www.firstpeople.us>

Interestingly enough, according to Riley, the buffalo hunt did take place, but with a new cast: James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok took a group of Kansas Indians to New York in August. The event was not a success.

Riley's chapter *July 1872* finds Texas Jack as a sub-agent to Jacob Troth, the Pawnee Agent. As a sub-agent, Texas Jack will accompany the Pawnee on their summer buffalo hunt. He leaves the Fort McPherson area after receiving a telegram dated July 10, 1872, from Agent Troth: "Meet me at Grand Island on Saturday, by the train." (*Pawnee Agency Letterbooks*).

On July 11, 1872, Troth wrote General Orde, Commander of the Department of the Platte:

"I wish to inform you that the Indians have left the Agency to engage in their Summer hunt on the Republican. I am to meet them on Saturday the 13th inst at Grand Island, and expect to have a council with them there.

I have furnished them with 4 White flags 3 x 4 ft with a large P in the center. They were to follow up the Loup Fork on the south side until opposite Grand Island and then cross the Platt at that place[then] up the Platt on the south side a [shor]t distance and then strike across to Colonel Devons Camp /at Red Willow/ and report to him.

Baptiast Byhülle Interpreter and J. B. Omohundro, late a scout for Government

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Troops at Fort McPherson, are in charge of them.” (Pawnee Agency Letterbooks).

In 1886, Joe Atkinson, foreman of John Bratt’s ranch near North Platte, was interviewed by the Holdrege *Nebraska Nugget* about the Pawnee Hunt of 1872 led by Texas Jack. Atkinson seems to have been a participant.

“A band of 800 Pawnee warriors who were the wards of Uncle Sam were ordered out to kill their own meat for winter supply. The Indians were under the supervision of a frontiersman familiarly known at that time as “Texas Jack,” who lead [sic] the party.

The Indians were armed with bows and arrows. Atkinson was but a 16 year old boy, but used to all the arts of Buffalo war. The entire party was mounted, and after riding quietly a short distance a herd was discovered grazing on the bluffs at the head of Turkey Creek which is in the South part of Phelps county. A herd generally contained thousands of them but there were only fifteen hundred in this one. The attack was made without delay and the indians made terrible havoc with them. The herd was surrounded and kept on the level ground so as to give the ponies a better chance to run. The indians mode of attack was to ride up close to one and shoot it in the flank just in front of the hind leg, in this part of the body the arrow would strike no bones and a powerful savage would frequently burry [sic] it in the bowels of the doomed buffalo. One arrow thus sent home would soon sicken and tumble the best of them. Let the reader imagine then what terrible havoc 800 well armed savages would make with a small herd on an open field. Mr. Atkinson tells us that not a buffalo out of the fifteen hundred escaped.

This seems like an incredible story, but when we consider that there was not two buffalo apiece for them to kill it looks more reasonable. This was the last year for buffalo killing in Phelps County, although a few were seen afterwards. The settlers, Indians and hunters from eastern counties got too thick and they pushed on farther west.”

On July 25, 1872, Agent Troth wrote to Texas Jack and Baptiste Bahylie:

*“To J. B. Omohondro & Baptiest Byhülle
Dear Friends*

I received a letter from Jack, and have also heard from the bearer of this of your progress and success which is very satisfactory, and I hope you will succeed in getting a large amount of buffalo meat. you [sic] can say to the Pawnee their crops look fine they will have the largest crops they have ever had since I have been with them. Baptisest [sic] corn opposit [sic] my place is very fine indeed. Tell the Pawnees I often think of them, and pray to God that they may succeed on their summer hunt and not do any wrong thing to any body whilst they are away from me.

I am glad to hear you had recovered the horses that were stolen from the Indians. Let me hear from [you] every opportunity. As it is a great Satisfaction to hear from you.

P.S. Mary S. Barns wished me to say the [?]ty have a great plenty of every thing at the school now. vegetables of all kinds in abundance [sic], and other supplies.”

Baptiest Byhülle is Baptiste Bahylie, a mixed-blood Pawnee interpreter (*Nebraska History*, Fall 2004).



Baptiste Bahylie (standing) with four Pawnee Indians. In 1875 the Schuyler Register published reminiscences of an early settler who declared that Bahylie, a mixed-blood Pawnee interpreter, had also attributed the creek's name to traders who crossed it in boats made of dried elk or buffalo hide. NDS. RG2005-3-50

*Baptiste Bahylie (standing) with four Pawnee
Indians*

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Riley's chapter, *August 1872*, contains a letter from Agent Troth to Jack dated August 10, 1872:

*"To J. B. Omohundro & Baptist
Byhille Itpt In charge of Pawnees On the Hunt*

My Friends

I am informed some of the Pawnees contemplate visiting some of the Southern Indians before returning from the hunt. I have information from them there is a disease among them and they are dying off very fast, and my orders to you are positive [sic], not to permit any of the Pawnees to go but bring all your Indians in with you when you come.

