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Owner History

Owner	From Date	To Date	Acquired at:	Cost
David Bailey	--	--	--	\$0
			Made in: --	
If not purchased, the estimated cost for materials: \$0				

Display & Publication History

Date	Event	Location / Publication
--	--	--

General Description

Quilt Title or Name:

Steps to the Alter

Fabric Date Range: 1875 ± 10 Years**Date Made:** 1875 ± 10 Years**Method of Determination:** Most recent fabric**Item Type:**

Quilt (3 layers, quilted, finished)

Size: Length: 86" x Width: 68"**Items in Set:** 1**Appraisals:**

Has this quilt been professionally appraised? No

If so, when: --

Other related files:

Scanned Patterns

Images

EQ 8 Files

Research Notes

Additional Information: Block is a variation on BB ID: 1694, Steps to the Alter. Note that a different fabric was used at one end. This may be a repair and that there is a hanging sleeve.

History

Provenance

Describe: --

Quilt Maker

Maker: --

Location: --

Birth: --

Contributions: --

Death: --

Purpose and Context

Expression

☐ Art

☐ Personal Enjoyment

☐ Therapy

Income

☐ Personal Income

☐ Fundraising

Presentation

☐ Anniversary

☐ Wedding

☐ Birth

☐ Holiday

☐ Birthday

☐ Other gift

☐ Charitable support

Relationships

☐ Friendship

☐ Commemorative

☐ Memorial

☐ Mourning

☐ Reunion

Skill Building

☐ Challenge / Contest

☐ Learning / Teaching Sample

Use

☐ Bed Quilt

☐ Lap Quilt

☐ Home Décor

☐ Baby / Crib

☐ Wall Hanging

Describe other purpose: --

Construction History

--

Coverlet Design & Construction

Coverlet Top

Warp strand count per inch: 0.

Warp fiber: Choose one

Weft strand count per inch: 0"

Weft fiber: Choose one

Design: --

Weaver: --

Location: --

Woven for: --

Additional Information: --

Quilt Top Design & Construction

Quilt Top

Layout Design: Choose a layout design.

Delete this & the following table rows as appropriate.

One Patch Shape Details

Choose shape

Techniques

- ☐ Machine pieced
☐ Hand pieced
☐ Strip piecing

Describe: --

Workmanship

- ☐ Seams are stable
☐ Seams are flat

Describe piecing workmanship

Describe: --

- ☐ String / Improvisational piecing
☐ Foundation piecing
☐ English paper piecing

- ☐ Seams are appropriately aligned
☐ Points are sharp

Medallion Details

Length 0.00" x Width: 0.00"

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Blocks / Grid

Choose setting

Choose drop

Describe: --

Pattern name & Brackman or other ID

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☐ Strip piecing

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Workmanship

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Describe piecing workmanship

Grid Dimensions: Length 0 x Width: 0

Block Size: Length: 0.00 " x Width: 0.00 "

<<Pattern Image>>

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Embellishments

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Types:

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| ☐ Applique – Raw edge | ☐ Embroidery | ☐ Stuffed Work |
| ☐ Applique - Button-hole | ☐ Cording | ☐ Inking |
| ☐ Applique - Needle-turn | ☐ Beading | ☐ Painting |
| ☐ Applique - Reverse | ☐ Rhinestones / Gems | ☐ Marking lines noted |
| ☐ Applique - Other | Other: -- | |

Workmanship

- ☐ Stitches are appropriately small and even.
- ☐ Edges are as design intends (straight, curved, pointed).
- ☐ Work demonstrates appropriate skill for intended purpose.

[Describe other techniques](#)**Sashing**

Delete this & the following table rows as appropriate.

[Choose sashing style](#)

Width: 0.00 "

- ☐
- Use of corner stones

Techniques

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[Describe piecing workmanship](#)**Borders & Frames**

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Describe: --

[Describe piecing workmanship](#)

Assembly

Choose an assembly method.

