Saddlebag Newsletter

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Welcome to the *Saddlebag* Newsletter. The latest information is headed by the date of posting. Previously posted information will be found by date further down on this page in the list of available newsletters. All information will be retained for reference.

If you have Wild West news, please contact the editor at the e-mail address shown at the top of the *Saddlebag* page. We reserve the right to include or not include any materials submitted to us.

November 2022

NOTE: Due to unforeseen circumstances, there was not an October 2022 issue of the *Saddlebag*.

December Edition of WWHA *Journal*

The December edition of WWHA *Journal* will be mailed to the membership the first week of December. Because we use a media rate, it is hard to determine when each member will receive their copy; the various post offices can hold this rate of publication for up to two-weeks.

The December issue features some great articles: Daniel Buck and Anne Meadows, "The Sundance Kid in Chile: Boyds Will Be Boyds," Robert J. Stahl, The Last Years and Death of John William Poe, Anastasia Sitnina, "Becoming Doc: John Henry Holliday and his classmates at the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery," Roger Myers, "'Catch and Release,' The Captures and Escapes of 'Dutch Henry' Born - 'The Most Noted Horse Thief on the Border,'" Josh Slatten, "Jose Chavez y Chavez: The Good Side of a Not So Bad Man," Marshall Trimble, "Mexican Border 'Adjusted' to Accommodate Children at Christmas," and the fourth of our series on Texas Rangers by Mike Cox, "The Mutiny of Company H."

Additionally, you will find information on how to make a presentation proposal for the 2023 WWHA Roundup in San Antonio and how to make nominations for the "Six-Shooter Awards Program."

Below is some special information on the article by Buck and Meadows:

The Sundance Kid in Chile: Boyds Will Be Boyds

Featured in the December 2022 *Wild West History Association Journal* is: "The Sundance Kid in Chile: Boyds Will Be Boyds," by Daniel Buck & Anne Meadows, which tells the newly discovered details of the outlaw's murder of a policeman in Antofagasta in August 1905, and his escape from justice, possibly with the assistance of the US vice consul.

The article is based on a judicial file recently found by the authors in the National Archive of Chile and on long forgotten Chilean newspaper articles.

The Sundance Kid, using the alias Frank Boyd, fatally shot police officer Arturo Gonzalez during a disturbance outside an after-hours restaurant in Antofagasta's red-light district. The story of Sundance's prosecution, conviction, and flight from justice, the extraordinary assistance provided to him by US vice consul Frank D. Aller, and the controversial handling of the case by judge Luis A. Molina provide a window into the turbulent history of early 1900s Antofagasta, then one of Chile's most important ports.

Sundance's case spent several years moving through the Chilean judicial system, during which time judge Molina was accused of serious misconduct, including sexual assault, forgery, drunkenness, and complicity in the Gonzalez murder itself. Antofagasta lawyer Primitivo Líbano, later an apologist for the infamous Santa María massacre of striking workers and their families, represented both Sundance in his murder case and the judge in his misconduct case, a startling conflict of interest.

In another strange twist, by the time his conviction was finally upheld by an appeals court in 1909, Sundance had been a fugitive for several years and dead almost a year, killed in Bolivia alongside Butch Cassidy following a mine payroll holdup. The others players in the drama had better outcomes. Líbano was elected to Congress and Molina was elevated to the Court of Appeals in Santiago. As for Aller, he went on to coach football at the Colorado School of Mines.

NOTE: This article is now featured on this website; check it out!

Daniel Buck and Anne Meadows are the authors of *The End of the Road: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid in Bolivia* (2017) and *Al Final del Camino: Butch Cassidy and Sundance Kid en Bolivia* (2016), and Meadows is the author of *Digging Up Butch & Sundance (*rev. ed. 2003).

Corrected Roundup 2023 Dates

The dates of the 2023 Roundup were previously advertised as starting one day earlier than is actually scheduled. The correct dates are: **July 12-15, 2023**, the 16th annual WWHA Roundup will be held in San Antonio, Texas, at the famous Menger Hotel. This is the same site as our 2nd WWHA Roundup and this is the first time we've returned to a location where WWHA has held a previous meeting. The major theme of this Roundup will be related to the 200th Anniversary of the appointment by Stephen F. Austin of the first men known as "Rangers." The Roundup co-chairs are Pam Potter, Kurt House and Dave George, with the assistance of Paul Marquez.

A "Call for Papers" announcement appears in the December issue of the *Journal.* Anyone wishing to appear on the program with a speech presentation or a suggestion for a panel discussion is invited to submit a proposal, no later than December 15th. Most programs selected will deal with the overall theme of Texas Rangers, though some allowance will be made for other "Texas" related topics.

Watch for announcements about the Roundup, hotel reservations, and more via the WWHA *Saddlebag* newsletter on the website or through e-mail blasts of "breaking news."