If you have gone they will not /be/ permitted to return as they may bring the disease with them and give it to the Pawnees.

You can say to the Pawnees that their crops are very large, but the grass hoppers are here and are destroying them but now whilst I wright [sic] they are leaving in great clouds and going South and I hope they will not hurt your crops much as I do not think they have done much damage yet. The Pawnees will have thousands of bushels of potatoes.

I have made arrangements with the bearors [sic] of this to bring me letters from You. I have not heard from you since you left the vicinity of Fort Kearney.

An attempt was made to kill Terre-re-cus, by two white men who were trying to steal

his ponies. They did not get his ponies and he will get well.

P.S. Let me know in your letter how soon you will be here."

(Source not cited, but probably the *Pawnee Agency Letterbooks*. "Itpt" following Bahylie's name in the address of the letter is probably an abbreviation for Interpreter.)

Thus ends Riley's references to Texas Jack. By the end of 1872, Texas Jack, Buffalo Bill Cody, and Ned Buntline were touring the East with their stage show.

As a postscript to this article, the reader should also be aware of the following excerpt from an article by Joseph G. Rosa in *Nebraska History*, *Spring 2005*, the quarterly magazine of the Nebraska State Historical Society. Joseph G. Rosa is a noted Western historian who is currently the foremost authority on James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok. The article is titled, *Wild Bill Hickok, Buffalo Bill Cody, and the Grand Buffalo Hunt at Niagara Falls*. The article follows the hunt from its inception by Sidney Barnett in 1868, to the actual event in August, 1872, managed by Hickok. While Rosa uses newspaper articles and Pawnee Agency documents (many of which are quoted above), Rosa has tapped an exceptional lode of information—letters to and from Sidney Barnett presently owned by the Niagara Falls Museum.

Following are 2 letters, one from W.F. Cody to Barnett mentioning Texas Jack, and one from Texas Jack to Barnett. Texas Jack's letter reflects his interest in a Wild West Show business career.



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North Plat[t]e Neb
Mar 29th 1872. Mr.
S. Barnett,

Dear Sir,

I received your dispatch several days ago. Should have given you an answer but did not know positively what to say as my Pardner W. F. Cody was not here, he returned yesterday [sic] just after I had read your let[t]er we had a talk together and decided that we could capture those Buffalos and deliver them here or some Sta [station?] near for the sum of \$500.00 per head and that you are to take whatever number we get from two to Six head, all we ask is that you deposit \$1000.00 in the First Nash. [sic] Bank Omaha subject to our order. This might not be ne[ce]ssary only that we need aid from parties that would not work unless on a certa[i]nty, you can have what reference you wish in regard to your deposit. we will expect the Balance of the pay as soon as the Buffalo [e]s are safely delivered a board the Train. if you except [sic] this offer which I think is as well as you can do let us know at once by telagraph [sic] and we will procede [sic] to business you an {can?} prepare your part give out your advertizements [sic] and and [sic] make all other ne[ce]ssary arrangements the Biffalo [sic] will bee there [sic] between the first and fifteenth.

I would much have prefered [sic] your offer as a pardner in this project as I am sure it will be a perfect success only for the objection of certain parties which I could not pos[s]ibly perform the capture without. I would except your offer however as you have given' me some inducements I have made up my mind to come

through with the Buffalos to take care of them over the road and to play any part in the hunt that you may wish me after we are once together perhaps I will join you in the Exhibition [sic] that you spoke of. I will send you a scetch [sic] of my life in a few days that you may use it in your Publications if necessary we have writ[t]en to the Indian Reservation to know if we can get the Indians required will let you know as soon as [we] get an answer.

