

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

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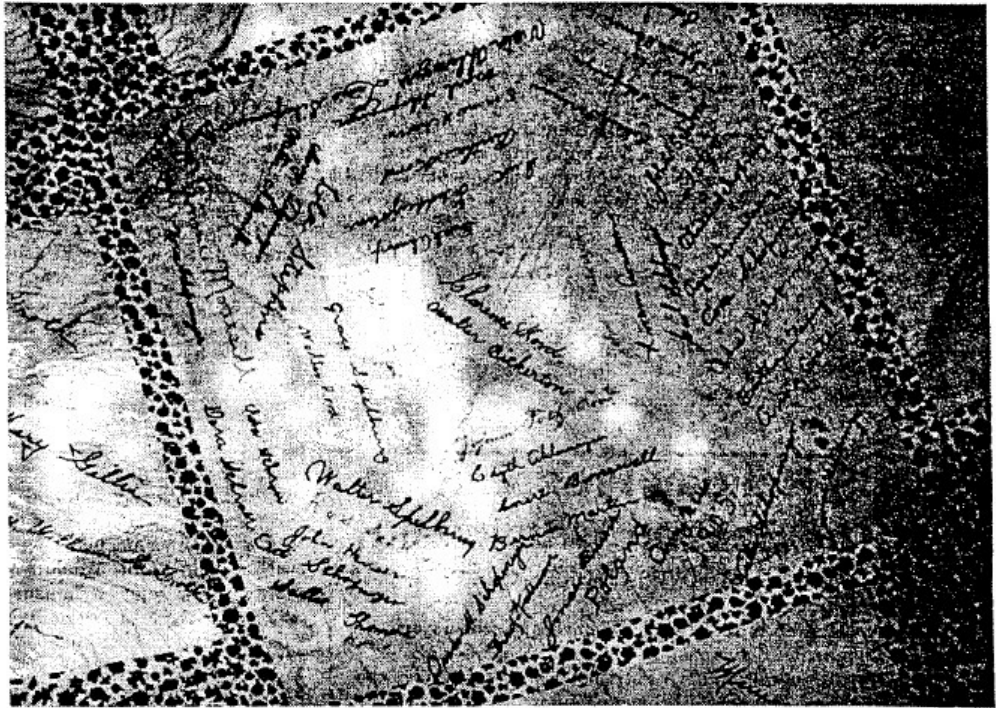
A chili supper held November 7 by the Vandalia Community Preservation Association proved to be a memorable evening for everyone attending, with the highlight of the event being the presentation of a 93 year-old quilt to the group.

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.

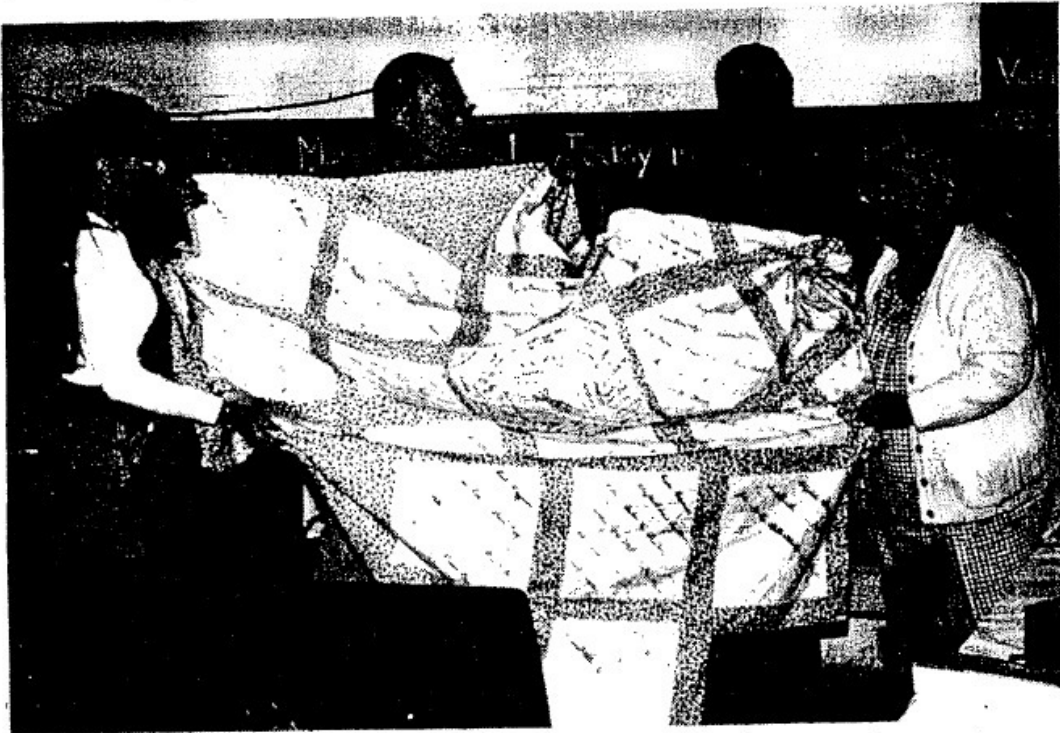
The following is an excerpt of a letter from Julia Hamilton, Helen Davis Joseph's daughter:

"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



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)

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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 Histo-

ry. 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

A

Ahlemeyer, Edyth
Ahlemeyer, Victor
Alendorf, Frank
Allen, Guy
Allen, Minnie
Allen, Paul
Allen, Ruth
Altemiller, Walter
Anderson, Mrs. Martha
Anderson, Walter
Armstrong, Agnes
Ault, Joesph
Ault, Mrs. Joesph
Ault, Ray

