

Kremlin Methodist Ladies 1931 Quilt

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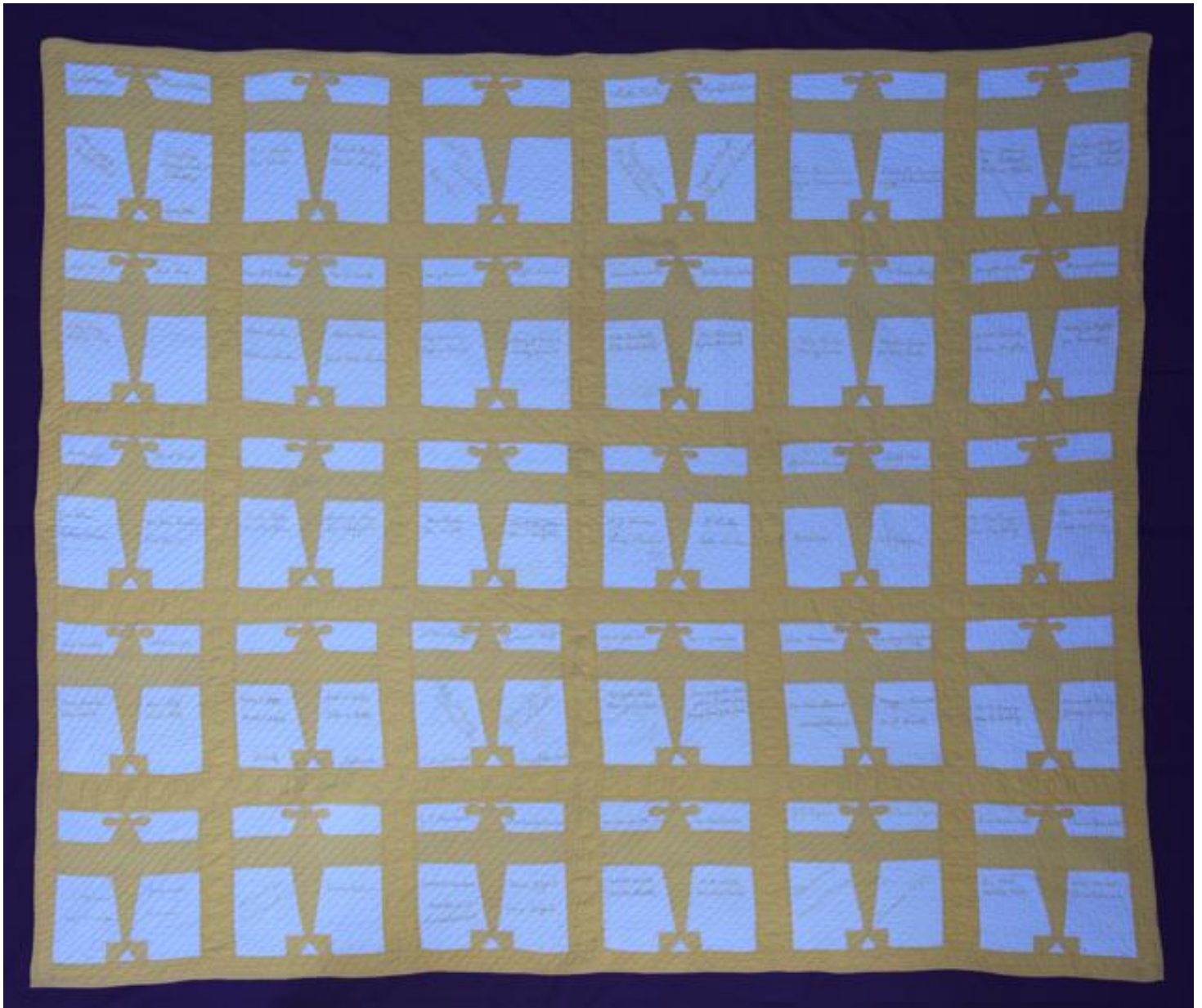
In November 2018, [Myron Toews](#) purchased a "Kremlin Methodist Church Ladies" quilt likely assembled in 1931 (several squares have this date stitched into them) at the OK MCC Relief Sale in Enid OK. It was given to the auction by [Gerry Toews Reimer](#), who inherited it from her mother, our [Aunt Elsie Toews](#). It was given to Aunt Elsie when her neighbor, perhaps [Lucy Sanders](#), passed on - nothing more is presently known of its provenance.

Note the interesting "airplane motif" for the squares, which have script names stitched for members of the Kremlin community, many of whom were not members of the Methodist Church at the time. These include the [Zaloudek](#) clan (devoted Catholics to this day) and our grandparents [George and Anna Toews](#) (Mennonite Brethren at the time). Also note that, as usual, "Toews" is misspelled as "Towes!" The quilter, a notoriously bad speller, is unknown, but all of the signature squares are stitched with the same script, so most likely a single woman prepared the squares; perhaps the Kremlin Methodist Women then did the assembling and actual quilting as a group. The "airplane" quilt pattern was especially popular in the years immediately following the historic 1927 solo non-stop trans-Atlantic flight of aviator "[Lucky Lindy](#)" [Charles A Lindbergh](#).



