

Photo courtesy Greeley Municipal Museum.

OOPSY-DAISY

An unusual backing for a crazy patch quilt is this collection of silk-screened family photos and one of their home, still standing in Greeley. A crazy patch quilt is a parlor throw. Identity of the family is not known, but names and dates embroidered on the various patches include: Mary Lipscomb, 1901; Thomas Cambell, 2, Aug. 18; David 4, Apr. 17; Sallie; Mrs. Giles; T.D.L., Jan. 24 - 46 (years old?); Jarvis, 14, Dec. 25; Ruth, March 4, 1903.

Mrs. Luckey Packed Her Sauerkraut

Nov. 19, 1895 - Mrs. Luckey came to spend the day, bringing a pail of 'sauerkraut' and jar of preserves. I cut quilt pieces all the afternoon while we talked.

Apr. 6, 1897 - I was busy all day arranging a room to put the quilt in the frames.

Apr. 7, 1897 - Ladies began to arrive. By noon there were 20. The quilt was completed and all declared they never had a more pleasant social.

Dec. 2, 1895 - I made my first sale of butter today and feel that I am helping along.

Nov. 7, 1896 - John has hauled a load of hay every day this week. By seems to be encouraged to be collecting something.

Nov. 18, 1896 - The corn was put away in the crib today and some wood hauled up for winter's use.

Nov. 12, 1897 - The weather is delightful, regular Indian summer. We are tying comforts and remodelling my bedding. - Molly Dorsey Sanford Diary, The Old Ranch Near Littleton, Co., Courtesy of Littleton Historical Museum.

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Little Locals

Feb. 27, 1936 - Mrs. V.V. Vinyard entertained the J.S.C. members Thursday, the 20, an all day meeting, all members were present but two. Visitors of the day were Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Smith and family. A quilt was pieced for the hostess. Our next meeting is at the home of Mrs. Esther Murphy.

The Jolly Stitches Club members gave Mrs. Edwinnie Smith a surprise Wednesday, the 19, cocoa and cake were served as refreshments. - The Democrat Herald, Springfield.

Nov. 13, 1909 - Mrs. Charles Franks entertained the Jolly Thimble Club yesterday afternoon. The day was turned into a house warming since it was the first meeting in Mrs. Franks' beautiful new home on North Avenue. The living room was decorated in purple and white chrysanthemums, and the dining room in yellow and white.

The guests of the afternoon were Mrs. Harry Coates, Mrs. Rotchford, Mrs. T.H. Rader, Mrs. J.A. Stewart, Mrs. Don Platt and Mrs. Martin Poss.

The members present were Mrs. Herman Hoesch, Mrs. George Klever, Mrs. J.E. Wheatley, Mrs. E.R. Rogers, Mrs. J.H. Lane, Mrs. Tom Carr, Mrs. Joseph Pearce, Mrs. J.E. Green, Mrs. J.N. Neeb, Mrs. Winterburn, Mrs. Franks. - The Grand Junction News.

Dec. 18, 1909 - The Jolly Thimble Club held another of its pleasant meetings yesterday afternoon. - The Grand Junction News.

Feb. 27, 1936 - The Helping Hand Club met with Mrs. McKinley Wednesday. The day was spent in quilting and piecing quilt blocks. - The Democrat Herald, Springfield.

Feb. 27, 1936 - The Recovery Club met with Mrs. Byrl Bland on Wednesday, Feb. 19. The day was spent by quilting. At noon a covered dish luncheon was served. The roll call was answered by giving your favorite color. Nine members were present: Mesdames Nema Proctor, Maxine Hutches, Ruby Thompson, Vera Hopkins, Bessie Ward, Ara Bewely, Fannie Nixon, Lydia Yokum and the hostess, Byrl Bland. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Bertha McHenry on March 4, 1936. - The Democrat Herald, Springfield.

Mar. 2, 1900 - The Ladies Sewing Circle will meet March 8 with Mrs. Crosswhite. All are cordially invited.

A ladies' tailor has a hard row to hoe. He has to reform so many of his customers. - The Burlington Republican.

Dec. 23, 1911 - I have found the following method of cutting pieces for a quilt to be a saving of time and labor, says a contributor to Needlecraft. Have the pattern cut from cardboard and a piece of beeswax pressed on each corner; then press the bit of cloth to the pattern, cut it, and you are ready for the next without the trouble of putting in and taking out pins. - Keota News.

