

Paul and Virginia Graf Donate Signature Quilt to Museum

Paul Graf and his wife, Virginia, are shown with the beautiful quilt they acquired and donated to our museum. It's called a "signature quilt" and they were popular in the last part of the 19th century and the early part of the 20th century.

This quilt was made in about 1936, created by organizations in and around Southern Utah, including wards, community organizations and even school faculties.

Each block has a circle with embroidered names of men and women from that particular organization. A group of volunteers from our museum has identified each of these names, and they have created a book with the names of these individuals, and a short biography of each of them.



Paul and Ginny have done extensive research into the provenance of this quilt, and found that the American Legion Auxiliary, Lester Keate Unit 90 organization, was instrumental in having this quilt created. He found that it was created as a tribute to Madge Morrill Cannon.



Mrs. Cannon was a much-loved teacher for 26 years in the Santa Clara Elementary School, teaching 1st and 2nd grades. We're honored to have this tribute to display in our museum, as Mrs. Cannon was instrumental in setting the educational foundation for all of Santa Clara's (and Ivins') children for several generations.

We invite you to come and take a look at this quilt. There are still several blocks that have not yet been identified. If you have any information on this quilt, we would love to have you share it with us!