Photo (by [Annie Toews Johnson](#)) of the entire quilt is shown below.

The quilt has 5 rows with 6 squares/row.



Detailed photos of some squares are shown below.



Myron has recorded the [names sewn on the quilt](#) as best he can; they are shown on the following 4 pages. [Purple underlined web-links](#) provide additional information on those names. If anyone can add information on any persons, **particularly those shown in red**, please do so and we will include it in any subsequent revisions.

Please contact us with any questions, corrections, or additions.

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Photos of individual Blocks - shown in both color and B/W, the latter for increased contrast to aid in identification of names, begin on p 8.

Row 1 [block]

- [1] Sybil Felton; Harold Felton
 Frank Stack; Margaret Stack
Earl Felton, (wife) Gladys Felton, Delores Felton
Jack Felton, Gloria Felton
- [2] B.A. Chester (CRIP Depot Agent), wife Mrs. (Lucile) Chester
Frank Seapy (ran elevator S of depot), wife Rhoda Seapy (cook at Kremlin Schools),
 (children were Doris Lee, Charlie, Margaret Catherine, Mary Frances (County Ext
 Office))
- [3] Will Peck, Emma Peck Yorke, Dale Peck
- [4] Shoble (Shobal) Vale, Loyd J. Anderson
Mary Hynds, Beulah (Rosemund Hoffsommer) Horton (3 mi N of Hillsdale OK)
Myrtle Rauch (Kremlin School cook; lived SE of JA Voth farm)
Marjorie Anderson (wife of Loyd J)
- [5] Gus Gummerson (Gus A Gumerson), Maud Gummerson (wife Maud R Gumerson)
 (Gus' father Olaus owned a Kremlin general store; depot agent during 1893 land run
 too)
Leona Gumerson, Margaret Gumerson (Margaret Ann "Gussie" Gumerson Freeman)
 (both daughters of Gus & Maud)
- [6] Mrs. Rathmel, Mr. Rathmel, William Rathmel
 (mother/father Delphia L & Henry H of Bill, Carolyn, Carlton may be "Mrs & Mr
 Rathmel?")
 (or grandparents William B Rathmell & Margaret Ann "Maggie" Ulch Rathmell)
(M) Carolyn Rathmel, Carlton Rathmel, H Marion Rathmel (married Helen Bowers; see
 below)

Row 2 [block]

- [1] Bell King, Bob King
Betty King, Roberta King
- [2] Mrs. S.E. Harter ([Sarah E Marshall Harter](#); Pioneer! - read her obituary),
Mrs. A. Smith (maybe [Ethyl Morton Hall Smith](#)?; husband was [Arthur Monroe Smith](#));
both buried in Kremlin Cemetery
Steve Landon, Florence Landon
Edwin Landon, Jack Dean Landon
- [3] Mary Brown, Effie Brown
Roy Brown, Virginia Brown
Mary Jo Brown, Dorothy Brown
- [4] Docas Rainbolt, Billa Rainbolt
Mike Rainbolt, Ella Rainbolt
Eva Rainbolt, Lydia Rainbolt
- [5] A. (Adelia) Irene Lietz (music teacher; Bachelor of Music, Phillips University, 1929)
Elsie Towes ([Elsie M Toews](#)), Henry Towes ([Henry G Toews](#))
Mrs. Geo. Towes ([Anna Buller Toews](#)), Mr. Geo. Towes ([George P Toews](#))
- [6] Gerry Lou Towes (Toews), Sammy Anderson
Billy Farrell, [Salley Guffey Grimm](#), older sister of Betty Jo & Joy Faye)
[Betty Jo Guffey Thurman](#) (wife of EJ), [Joy Faye Guffey Hager](#) (SW Bell phone operator)

Row 3 [block]

- [1] Mrs ([Bertha A Hagan](#)) Rust (wife of [August JH Rust](#) - 1893 Land Run!), daughter Pearl Rust
Jim Wilson, Mother Wilson
[Mrs Rosa Bovell](#) (she was KUMC preacher, late 1920s), husband [William Bovell](#)
- [2] [Ruth Reim](#), Wanita Reim ([Wauneta F Reim Tappan](#))
[Richard Reim](#), Rev Leggett
- [3] Mrs Noble, Rev Hal E Noble (probably [Hallie E](#) and [Reade V Noble](#)?; buried in Tulsa)
Mrs F. Templin ([Maggie Wilson Perrill Templin](#)), [Rev F. \(Frank Lester\) Templin](#)
(Frank was KUMC preacher early 1930s)