I have a good rig here of Bows and arrows [arrows] that I have captured from the Indians! Also nice Lassoos that I will bring a long so as I can play Indian or white man as you may wish. I have always intended to go into something of this kind but have never had the capital to commence with. You know it requires money to do any thing out here. I was speaking to my old Friend Professor Ward about it last winter he recommends the Idear [sic] and I am sure that you and what ever Parties you may have with you will make Big money out of what you have undertaking [sic]. what business we transact from this[point?] on must be through telagrap [sic] as our time will be limited[.] you may feel perfectly safe in regards to our succes[s] and make your arrangements accord[ing]ly as we seldom undertake a thing that [we] do not car[r]y out. Qomore [sic] at pres [ent] from your most obd [sic]

J. B. Omohundro.

-- - Texas Jack



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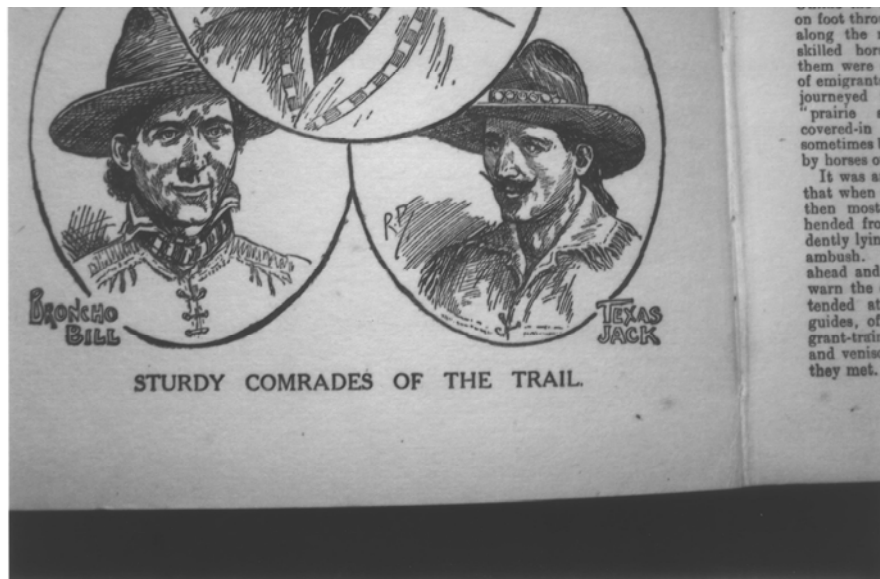
North Platte Neb
Mar[ch] 29th 1869
Mr Sidney Barnett

Dear Sir

I have just met Mr Omohundro & am now on my way to Spotted Tails Indian Village with horses and rations for his people. Will return as soon as I deliver them to him. Mr Omohundro & myself will catch you the buffalo and put them in the cars in good condition for you at this place or some other station close [by] if you will pay enough for the trouble it is a big job but it can be done. Money will do anything. He [Omohundro?] will write you what will get them for. And he will come on with them if he is well paid. I am in Government employ and cannot leave-Let

him know immediately. It will take a waggon [sic] for each buffalo to haul him to the road & we have to send a good ways for more good Ropes. You make the arrangements with him. You will have to forward money. It will look more like business we of course are both strangers. The same as when Prof Ward and I commenced business but I think we can do it on the square. If anything should happen that we could not get the buffalo although if we commence to do the thing it will be done but should such a thing happen as we could not get them I assure you the money will be returned if sent to our order.

Yours Respectfully,
(Signed) W. F. Cody
Buffalo Bill



Comrades of the Trail – back of photo reads From “Scouts of the Great Wild West” Wingrove Willson Ed. Robert Prouse – Illus. Submitted by Richard Hurt of Farmville, VA

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Texas Jack with flag – back of photo reads “1909” Texas Jack Terror of the Indians. No. 106. French, “En Lute Avec Les Mormons” . Submitted by Richard Hurt of Farmville, VA



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We welcome our next guest editor for the November issue of *The Scout* - Katie Chapman. The deadline for the November issue is October 15. Please send your ideas, articles, and materials to Katie at:

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The
President's
MESSAGE

First of all, everyone (who renewed their memberships or joined for the first time) should have received their 2007 Texas Jack Association membership cards by now with a few Texas Jack bookmarks and a letter with my sincerest apologies for the delay.

Since beginning my term as President last October, I have come to a fuller understanding of how much Edna Nees has contributed of her time and talents to our association over the years. We are truly fortunate that she is continuing to contribute in the new position of Historian. There are few people that are as knowledgeable in the history and genealogy of Texas Jack as is Edna. Due to Edna's change of duties, Larry and Renee Tyree and I have been developing more efficient ways of doing the "behind the scenes" work such as processing membership payments, bookkeeping, sending out membership cards, and keeping up with correspondence. We have clarified the tasks delegated to the different Officer positions and have implemented an online bookkeeping software system to help centralize information and make it possible for members in different locales to be able to carry out their tasks. There have been a few glitches, however, and I once again apologize to anyone who has been inconvenienced and ask your patience in the next few months as we continue to improve our association.

