Lillie Hébert Gagnon patchwork blanket
MCC-00491

Total boxes: 1
Cubic feet: .35

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Collection Overview

Creator

Lillie Hebert

Dates
2005

Extent
1 box (.35 cubic feet)

Provenance
Material was brought in by Rita Pelletier

Language
No language content

Conservation notes
The patchwork blanket is wrapped in tissue paper and was put in an archival box.

Conditions Governing Access and Use

Restrictions

Access:

None

Physical:

None

Technical:

None

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Collection Description

Historical Information

Acadians have long been enthusiastic quilters. The history of quilt making, however, began long before Acadians and other Europeans came to North America. Nations around the world used padded fabrics for clothing, bedding, even armor. The word quilt, of Latin origins, meant “stuffed sack.” While there are countless designs and manifestations of quilts, there are three main types: plain or whole-cloth; appliqué (one piece of material sewn over another, to make a design); and pieced, or **patchwork**. They can be hand-stitched or produced using a sewing machine. [1] Acadian format or block format, constructed of either clothing-style or household textile-style cottonades. Traditional Acadian values of self-sufficiency, frugality, cultural conservatism are important cultural artifacts and their quilts document the wide variety of fabrics the weavers created as they cared for their families.

Biographical Information

Lillie Hebert Gagnon born on June 8, 1907 at Little Black Lake, the daughter of Ubald Gagnon and Eva Landry. Lillie’s pastime was knitting and sewing blankets for family and friends. She was a member of the Ladies of St. Anne, member of the third order of the Secular Franciscans, a R.S.V.P volunteer for more than 15 years. She was married to Ned Gagnon. Lillie passed away on August 6, 2006 at the age of 99.

Scope and content

This collection consists of one patchwork blanket made by Lillie Hebert Gagnon when she was 98 years old. The squares used for the blanket are of different materials and different colors and measure 7 inches by 7 inches. The blanket measures 69 inches by 48.5 inches. It is in very good condition.

Arrangement

Not applicable

[1] http://marjoriesimmins.ca/wp-content/uploads/files/Stitch.pdf

Separated Materials (If Applicable)

Not applicable

Subject Headings

Acadian – Antiquities
Acadian – History
Arts and crafts
Patchwork quilts
Textile industry

Related Materials

Not specified

Collection Inventory

One patchwork blanket measuring 69 inches by 48.5 inches made with squares of different materials and colors.