[4] [A.J. Sanders](#) ("Shorty"; worked on railroad), wife [Tulala M "Lucy" Sanders](#) (blind), 1931

[Edward Marven "Ed" Sanders](#) (brother of AJ), wife [Delia Chloe Rainbolt Sanders](#)

[5] Stela Hesberson ([Stella M Herbison](#)), [Nell Fox](#)
[Miss Meeker](#) ([Rev. Clara E Meeker](#), evangelist & 1934-37
 Kremlin pastor), [Miss Wilder](#)
 ([Carolyn Lillith Meeker](#) was Clara's daughter, present in
 KUMC 1936 Cradle Roll)



Stella Herbison (1944)

[6] Mr Darling ([Claude L Darling](#)), Mrs Darling ([Agnes E Darling](#))
[Claude K Darling](#), [Truth Darling](#); (CL Darling's father was [WK](#)
[Darling](#) - read his obituary!)
 Claude L/Claude K Darling farm is SW/4-34-24N-6W
 (see 1901 Kremlin Township map, p6 of [Kremlin Life](#)).

Row 4 [block]

- [1] [Ben Guffey](#), [Willie Daniel Guffey](#) (wife)
[Amer \(Omer\) Fowler](#) (woodworking shop W Kremlin), [Etta Fowler](#) ([Mary E Fowler](#), wife)
[Sam Petty](#), [Bessie Petty](#)
- [2] [Nancy E Guffey](#) (wife of blacksmith [Daniel HH "Hub Guffey"](#)), [Frank C Guffey](#)
[John W Guffey](#), [Esther A Guffey](#)
 Rock.....Island
- [3] [Lillian Chelf](#), [Leonard Chelfo](#) (Dick & Don's parents)
[Helen Zaloudek](#), [Alice Smith](#) (Peggy Harris' mother)
[Florien Zaloudek](#), [Floyd "Tuck" Smith](#) (Peggy Harris' father; Kremlin mayor) 1.9.3.1.
[Alice Zaloudek](#) (read her obituary; 105!), [Tony Zaloudek](#)
- [4] Mrs W Zaloudek ([Mary Zaloudek](#), wife of Wencel), Mr W Zaloudek ([Wencel Zaloudek](#))
[Ed Zaloudek](#), [Lou Zaloudek](#)
[Irene Zaloudek \(Gau\)](#), [Joan Zaloudek](#) (Mrs. [Edward L Markwell](#)),
[Mary Ann Zaloudek](#) (Mrs. [Gene Iven](#), Pond Creek; nice obituary for him, raised sheep)
- [5] [Lona Heck Herdman](#), Mrs May Doughert
 Mrs Helen Leonard ([Helen Marr Davis Leonard](#); husband [SD Leonard*](#)), [Edward L](#)
[Leonard](#)
[Maggie Arnold](#) (read the obituary!), I.S. Arnold ([Isaac Sherman Arnold](#)) *Civil War vet

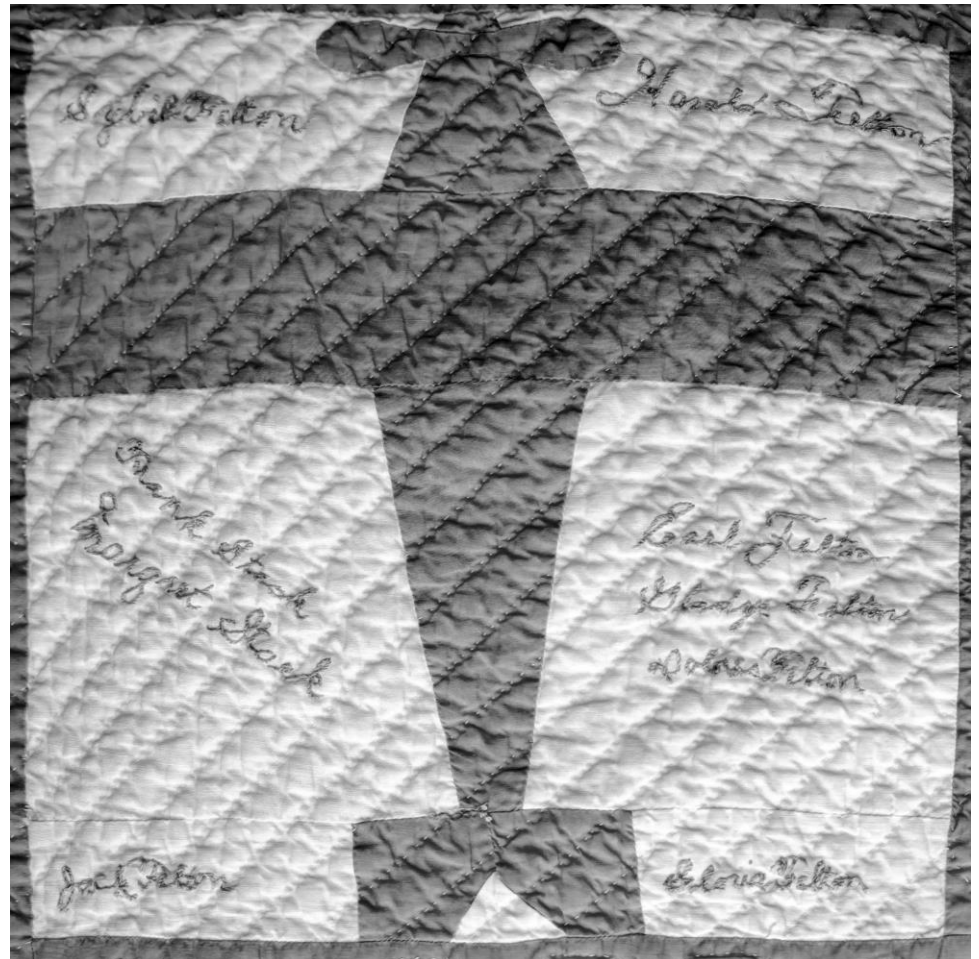
[6] Mr. C Bady, Mrs. R. Bady
Kenneth Bady, Elmer Bady

