Vandalia Community Preservation Assn. Receives 93-Year-Old "Community" Quilt

A chili supper held November 7 by the Vandalia Community Preservation Association proved to be a memorable evening for everyone attending, with the highlight of the event being the presentation of a 93 year-old quilt to the group.

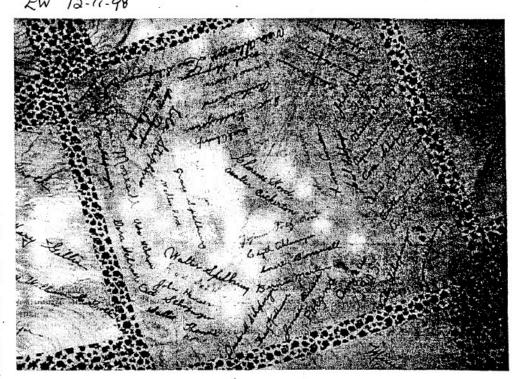
The presentation to the association was made by David Joseph of Lafayette and Julia Hamilton of Texas, the children of Helen Davis Joseph. The quilt, constructed in 1905, was made in this area and contains many signatures of people from around the Vandalia community.

The quilt was a project of the Vandalia Methodist Church to raise money. For five cents names could be embroidered on the numerous squares.

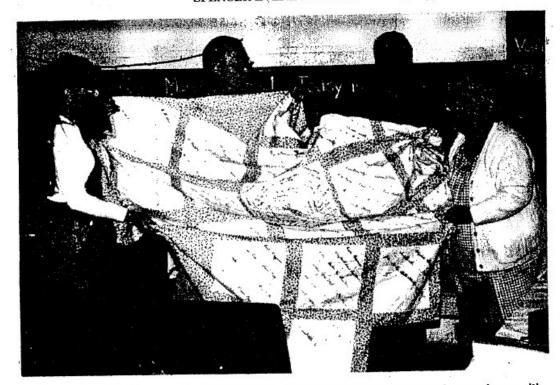
The following is an excerpt of a letter from Julia Hamilton, Helen Davis Joseph's daughter:

"Helen passed away on Thanksgiving Day 1997. She had a quilt in her possession, which our family (descendants of Carl K. and Junie Stwalley Davis) would like to return 'home'. The quilt contains many names on several white

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Many names from Owen County's past are embroidered on a 93 year-old quilt recently presented to the Vandalia Community Preservation Association. (Courtesy Photo)



Three Vandalia Community Preservation Association members are shown above with David Joseph of Lafayette during the presentation of the historic Vandalia quilt, left to right: Susan Summerlot, David Joseph, VCPA President Mark Snapp, and VCPA Secretary Dorothy Hamilton. (Courtesy Photo)

Quilt

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blocks. We recognized several of these names that are 'sprinkled' among our relatives. (i.e. Sullivan, Phillips, Troth, and many more). The blocks were gathered in 1905 as a moneymaker. (1905 is in a corner of the center block. Vandalia Methodist Church is in another block).

"I first saw this quilt in 1987 when Juanita Powell Booher, (daughter of Sallie Stwalley Powell, Junie's sister) brought it to Mother and Dad's 50th wedding anniversary. She said 'It's time for you to have this.'

"My brother and I, along with our children and our cousins (Janet Deck Sherrill, Ed Deck and John Deck - children of Geneva Davis Deck - Helen's sister) have all agreed that the quilt needs to be back in Owen County as a part of the Vandalia Community History. My generation remembers very few of these people on the blocks. Our next generation will have no memory of them. In 30 years (or so) the history will be lost to our descendants."

The Vandalia Community Preservation Association hopes to have, in the near future, an open house to display this quilt, but first they want to list all the names embroidered on the quilt.

The association members issued their appreciation to David Joseph and Julia Hamilton for the gift of this historic quilt and returning it to its "home."

Quilt dated 1905

Names embroidered on quilt by the women of the Ladies Aid

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Anderson,	Mrs. Martha	C		Gillis,	Russell
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