

CHISHOLM'S TRAIL OLD WEST LEATHER

Company Resume

Objectives:

- § To honor God in all we do
- § To help others develop in skill & knowledge of the old west
- § To pursue excellence & authenticity in our leather work
- § To grow profitably

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Movie Credits:

- § "3:10 to Yuma," with Russell Crowe & Christian Bale (some holsters & gun belts)
- § "The Assignment of Jesse James," with Brad Pitt (input into post production pattern design of rig)
- § "The Four Horsemen," by producer Michael Back (the four main gun rigs of the horsemen)

Major Shop Equipment:

- § Tippman Boss sewing machine, Tippman large clicker
- § Adler 205 sewing machine, Standard rivet machine, Baldor edge burnisher.

Company Focus:

Here at Chisholm's Trail we produce all of our cowboy leather gear from original examples or period patterns. Many items we make are similar to examples found in the National Cowboy Museum in Oklahoma City, The Gene Autry Museum, & Cody Museum. Others are from the pages of "Packing Iron," by Richard Rattenbury, "Tombstone-The Guns & Gear," photographs from the movie, and other cowboy collections.

History:

Chisholm's Trail Can directly trace its roots to Jesse Chisholm, who was the first to blaze a cattle trail north out of Texas into Kansas. Alan Soellner, the owner, is a certified descendant of Jesse. The initial cattle road was called "Chisholm's Trail" and later shortened to the Chisholm Trail. Alan's wife, Donna, grew up in Peabody, Mass., the town called "Tannery City." Her father made his living by tanning leather and her mother colored leather for the Kirsten and later, Lawrence Leather Co.

Training & Experience:

Alan & Donna have traveled extensively in the old west visiting locations such as the National Cowboy Museum where they were able to examine originals by hand. Recording thickness, construction details, color, tooling, stamping, sewing, & patterns. Alan learned his basic leather working skills from John O'Rourke of Alabama, one of the best leather crafters extant. K.C. Krueger of Oklahoma City taught Sheridan carving skills. Will Ghormley, who has produced leather for most of the recent westerns, shared volumes of valuable advice and techniques. March 2008 one-on-one training with John Bianchi, recognized as the world's best western holster maker.

Memberships:

Single Action Shooting Society (SASS), National Rifle Assoc., Kentucky Long rifle Assoc,

Capabilities:

Chisholm's Trail is ready and able to take on volume work including all Western movie leather. We do offer discounts for volume work.