Row 5 [block]

- [1] William D "Corkie" Brown, Mrs. C.E. Madson
Jesse Brown (Jessie Brown), husband Ed Brown (parents of Corkie)
- [2] Joe (Jac?) Vanschuyser, Sussie Vanschuyser (??)
Emma Fredman (?)
- [3] J C Sanders, Gertrude Sanders
Bessie L Sanders, Eva Rainbolt, Francis Rainbolt (children of Frank and Clara Rainbolt)
Annie L Blanchard Bogert, Vera V Bogert (daughter of Frank & Annie Bogert)
- [4] Mrs Geo Smith (Mary Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Smith), Mr Geo Smith (George Irvin Smith)
Natalee Smith (Natalie Eileen Smith Wood), Maralee Smith (Maralee Irene Smith Lochner)
(George) Kirk Smith (brother to Natalie & Maralee), **Grandma Smith**
- [5] J E Eger (banker), wife Vera Bowers Eger (mother of Helen & Eleanor)
Helen Bowers (Helen B Bowers Rathmel), **Eleanor Bowers**
Lawrence Eger (son of John & Vera)
- [6] Frank Rainbolt, wife Clara Rainbolt
Lon Hill, Mollie Hill
Will Marsh, wife Fannie Marsh (maiden name Rainbolt)