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Describe: --

- ☐ Seams are appropriately aligned
☐ Top has no inappropriate tucks or puckers
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Color

Choose # of colors

Choose a temperature

Choose a pallettte

Predominant colors

- ☐ Red
☐ Orange
☐ Yellow
☐ Green

Specific Antique Colors

- ☐ Red – claret / wine
☐ Red – madder / cinnamon
☐ Red – turkey
☐ Pinks - double
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☐ Bronze
☐ Late 1800's Purple

Materials

Sources of Fabric

Companies

--

Describe other sources: --

Fiber Types

- ☐ Cotton
☐ Cotton Blend

Describe & Clarify: --

Fabric Types

- ☐ Broadcloth
☐ Flannel
☐ Shirting
☐ Suiting
☐ Denim

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Designer

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Images

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Images for Inscriptions

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Images for Inscriptions

Stabilization Method

Stabilization Method: [Choose a method](#)

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Tied Details

Average Distance Between Knots: [0"](#) Placement: [Choose tail placement](#)
Fiber Used: [Choose one](#)

Quilting Details

Batting

[Describe batting loft](#)

[Choose batting type](#)
[Click to choose](#)

Quilting Techniques

[Choose a quilting style](#)

- ☐ Machine Quilted
- ☐ Machine – computer guided
- ☐ Machine – manual long-arm

[Choose quilting density](#)

- ☐ Machine – sit-down
- ☐ Hand Quilted
- ☐ Quilt-as-you-go

- ☐ Corded
- ☐ Stuffed work

[Choose workmanship description](#)

Describe: --

Quilting Patterns

- ☐ Meander / Free motion
- ☐ In-the-ditch / To the piece
- ☐ Echo / Outlined
- ☐ Stipple
- ☐ Clamshell
- ☐ Elbow / Fan

- ☐ Lines – single parallel
- ☐ Lines – double parallel
- ☐ Lines – triple parallel
- ☐ Grid – crosshatch
- ☐ Grid – square
- ☐ Grid - diamond

- ☐ Cables
- ☐ Feathers
- ☐ Wreaths
- ☐ Vines
- ☐ Floral
- ☐ Leaves

Describe other: --

Thread Choices

Brand

--

Weight

--

Number & Name

--

[Describe: --](#)

Images for Stabilization

Edge Finish

Edge Style: [Choose an edge treatment](#)

Finishing Technique

Top Width: [0.00](#) "

Back Width: [0.00](#) "

$1/8 = 0.13$, $3/8 = 0.38$

$5/8 = 0.63$, $7/8 = 0.88$

Application Method:

Embellishments

☐ Fringe

☐ Lace

☐ Binding

☐ Knife edge

☐ Turned with a closure

☐ Rolled – top to back

☐ Rolled – back to top

Top: [Choose one](#)

Back: [Choose one](#)

☐ Ruffles

☐ Ribbon

☐ Cording

Describe: --

Images for Edge

Condition

Choose a condition rating.

Choose a washed condition

Flaws

Soiling

☐ Dirty

☐ Mildew stains

☐ Stains

☐ Musty Smell

Discoloration

☐ Running / fugitive color

☐ Faded / bleached color

☐ Crocking

Fabric Damage

☐ Tears / holes

☐ Thread bare

☐ Disintegrating / fall out

☐ Shattering

☐ Insect damage

Sewing / Quilting Damage

☐ Split / open seams

☐ Quilting threads missing

☐ Ties / tufting missing

☐ Batting has shifted

☐ Embellishments missing

Storage Issues

☐ Discoloration from wood

☐ Damage from acid

☐ Fold marks / creases

Describe additional condition issues: --

Images for Condition Issues

Conservation, Restoration, Repairs

Describe Measures: --

Workmanship

Extension of Useful Life

☐ Repair Useful life of the item was extended.

Prevention of Damage

☐ Conservation All work is reversible.

☐ Conservation Further deterioration has been slowed, stabilized or prevented.

Maintaining Function & Integrity

☐ Conservation Work minimally interferes with the item's overall appearance.

☐ Restoration Work blends well with the item's overall appearance, style and age.

☐ Restoration Appropriate period reproductions were used.

☐ Restoration Vintage materials were used.

☐ Restoration Period appropriate techniques were used.

☐ Restoration Workmanship is of similar or better quality than original work.

Images for Conservation / Restoration / Repairs