

C. L. PEEBLES DIRECT DESCENDANT OF BELLINGER

That C. L. Peebles, formerly a druggist of Ogden, is a direct descendant of William Hurry, the bell-ringer who sounded freedom's message on old "Liberty bell" in 1776, is the statement of the Times of Los Angeles, where Mr. Peebles now lives. The Times' story is as follows:

When it reaches Los Angeles the famous old Liberty bell may recognize the spirit of an old friend, the connecting link with its famous day in history, in the person of C. L. Peebles, direct descendant of William Hurry, the bell-ringer, who tolled out the message of freedom on Independence day, 1776, back in Philadelphia.

The grave of the illustrious Hurry was for years lost but came to light in 1905, when the sexton of the old Pine street Presbyterian church in Philadelphia, in clearing up a few of the neglected headstones in the abandoned cemetery adjacent to the church, came across the name of Hurry.

Only the fact that the bell is coming to Los Angeles disclosed that one of his direct descendants resides in southern California. Had it not been for this, few persons would ever have known about Mr. Peebles of No. 1417 Sunset boulevard and his famed progenitor.

The old tombstone had for its inscription the words:

"In Memory of
William Hurry
Who Departed This Life
October 22, 1781.
Aged 60 years and 2 months;



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Also Titus Owens
Who Departed this Life
August 12, 1880.
Aged 26 years and 6 months;
Also Margaret, his Daughter,
Who died July 24, 1800.
Aged 18 months."

Titus Owens was one of the sons-in-law of William Hurry, whose children were all daughters, according to records here available. The Philadelphia Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, had a suitable monument erected over the grave of the bell-ringer, which today is the point of attraction for many tourists.

A rather remarkable family trait is that through the years past, there have been very few sons among the descendants of Hurry, the local Mr. Peebles being one of the few exceptions. His great-grandmother was Sara Ann Stetler, named after her grandmother, Sara Ann Hurry. Miss Stetler, whose brother was a religious writer and speaker of some note in the middle part of last century, married a Mr. Norris. A daughter of the match was Margaret Norris, who married J. M. Peebles, father of the local man.

C. L. Peebles is a former druggist, having come here from Ogden several years ago and having lived in retirement since that time. He has three daughters, Mrs. Robert Daniels, Mrs. Reginald Clapp and Mrs. Edward Colburn. Their children, with the exception of a son of Mrs. Daniels, are daughters.

The Chamber of Commerce is trying to arrange to have Mr. Peebles and his grandson, Mr. Daniels, ride with the Liberty bell when it reaches here next fall, thus linking as closely as possible the present day with the glorious history of the nation's infancy.

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