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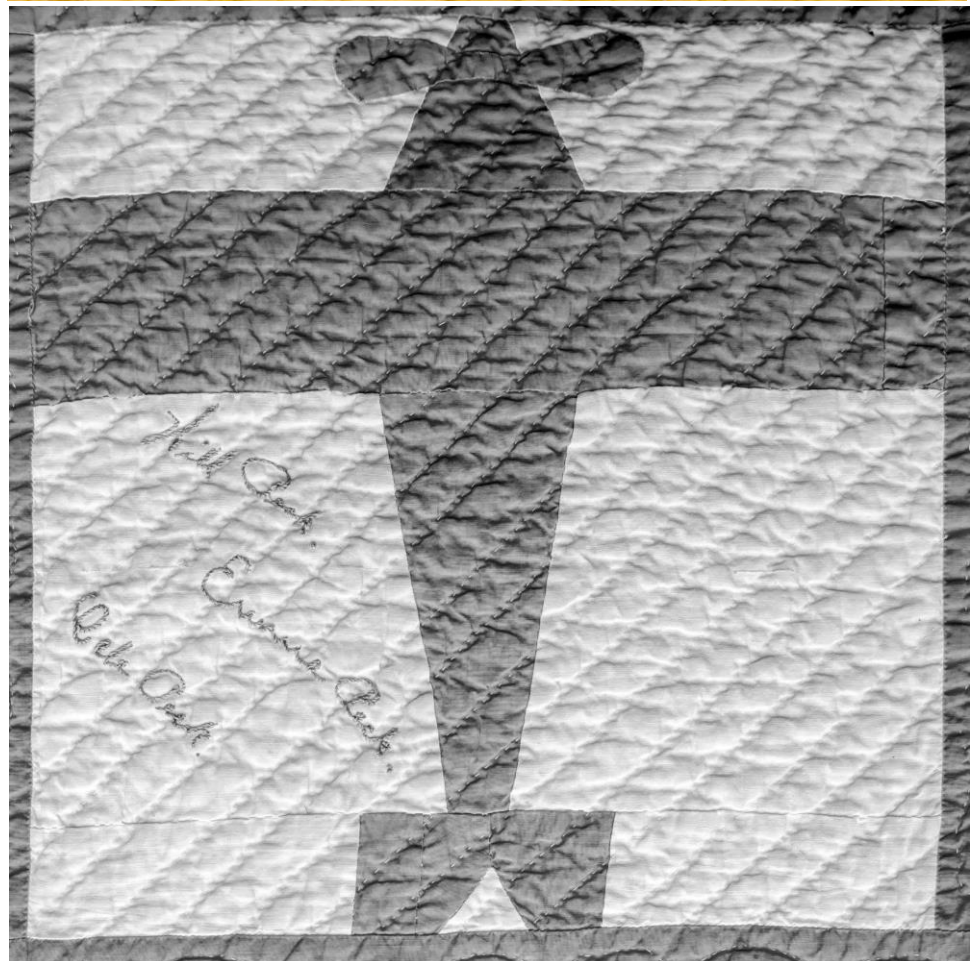
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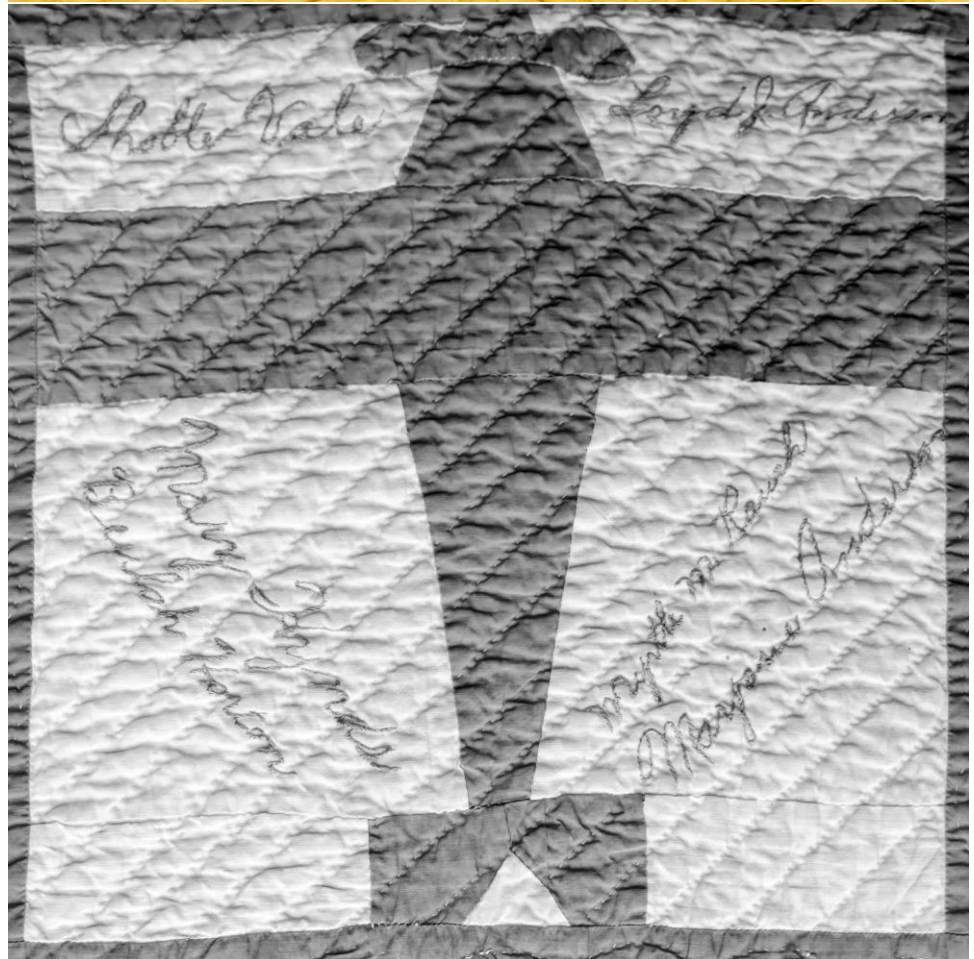