What improvements? You may well ask this question. First of all, we are seeking the 501c3

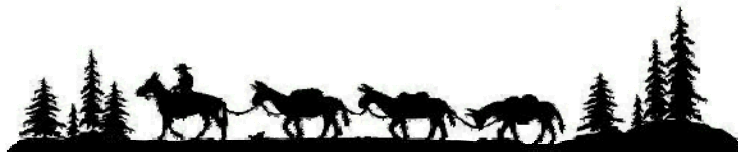
non-profit status. This will enable us to receive *tax-deductible* donations, save money on the postage for mailings, as well as being able to take advantage of other discounts offered to organizations with this status. Secondly, we are working to make our website more interactive. The immediate goals are to put the TJA merchandise online and available for purchase, add the ability to renew memberships and join online, create a message board for members, and periodically send e-mail updates to those who wish to be on the mailing list. After that, it's on to the magazine advertising!

I believe the key to the continued success and future growth of the Texas Jack Association is to involve more members in board and committee level positions, to increase visibility of our Association, and to provide more methods of communication between members and the Association. To that end, I am extremely fortunate to be working with a talented group of people: Larry and Renee Tyree, Linda Omohundro, Rand McKinney, Stephanie Greene and Edna Nees.

Thank you for your patience and I hope you'll appreciate the changes you'll be able to see in the future.

Peggy Greene

President - Texas Jack Association





FROM THE MAIL BAG

From: Richard and Marie Omohundro of Sun City West, AZ.

"At age 93-94, almost 94-95, Marie and I enjoy the Texas Jack Publication. After spending 4 months in the hospital with broken hips and legs, we enjoy our home and wish we could go to the TJA Round-ups but our walkers don't fit in the airplanes too well. Keep up the good work."

The newspaper article to the right is about Stephanie Greene, our Texas Jack Association secretary and daughter of our president.

Congratulations, Stephanie!



Donation from Ellen (Bessie) Omohundro and Family

On behalf of the entire membership of the Texas Jack Association, the board sends heartfelt thanks to Ellen (Bessie) Omohundro and her family for their generous donation of \$500.00. Bessie is the widow of Richard A. Omohundro, the mother of Elizabeth Omohundro Harwood, and the sister-in-law of Malvern Hill Omohundro Jr. (now deceased). Texas Jack was Elizabeth's great uncle. Elizabeth's two sons are thus Texas Jack's great, great nephews. They are Charles Douglas Harwood Jr. and Otway Pearson Binns Harwood II.

Palm Beach Post

June 7, 2007

Jupiter

**Co-Valedictorian:
Stephanie Greene**



Greene

- **Hometown:** Jupiter
- **Parents' names:** Mark and Peggy Greene
- **Favorite subject:** Psychology
- **College you plan to attend:** University of Miami
- **Field of study:** Business and International Studies

■ **Career plans:** International Business

■ **Awards and achievements:** Jupiter Environmental Research and Field Studies Academy Medal; National Honor Society; National Spanish Honor Society; AP Scholar with Distinction Award; Youth Representative of North County Red Cross Advisory Board

■ **Best advice a teacher ever gave you:** "Don't ever forget your landing checklist." This is from my flight instructor.

■ **Accomplishment you are most proud of:** Running on the Cross Country Team and Volunteering with the American Red Cross.

■ **Personal motto or philosophy:** Life is not a dress rehearsal.

■ **Personal hero:** Thich Nhat Hanh, author of "Peace is Every Step"

■ **Favorite spare time activity:** Piloting small planes

■ **One thing my classmates don't know about me is:** I have 40 pairs of shoes.

■ **Best high school memory:** Going on field trips with the Jupiter Environmental Academy



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VISIT THE TEXAS JACK WEBSITE



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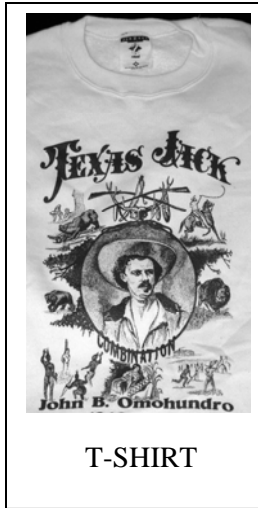
A GENTLE REMINDER—