~ Dates to Remember ~

WWHA Mid-Year Board Meeting – January 27-29, 2023 – Menger Hotel, San Antonio
WWHA Membership Promotion – January 21, 22, 2022 – High Noon Show – Mesa, Arizona

Doc Holliday YouTube Series

The WWHA, Dr. Gary Roberts / Victoria Wilcox special titled “An Evening with Doc Holliday," first of nine episodes, was released on Tuesday November 1st followed by Episode 2 being released on November 15th. The remaining episodes will be released on the 1st and 15th of each month until all nine are released. Upon conclusion, we will resume our usual “Fireside Stories” and ‘Bugs on the Windshield.”

Whether you are author, writer, researcher, historian, or just a student of the Wild West, this is a must-see series from the authorities on Doc Holliday. If you subscribe to the WWHA YouTube Channel **(FREE)**, you will receive a notice each time a video is released.

Southern Trails Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association will meet in Tombstone

January 24-26, 2023, the Southern Trails Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association will hold its first annual meeting in several years at Tombstone, Arizona, in the heart of southern trails country. All are welcome. Registration and more information is available on line at https://tombstonearizona.thetaleofthetrail.org/

Death of WWHA Member, Robert 'Bob' John Stahl

We regret to announce the death of WWHA member “Bob” Stahl. Bob had written articles for the WWHA *Journal*, including his last one that appears in this issue, on John Poe.

Dr. Robert ‘Bob’ Stahl, Chandler, AZ, passed away August 31, 2022. Bob, a life-long Roman Catholic and member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Chandler, was cremated.

Bob graduated in 1963 from Eustis High School, FL. He earned an athletic scholarship to Lake Sumter Jr. College. He transferred to the University of Florida, graduating with a Bachelors of Art in Secondary Education in 1967.

He taught History and Psychology at Deland High School (Deland, FL), History and Psychology at Clermont High School (Clermont, FL), History and Psychology at Columbia High School (Lake City, FL), and Man- A Course of Study at P.K. Yonge Lab School (Gainesville, FL). He earned a Master’s Degree in Secondary Education (1970) and a doctorate degree in Curriculum and Instruction with minors in History and Secondary Social Studies Education (1975) at the University of Florida (Gainesville). He was truly a ‘Florida Gator’ since 4th grade, the year his family moved from Mansfield, OH., where he was born on October 8, 1945, to Eustis, FL where he lived until moving to Gainesville, FL in 1965. Bob taught three years in the College of Education at Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, MS, followed by

32 years teaching in the College of Education, Arizona State University, where he served as a Professor Emeritus in ASU's Emeritus College since 2010.

Bob was President of the National Council for the Social Studies, chair of the American Educational Research Association's Special Interest Group's Advisory Committee, President of the Arizona Council for the Social Studies, and President of the Arizona Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. He was also on the Board of Directors of each of these organizations as well as on the Board of the American Educational Research Association and the Florida and Arizona Councils for the Social Studies. He was a special consultant for Education for the U.S. Department of Education, where he consulted in various countries. He also consulted on educational topics in Canada, Thailand, and Australia as well as in 24 states in the United States.

A prolific writer, Bob edited, authored, co-edited, or co-authored ten books and over 80 articles or chapters on a variety of subjects.

Bob is survived his wife, Dr. Nancy Nance Stahl, of Chandler, AZ. His parents, Harry Rexford Stahl and Mary. Eleanore Yirga Stahl, predeceased him. His son, Steven Stahl, lives in Tempe, AZ. Bob is also survived by siblings – one sister, Marilyn Jeanne Fischer, of Deland, FL; and brothers Raymond Stahl, of Puyallup, WA; Ronald Stahl, of Sarasota, FL; Dr. Richard Stahl, of Boone, NC; Roger Stahl, of Puyallup, WA; and Reverend Father Allen Stahl, Colorado Springs, CO. He was always proud of each one of them and credits each in their own way with contributing positively to whom he became.

A Memorial Service was held Friday, September 30, 2022 at 3:00pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church; 230 W. Galveston St, Chandler, AZ 85225.

Grave of Wild Bunch Member Orlando Camilla O.C. "Deaf Charlie" Hanks Is Finally Marked!

Bradley Nevill

For the last couple of years, Kurt House, Bradley Nevill, and other members of the Wild West History Association have wanted to mark the unmarked grave of Orlando Camilla O.C. Hanks, otherwise known as "Deaf Charlie." O.C. Hanks is buried in Cemetery #4 in San Antonio, Texas, in Row 2, Grave #4, according to the record of burials by the City Sexton.