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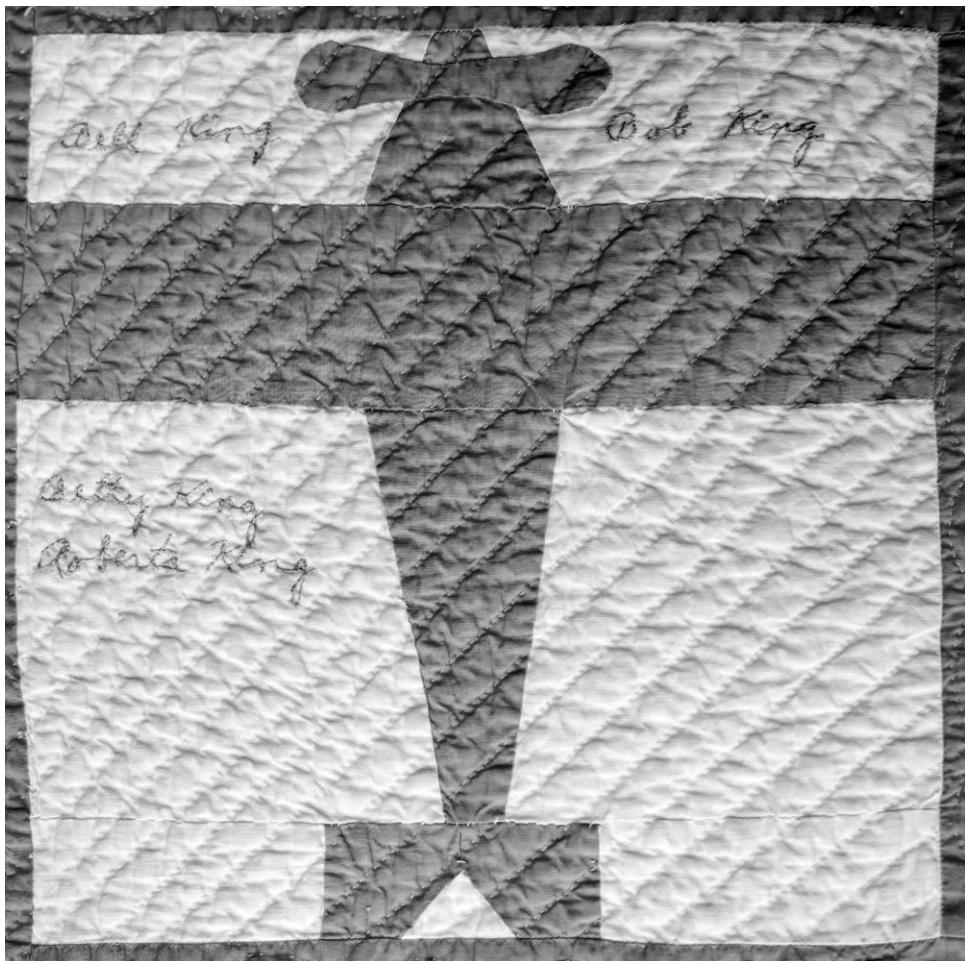
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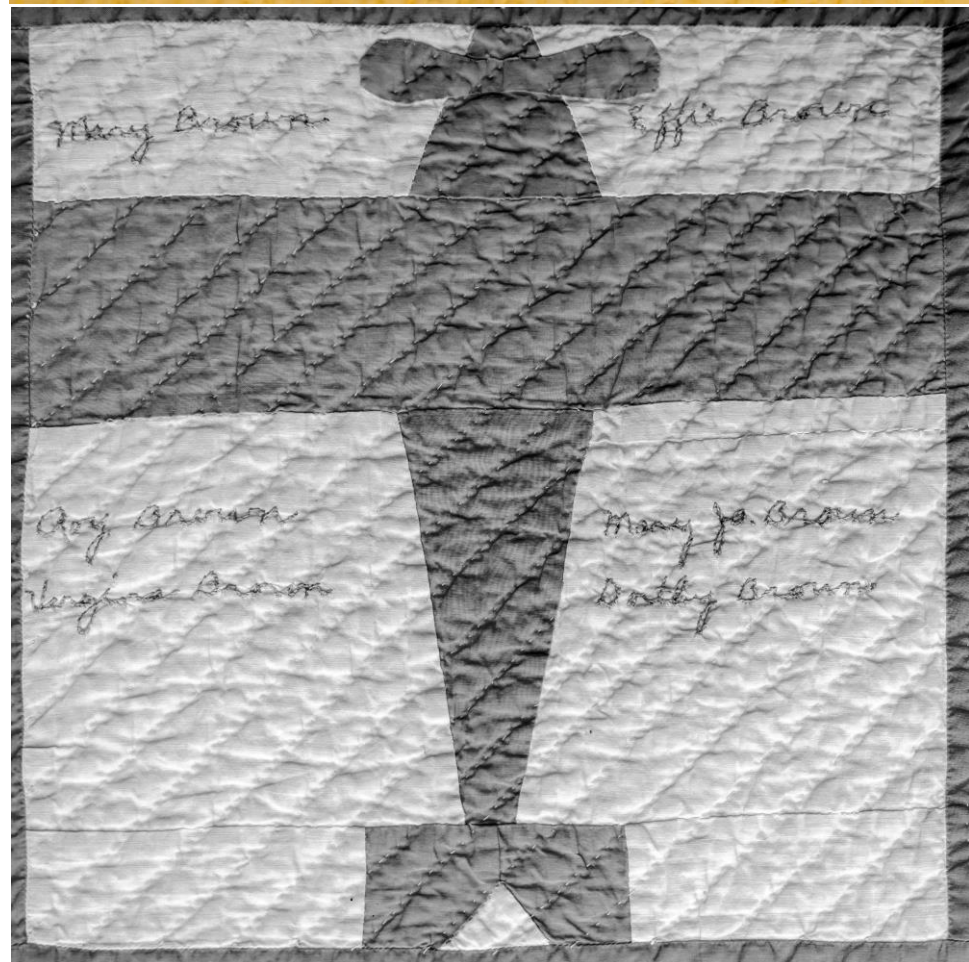
