

Senate Bill 1311

Bill Sponsors: Sen. Lori Den Hartog – (R-22) Rep. Megan Blanksma – (R- 23)

67-4515. STATE CUT DESIGNATED. *The Idaho cut is hereby designated and declared to be the official state cut of the state of Idaho for faceted gem- stones.*

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This legislation declares the patented "Idaho Cut" to be a state symbol and the official state cut for faceted gemstones. This designation honors the legacy of Quincy Douglas Howell (1908-1992). A remarkable American, WWII Air Force Officer, and Idahoan who became one of the top five experts in the faceting world who named his most prized patent the "Idaho cut."

Fiscal Note

The proposed legislation will have no fiscal impact to the general fund or local governments because the legislation simply changes a policy for a state symbol which is already managed by the Secretary of State.

About Quincy Douglas Howell:

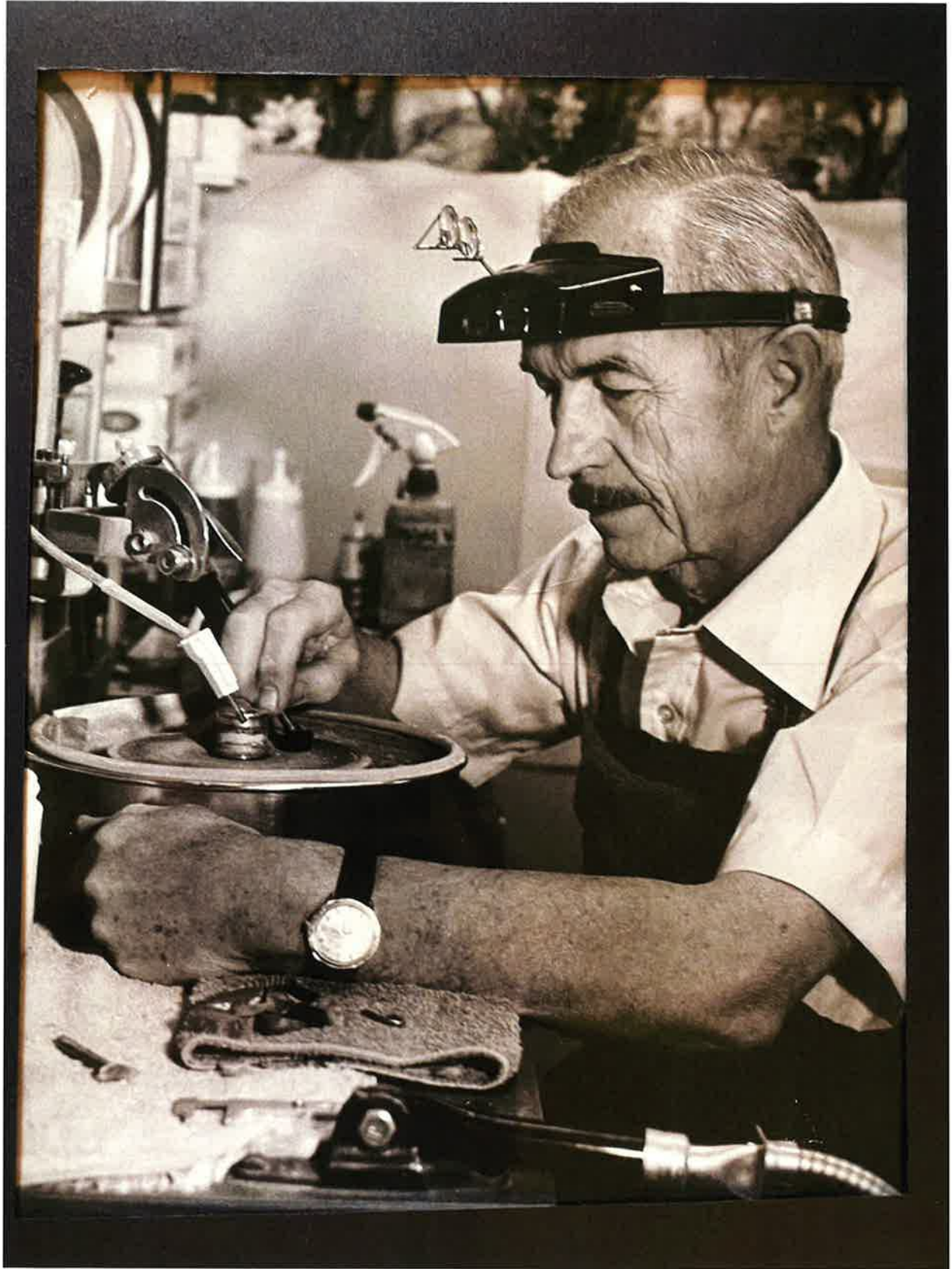
Quincy Douglas Howell (1908-1992) was a remarkable American and Idahoan who was highly dedicated to his community and to excellence in all endeavors. After retiring as a WWII Air Force Officer, he started the path that led him to become one of the top five experts in the faceting world.

Q.D. "Pappy" Howell's Awards, Ribbons, and Accomplishments:

- WWII Air Force Officer
- Idahoan, father and family man with a lasting legacy in the community
- Won the US Championship (1969)
- Awarded the Master Faceter Certificate by the American Federation
- Outstanding Contribution to the Art of Faceting Award recipient (1987)
- Honored at the Northwest Faceter's Conference in Sun Valley, ID (1987).
- Idaho Statesman's "Portrait of a Distinguished Citizen" (1979)
- Featured in National Geographic magazine's article "The Glittering world of Rockhounds" (1974)
- Awarded Lifetime Membership in the Idaho Gem Club
- Outstanding Service Award - Idaho Gem Club
- His faceted stones are in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C.
- Inducted into the National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame (2001)
- 30+ years of faceting
- Faceted over 6,500 stones
- Trained and instructed over 100 people in the art of faceting
- One of the top five experts in the faceting world
- Invented and named many unique "cuts" or patterns, which are the precise and intended arrangements of facets that reflect light from the stone in infinite combinations.
- His "Idaho Cut" is particularly beautiful and rivals the famous Tiffany Brilliant Cut for diamonds.

His family views his accomplished gemology legacy as uniquely Idahoan and deeply tied to The Gem State. Their goal is to have Quincy D. Howell's "Idaho Cut" adopted as the official gemstone cut for the State of Idaho, which would strengthen the heritage of this great state and provide a pattern of beauty for all Idahoans to enjoy. And because Idaho is considered The Gem State, it is only fitting that the Star Garnett not be so lonely in the list.

Quincy Douglas Howell's "Idaho Cut"



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