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## The 135-year legacy of Burns Saddlery

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Before Utah was a state, Miles Lamonie Burns was hard at work crafting custom leather products for the cowboys of the Northwest, founding Burns Harness Shop in 1876. Today his legacy lives on through his family — which has continued his work as Burns Saddlery for more than a century, outfitting both horse and rider in quality custom leather. “I take great pride in continuing the 135-year legacy of Burns Saddlery,” says CEO Braydan Shaw, a sixth-generation Burns. While busy running the family business, Shaw also designs its exclusive line of Burns Custom Saddles. But this particular piece is the work of saddlemaker Dan Jenson. Jenson created the saddle for a longtime resident of Utah, tooling it in floral patterns of plants unique to the region — including the sego lily, blue flax, and prickly pear. Other unique features include a 1900s-style skirt and 4-inch brass-bound bell stirrups.

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