

Shipley Buckboard

The Shipley Family purchased this buckboard around 1900. It is an original Columbus Carriage Company Buckboard. In 1900 the Columbus Carriage Company was the largest manufacturer of buckboards and carriages in the world. Originally upholstered in black leather, the buckboard remained in the Shipley family until Florence Shipley Magee donated the vehicle to the Santa Margarita Historical Society who in turn donated it to the Carlsbad City Library in 1971. Once the Carlsbad Historical Society was established in 1975, they obtained ownership of the buckboard.



Julia Shipley was a proficient buckboard driver and often drove alone from Carlsbad to Escondido and Del Mar. In this 1909 photo taken at the Magee family home, Las Flores Ranch, Julia Shipley is shown with her future son in law Hugh Magee, 3 years prior to his marriage to Florence Shipley.



In 1971 the almost pristine buckboard was donated to the Carlsbad City Library and placed on display. A few years later it was moved to back "home" to the Shipley – Magee barn in Magee Park. Recently restored the buckboard is once again in pristine condition.