B

Baker, Gover
Baker, Jno. W.
Baker, Mrs. Elizabeth
Baker, Mrs. Pearl
Baker, Mrs. William
Baker, Omer
Baker, William
Beamer, Clyde
Beamer, Sylvia
Bean, Elizabeth
Bean, Guy
Bean, Mrs. Jennie
Bean, W. E.
Berkley, Samuel
Bickerton, Walter
Biddle, Stella
Bonewell, Bert
Bonewell, Cort
Bonewell, Cort
Bonewell, Cort
Bonewell, Curt

Bonewell, George
Bonewell, Nannie
Brammer, Curtis
Brammer, Joseph
Brammer, Mrs. Sarah
Brown, Mary Hall
Brown, Mrs. Mary

C

Chriss, Crafton
Chriss, Pearl
Coats, Anna
Cole, Beatrice
Cole, Evert
Cole, Mrs. Malissa
Cooper, Dode
Cooper, L. F.
Criss, Pearl

D

Davis, Carl K.
Davis, Marie
Duncan, Earl

E

Everly, Alice
Everly, Guy F.

F

Fender, Orie
Fledderjohn, Gust
Forlmon, Rosco
Fryar, S. R.
Fulk, Ola

G

Garrard, Florence

Garrard, Mrs. O. V.
Garrard, Mrs. Ruth
Garrard, O. V.
Garrard, Ruth
Gillis, George
Gillis, Hattye
Gillis, Mary
Gillis, Max
Gillis, Russell
Gillis, W. E.
Green, Jack
Gucle, Arthur

H

Hargrave, Rev. Frank S.
Hauser, John
Hockman, Belle
Hockman, Bob

J

Jordan, Mary

K

Kallman, Fred
Kauble, Ethna
Kefober, Lola
Kefober, Mary
Kefober, Sarah
Kefober, Susie
Kerr, Armstrong
Kerr, Dina
Kerr, Earl
Kerr, Lola
Kerr, Mary
Kerr, Robert
Kiger, Mrs.
Kiger, Murel

K

Kiger, Rev. J. E.
 King, H. A.
 King, Lucy
 King, Margaret
 King, Matthew
 Knox, Sizzie
 Kovd, Bertha
 Kovd, Clarence
 Kovd, Walter

L

Long, Caroline
 Long, John
 Long, Jonathon
 Long, Lura
 Long, Susan
 Long, Willis
 Lucas, G. W.
 Lucas, Nancy

M

Maddox, Alma
 Maddox, Dr. W. S. B.
 Maddox, Mrs. W. S. B.
 Martin, Bernice
 Martin, Bernice
 Martin, Bernice
 Martin, Eliza
 Martin, George
 Martin, Kate
 Martin, Robert
 Massy, Fred
 McAuley, Paul
 McAuley, Sally
 McAuley, Sam
 McAuley, Wesley
 Members of the Aid Society
 Members of the Ladies Aid Society
 Mitchell, Dova
 Modesitt, Annie

Mustard, Sadie

N

Need, Joe
 Need, Pearl
 Nees, Amy
 Nees, Ruth
 Newport, Earl

P

Phillips, Mrs. Riley W.
 Phillips, Riley W.
 Phillips, Stella
 Powell, Miss Mary
 Powell, Bertha
 Powell, Dasiey
 Powell, Dennis

Q

Query, Susannah

R

Robertson, Clemet
 Robertson, Mrs. Nettie

S

Sadler, Edward
 Sallie
 Sarrard, Florence
 Schroer, Dora
 Schroer, Edward F.
 Schroer, Emma
 Schroer, Ida
 Schroer, John
 Sharp, Fauner
 Sharp, Lillie
 Sheese, Earl
 Sheese, Emmitt
 Sheese, Jennie
 Shopmeyer, Alice

Shopmeyer, Carl K.

Shopmeyer, Cass

Shopmeyer, Ed

Shopmeyer, Emma

Shopmeyer, Ida

Shopmeyer, Louie

Shopmeyer, Louis

Shopmeyer, Pearl

Shopmeyer, Nora

Shopmeyer, Oscar H.

Shopmeyer, Otis

Shopmeyer, Walter

Sloan, Bert

Spear, Elsie

Spear, Harrison

Spear, Pearl

Spelbring, Grace

Spelbring, Walter

Stahl, May

Stephens, Lola

Strain, Curtis

Strain, Marie

Strain, Mrs. Hannie

Strain, Rev. John A.

Strain, Warren

Stwalley, Belle

Stwalley, Calvin

Stwalley, Earl

Stwalley, Ella

Stwalley, Forest

Stwalley, Jennie

Stwalley, John

Stwalley, Margaret

Stwalley, Marie

Stwalley, Miss Jaimie

Stwalley, Miss Lallie

Stwalley, Morton

Stwalley, Mrs. Anna

Stwalley, Mrs. Bill

Stwalley, Sallie

T

Tapy, Bertha
Telegmeyer, Harry
Thomas, Sally
Togo
Townsend, Clayton
Troth, Amanda
Troth, Charles
Troth, Dennis
Troth, Fred
Troth, Gail
Troth, George
Troth, Grover
Troth, Jno
Troth, John
Troth, Lee
Troth, Maggie
Troth, Miss Elsie
Troth, Mrs. Hannah
Troth, Mrs. Jane
Troth, Nathan
Troth, Susan
Troth, William H.

Whitaker, Nevsta
Whitaker, Richard
White, Elizabeth

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V

Vandalia M.E. Church

W

Waggner, Emery
Waggner, Roy
Waggner, Zora
Waggoner, Earl
Wark, A. G.
Wark, Flona
Wark, George
Wark, Ross
Wark, Sallie
Whitaker, Miss Myrtle
Whitaker, Myrthe