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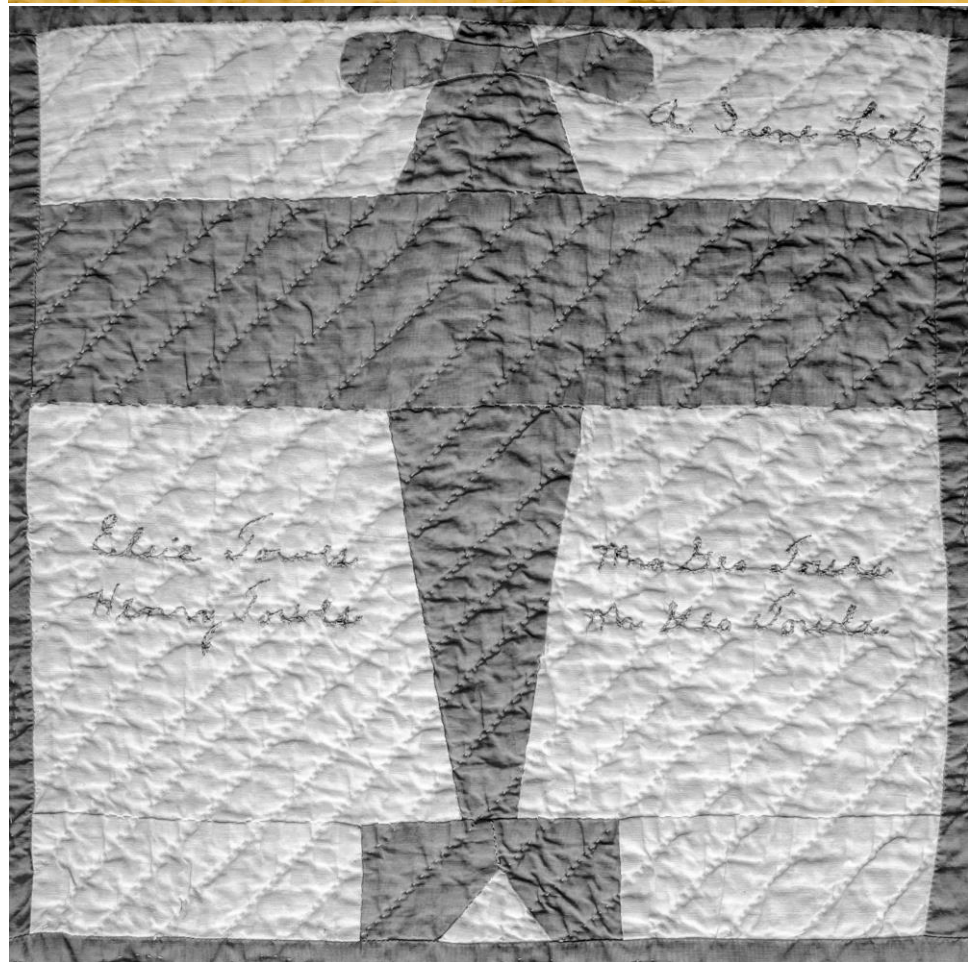
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