Apr. 5, 1912 - The Ladies Aid Society will meet at the schoolhouse, Wednesday, for the entire day. The ladies are all requested to be present and to bring their lunch. Some quilting will be done, and money is earned for the benefit of the church. - Keota News.

Mar. 19, 1903 - The ladies met for a quilting and an all day's session with Mrs. John Sloan, Wednesday. - The Greeley Tribune.

Mar. 23, 1893 - Household sewing machine for \$35 at S.H. Southard's.

J.A. Brown 802 Ninth street, agent in Weld county for the White sewing machine. Prices lower than in Denver.

Tyler & Sanborn are still at the old stand dealing in sewing machine and bicycle repairs. - The Greeley Tribune.

Sep. 12, 1935 - The Jolly Stitches Club met all day Thursday at the home of Mrs. Ruth Unruh. The day was spent quilting and embroidering for the hostess. A covered dish lunch was enjoyed by all at the noon hour. At 2:30 p.m. the president called the house to order. All members were present and three visitors: Mrs. Scooby, Mrs. Oatis, and Mrs. Curtis. The next meeting, Sept. 19, will be with Mrs. Edwinnie Smith. Roll call is to be "Current Events." Elsie Wallace and Esther Murphy are leaders for a negro minstrel program. - The Democrat Herald, Springfield.

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'Society' Quilt

Jan. 1, 1888 - Dear Housekeeper Band:

A "society" quilt is a pleasant means of raising money for church or missionary purposes. Cut out of cambric or calico blocks sixteen inches square, and give one out to each member. Anyone would make one block. Cover first with two thicknesses of wadding, being careful not to have it come quite to the edges, as it would make the seams too thick when joined together. Then cover this with bright pieces of cashmere or wool dress goods, or even a little velvet, but no silk. Put on the pieces crazy fashion, and featherstitch with yellow silk. When ours was completed, it was sold at auction for a good price. Another quilt which brought us eighty-eight dollars was of Turkey red and white cloth, cut in three-inch squares, with twelve white ones in each block. These were given out to the ladies who were to get ten cents for a name to be written on each of the white patches. One lady wrote all the names. The blocks were then put together in the Irish-chain pattern. This quilt then sold for ten dollars, after which it was given to the rectory, for the use of the pastor's family.

Pine pillows are found in every fashionable drawing-room now, and fill the air with the perfume. If any of the sisters live where the fir balsam grows, it would be nice for some of us to exchange other things for the leaves. I have a small bag of the "needles" under my head every night, as they are considered good for nervousness and restlessness, and are supposed to be conducive to sleep. I keep my rooms scented strongly, using sweet grass, sweet fern, and sweet clover with the pine. Together they make a very delicate perfume. M.E.S. - The Housekeeper, Ypsilanti, Mich.

Covered Dish Luncheon For Quilters

May 25, 1933 - The Jolly Stitches club was entertained all day Thursday, May 18, 1933, at the home of Mrs. Ruth Unruh. A covered dish luncheon was served at the noon-hour. The ladies quilted and embroidered tea towels for the hostess. At 2:30 p.m. the president called the club to order for the business meeting. Club song was sung. Roll call was answered with "Memorial Monuments." Mrs. Kindsvater assisted by her

It Pays To Run The Icecream Booth

Jan., 1886 - Following is a report of the receipts, etc., of the Presbyterian fair this week:
Booth of Mrs. Ewing and Barclay - \$122.10.
Booth of Mrs. Clemmons (Sat. night) - \$43.45.
Ice cream and cakes, Mrs. Darley - \$89.05.
Candy and lemonade, Misses Cleghorn and Slosser - \$71.20.
Oyster tables, Mrs. Carr and Jackson, and Miss Phillips - \$84.00.
Art gallery - \$6.20.
Gross receipts - \$416.00.
Mrs. Darley, as the most popular lady, was voted the log-cabin quilt.
Miss Teressa Phillips, as the most popular lady, received the sofa pillow.



Photo courtesy The Senior Voice.

QUILTING BEES REMEMBER

Greeley artist Ruth Savig did this drawing while remembering her childhood as the daughter of a master quilt maker who lived with quilt frames in the parlor. The quilts provide lasting memories through small patches that were formerly blouses, shirts, curtains.

daughter Bertha was program leader for the afternoon.