In May of 2019, Bradley Nevill was able to locate O.C.'s grave with the assistance of photos from findagrave.com. Bradley and Kurt discussed numerous times during WWHA Roundups and Old West antiques shows our desire to mark the grave of Hanks with a proper tombstone. In July of 2021, Kurt engaged a monument company in Texas to create a tombstone for Hanks with which to mark his grave. It took over a year to create and install a tombstone on the grave, but I am happy to report as of August 24, 2022, O.C. Hanks finally has his grave marked with a proper tombstone.

O.C. has quite a colorful history in the Old West being a noted member of the Wild Bunch Gang with Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, participating in bank and train robberies. O.C. Hanks was released from Deer Lodge Prison in Montana on May 30, 1901, after serving time for a robbery in Montana in 1892. As a member of the Wild Bunch, he reunited with some of the members to rob a train near Wagner, Montana.

Hanks and other members of the Wild Bunch stole banknotes that were for The National Bank of Montana. All three members went on the run with their newly found wealth. O.C. retreated to his home state of Texas where he met his demise on April 16, 1902, while resisting arrest in San Antonio; he was shot by officer Pink Taylor.

For the last 120 years, O.C. Hanks grave has been unmarked but thanks to the Wild West History Association that is no longer the case.

Plans are in the development stage to have a public dedication at the gravesite on January 28, 2023, during the annual mid-year meeting of the WWHA board of directors. Look for announcements via our e-mail "blast" program and on the WWHA website: www.wildwesthistory.org.

Thanks again,

Bradley Nevill, Oak Point, Texas

~ Tombstone Territory Rendezvous ~ and ~ WWHA Regional Roundup ~

The annual Tombstone Territory Rendezvous, with the theme "Mining Mayhem in Tombstone, A.T." was held October 26-30, 2022 with some 75 Tombstone fans on hand for the five days of activities. Saturday, the 29th, was the Tombstone WWHA Regional Roundup, returning, once again, as a supporter and promoter of the rendezvous.

The majority of the speakers for the five days are members of WWHA and on Saturday some new members were recruited, as is the usual case. WWHA members appearing on the program included: Jean and Chuck Smith, Bob Palmquist, Paul Johnson, Mike Mihaljevich, Ron Woggon, Gil Storms, Pam Potter, Kurt House, Roy Young, Doug Hocking, Chuck Hornung, and Garth Gould. Several more WWHA members participated in Pam Potter's skit, "You Are There at the OK Corral."

A special feature of the 2022 Roundup was Arizona Territorial Justice Forum that included a reenactment of the California Supreme Court Case of the "Estate of Thomas J. Bidwell (deceased) vs Richard Gird," both prominent Tombstone stalwarts of the 1880s. Bob Palmquist and Nancy Sosa put together the most interesting segments of the case's testimony with WWHA members portraying the characters.

WWHA members acted as bailiff, judge, attorneys, witnesses, and the defendant, while other members served on the jury. Performers included: Ron Woggon as the bailiff, Alan Blanchette as Judge H.C. Rolfe, Roy Young as Richard Gird, Eddie Lanham as William Harwood, Paul Johnson as Governor A.P.K. Safford, Michael Lanning as attorney Richard Mesick, Josh Rodgers appeared as the ghost of Thomas J. Bidwell, Gil Storms as Edward Schieffelin, Gary Mitrovich as Albert Schieffelin, and Garth Gould as John B. Allen.

Next year, the Arizona Territorial Justice Forum will present a major portion of the Spicer Hearing. And the theme for 2023 was announced as "Gunfighters and Gunfights."

Three longtime historians were honored by TTR: Ben Traywick, Bob Palmquist, and Chuck Hornung. Gil Storms led the annual field trip, this year to Fairbank and the Grand Central Mill ruins. The event closed Sunday

morning with a large attendance at TTR's Cowboy Church led by Roy Young, minister, and Paul Johnson, music director.

Select photographs from TTR:

Ben and Mary Dolores Traywick
(Bob Block photo)

Garner Palenske making the presentation to Ben Traywick
(Bob Block photo)

Louis and Madison Harrell with Ron Woggon and others after Cowboy Church
(Harrell Family photo)

Paula Jean Hunley, center, hostess for the Saturday luncheon. (Bob Block photo)

"Good Enough Mine Tour" and Hand Drilling Demonstrations (Bob Block photo)

Bob Palmquist and Roy Young on the annual "Book Reviews" Panel (Bob Block photo)

Opening Reception at Oriental Saloon (Bob Block photo)

Ron Woggon, Eddie Lanham, Mike Mihaljevich, Pam Potter, Roy Young, Garth Gould, Alan Blanchette, "You Are There at the OK Corral" (Bob Block photo)

Alan Blanchette, Eddie Lanham, Jean Smith and Pam Potter enjoying the closing session. (Bob Block photo)

Madison Harrell, Eddie Lanham, Kurt House (Harrell Family photo)

New Sign in front of The Traywick Building