**HOPEFULLY, YOU HAVE
RECEIVED YOUR DUES
REMINDER IN THE MAIL.**

**THE TJA IS DEPENDING ON
YOU.**



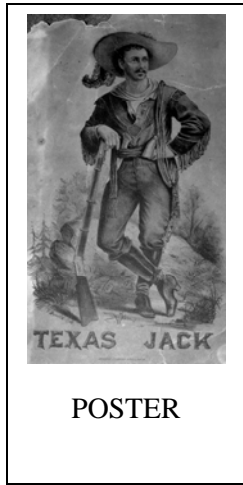
“Texas Jack” MUST HAVES



T-SHIRT



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POSTER



POLO SHIRT

Sweatshirts	\$20
Polo shirts	\$20
T-Shirts	\$15
Posters	\$15
Mug	\$15

We have a wide assortment of sizes available. The polo shirts come in two colors: a white polo (embroidered image), and a 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**



COMING UP SOON!
ROUNDUP 2008

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE NEXT EXCITING
TEXAS JACK ASSOCIATION ROUNDUP!**

WHEN: JUNE 19-22, 2008 (THURSDAY THRU SUNDAY)

WHERE: FORT WORTH, TEXAS

UPDATE:

Planning for the 2008 Roundup is well underway. Although the details are still being worked out, there are no lack of options. Ft. Worth is steeped in the history of the Old West.

The city celebrates its colorful Western heritage, deeply rooted in strong Southern influences. Fort Worth's legendary Western heritage was made possible by settlers from the Old South looking for a new start. For a time, it was a major stop on the famous Chisolm trail, on which Texas Jack Omohundro drove cattle for a time.

Ft. Worth is also home to some of the finest museums in the U.S. including: The Amon Carter Museum, with one of the premier collections of western art by Frederic

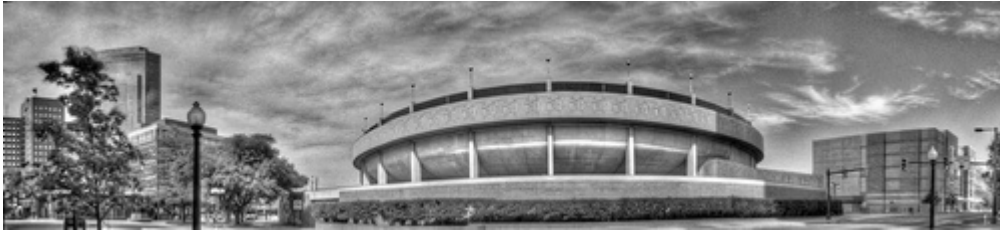
Remington and Charles M. Russell, the Kimbell Art Museum, and the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. These are truly world-class museums housed in structures that are, themselves, well-known architectural masterworks.

Fort Worth's downtown has Sundance Square, named after the infamous Sundance Kid. Sundance Square is a 16-block entertainment center for the city with brick-paved streets and sidewalks, many restaurants, nightclubs, boutiques, museums, live theaters, movie theaters, and art galleries. A large mural on the side of one of the buildings commemorates the Fort Worth segment of the Chisholm Trail cattle drives in 1867-1875. See <http://www.sundancesquare.com/>



Skyline of Fort Worth

SIGHTS TO SEE IN FORT WORTH



Fort Worth Convention Center



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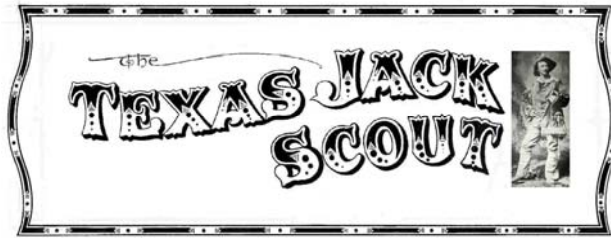


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THE TEXAS JACK SCOUT



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2007



It is time to renew your membership in the Texas Jack Association! To continue to receive *The Texas Jack Scout*, and other membership benefits, please fill the card below and send it to the address indicated below.

Your Information

First name:	<input type="text"/>
Last name:	<input type="text"/>
Telephone Number:	<input type="text"/>
Street Address:	<input type="text"/>
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City:	<input type="text"/>
State:	<input type="text"/>
Postal Code:	<input type="text"/>
Country:	<input type="text"/>
Email address:	<input type="text"/>

Annual Membership \$25.00 (per person)
Family Membership \$40.00 (1 copy of *The Scout*)
Junior Membership \$10.00 (18 and under)
Senior Membership \$20.00 (per person)

Please send your check made payable to Texas Jack Association and mail to:

Stephanie Greene
18329 Loxahatchee River Road
Jupiter, FL 33458

***If you would like to receive your annual membership update notices by e-mail, send a note to Rene Tyree at renetyree@hotmail.com .**

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