Mrs. Murphy gave a reading on "Mother's Boys," Mrs. LaRue gave "A House that Will Keep Out the Dust."

Then a number of interesting games and contests were enjoyed. Mrs. Lock was winner of two prizes, Mrs. Reed won a prize. Guests were Mrs. F.L. Spickard and small son Billy, Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Curtis. Club meets in two weeks with Mrs. Esther Murphy. - The Democrat Herald, Springfield.

Miss Ella Slosser, as the most handsome young lady, was voted the feather cross in frame.

Mr. D.P. Carr was the recipient of an elegant gold locket charm for watch charm, as the most popular gentleman, voted by the ladies.
John Ewing, who was not present, has donated fifty dollars, making a total of \$466. - The Del Norte Prospector, Darley Collection, Adams State College.

Lines and lines of family patchwork quilts air in the hot sun, and breeze, of the Western Slope, in a photograph at the B.B. Freeman homestead near Grand Junction, taken August 21, 1913. - When the River Was Grand, edited by Richard Ott.

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Denver's Historic Quilts

Jan-Apr., 1928 - A series of 20 sketches was published during this period in The Rocky Mountain Sunday News to form a Denver historical quilt. Among the subjects and their descriptions were the following:

"Hundreds of thousands of strangers have passed under the Welcome arch at the Union Station, coming into the city. They have read the welcome to Denver and going away have passed under the arch and observed the single word: "Mizpah."...The Elks lodge of Denver conceived the arch in 1906 as a welcome to the thousands of Elks that came here in July of that

year for the annual BPOE national convention.

"There is perhaps no other monument fountain or statue in Denver that has attracted more attention than the Children's Fountain in City Park...This famous work of art is presented today as the sixth in the series of 20 pictures...for the Denver Historical quilt.

Among other blocks for the quilt were West and East High Schools, the Denver Mint, the old Denver Library, and the Wynken, Blynken, and Nod statue in Washington Park. No record can be found of this quilt being made.

1st Sewing Machine Salesman

Aug. 4, 1900 - Mrs. L.E. Miller died at Lincoln, Neb., Wednesday, at the age of 72 years, her demise occurring at the home of her son.

Mrs. Miller will be remembered by early pioneers of Denver, having come to Denver in the summer of 1860 from Berlin, Wis. with a covered wagon drawn by oxen. She was the first sewing machine agent in Denver, bringing with her in the wagon, one which she has kept ever since and it is now on its way from Deadwood to Denver, the property of her sister, Mrs. Rose Wade, at 521 Twenty-third Street. Some of the machines sold at that time as high as \$160 each.

She was an intimate of Miss Ring, the first school teacher of Denver. Together they worked, doing many charitable deeds for those less fortunate ones whom one always finds in frontier life. She was very active in church work, being a member and sang in the choir of First Congregational Church, its first pastor being the Rev. Charles Day.

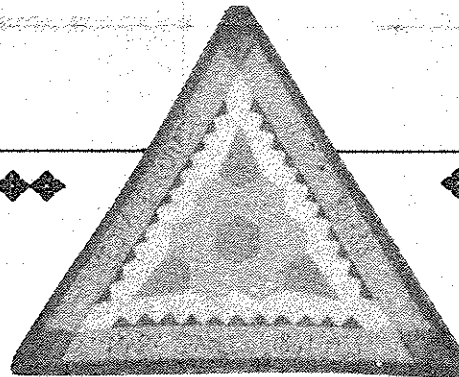
In 1864 she kept a few boarders in her home in Denver. Among them was the jeweler, Mr. Safely and wife, and Mr. and Mrs. G.W.

Chamberlain, the pioneer photographer. At that time day board was \$16 a week. When the excitement at Cheyenne was raging Miss Miller moved there and remained until the summer of 1875, when again enthused with pioneer life, she started to the Black Hill mining camp of Deadwood, where she had since made her home.

At the age of 36 she married a man by the same name. She had two boys and while they were yet quite young she was left a widow, but being an energetic and industrious person, she accumulated property and gave her boys college education at Oberlin, Ohio.

There is a Denver survivor, a sister, Mrs. Rose Wade. - The Denver News.

Jan. 25, 1881 - Mrs. Katharine Murat, Denver, arrived November 2, 1858; the first white woman that came to the State; also made the first American flag in Colorado. - Account of First Annual Reunion of the Society of Colorado Pioneers held at the Windsor Hotel, Denver; The Denver Tribune.



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