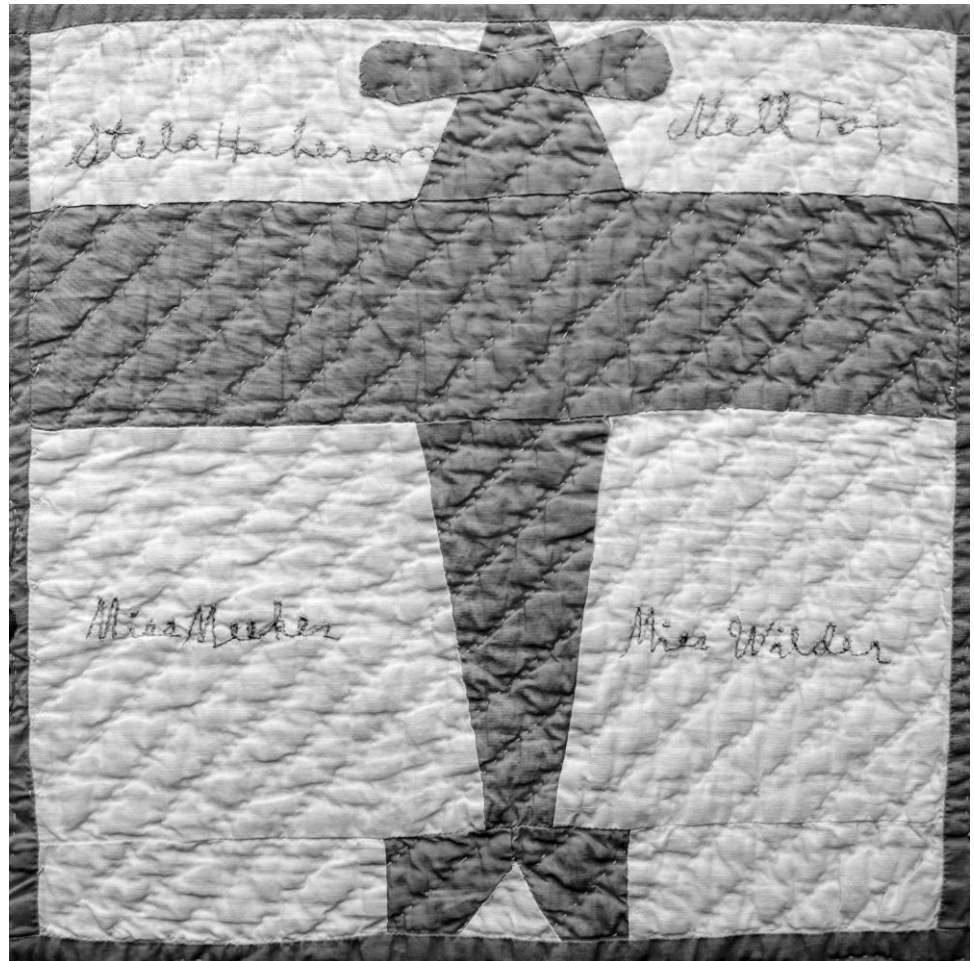
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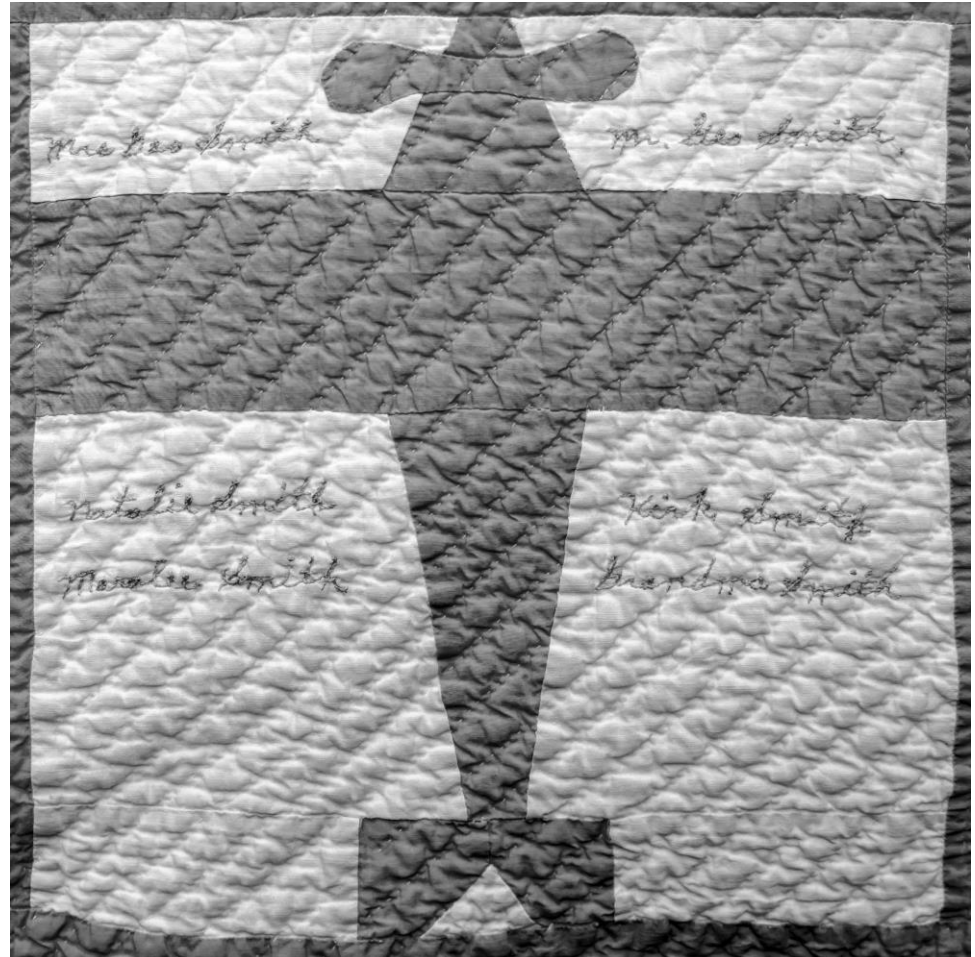
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