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Death-row wedding planned

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ANGOLA, La. — Condemned killer Colin Clark, hoping to legally give his name to his 3-year-old son, wants to marry the boy's mother in a prison ceremony before Clark dies in the electric chair Nov. 5.

Clark said he asked Shirley Hunter to marry him about 10 days ago in order to give his son, Dylan, the Clark family name.

No wedding date has been set, but Clark said he hoped he would be allowed to schedule the ceremony soon.

"I want this to happen as soon as possible," he said. "Time is not on my side."

Clark was sentenced to die for the 1978 slaying of a Baton Rouge restaurant manager who was shot in the head and stabbed more than 30 times during a robbery. While admitting his part in the robbery, Clark has maintained his partner in crime, Mike Glover, actually killed Manager Fred Schmidt.

Glover, serving a life sentence, testified against Clark at his 1979 trial.

Clark said he asked Hunter to marry him during a routine visit to the state prison.

"I said, 'Shirley, honey, will you marry me? I love you,'" Clark said. "She didn't say yes until three days later."

Hunter has confirmed the proposal, saying she hopes it will help the couple's son when he is older.

The convicted killer said he has asked to meet with Angola Warden Ross Maggio to work out details for the wedding.

Clark, 27, of Cairo, Ga., and Hunter, 28, of Birmingham, England, met in 1976 when Clark was working for an offshore oil company in Houma, La. Dylan was born there Dec. 15, 1977, and Clark left shortly after the boy's birth.

Clark, who has dropped his appeals and asked to be executed, said he has made a tape to explain

his decision to his son.

Meanwhile, the Louisiana Coalition on Jails and Prisons said it would ask Gov. Dave Treen to

block Clark's execution.

If Clark's execution proceeds as scheduled, it would be the first in

Louisiana since Jesse James Ferguson, convicted of raping and murdering a 9-year-old girl, died June 9, 1961.



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make the spurs in preparation for the Texas A&M-SMU football game. Spur sizes range from outfit number to class number.

Founder's portrait given to Fort Worth museum

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FORT WORTH — A near life-sized portrait of a Mexican War general was returned Saturday to the city he founded but never visited, Fort Worth.

The portrait of Gen. William Jenkins Worth, who masterminded the American victory against the Mexicans in Monterey, Mex., and later founded a string of Texas frontier forts, was

painted in 1934 by artist Hugh MacKay for the General Worth Hotel in Hudson, N.Y., Worth's birthplace.

The picture has hung in a private residence since 1969 and was acquired by Texas businessman Bill Turner, who presented the 72-inch high canvas to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History Saturday.

Worth entered the army during

the War of 1812 and rose within two years to the rank of major. In 1820 he was appointed commandant at West Point, where Robert E. Lee served as his cadet adjutant.

He died in San Antonio in 1849, before he was able to visit the northernmost Texas outpost he founded that bears his name.

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