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QUILTS OF TENNESSEE COLLECTION
1820-1930

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INTRODUCTION

The Quilts of Tennessee Collection is primarily a survey of quilts made in Tennessee from the 1820s to the 1930s. The survey was made in conjunction with the Homecoming '86 celebrations that were held throughout Tennessee. The "Quilt Project" began in 1983 when it was decided to undertake a study of quilts still in the possession of individual citizens. Before the completion of the study the researchers had conducted thirty quilt days in twenty-two locations across the state. The collection takes up 4.62 cubic feet of shelf space, and numbers approximately 2,700 items. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Quilts of Tennessee Collection may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Quilts of Tennessee Collection, 1820-1930, is composed of the results of the "quilt days." Included with each survey is information about the owner and a photograph of each particular quilt. The survey also included maker information, quilt provenance, and a genealogical or family history. There is also a detailed study of each quilt's physical characteristics. Research of the pattern identification is included with each survey.

This collection offers an addition to the collected body of information from other state projects. Through these studies, quilt owners, collectors, and historians can make comparisons and trace the continuity of quilt patterns and styles. They may also find relationships to social, economic, political, and religious circumstances. All of these elements combined provide a fascinating record of human life.

Included in this scope and content note is an index of sites of quilt days. Each quilt was assigned a code number which was written in the top right hand corner of the survey form. The container list also contains an index for sites arranged by the actual site.

All quilt images in this collection have been digitized and added to the Quilt Index online, hosted by the Michigan State University Museum - see <http://www.quiltindex.org/> These images may be identified by searching collection name (Quilts of Tennessee Collection) or by contributor/institution (Tennessee State Library & Archives) in addition to searches by quilt survey number or other topical information.

INDEX OF QUILT DAY SITES

001-026	McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, Athens, Tenn.
027-078	Hunter Museum of Art, Chattanooga, Tenn.
079-120	Pi Beta Phi Elementary School, Gatlinburg, Tenn.
121-147	Children's Museum of Oak Ridge, Tenn.
148-219	Cleveland State Community College, Cleveland, Tenn.
220-257	University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Tenn.
258-298	Silver Dollar City, Sevierville, Tenn.
299-321	Newport-Cocke County Museum, Newport, Tenn.
322-340	McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, Athens, Tenn.
341-351	Knoxville, Tenn. (not a quilt day)
352-391	McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, Athens, Tenn.
392-424	Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tenn.
425-525	Jonesborough Visitors' Center, Jonesborough, Tenn.
526-563	Pi Beta Phi Elementary School, Gatlinburg, Tenn.
564-600	Tennessee State Museum, Nashville, Tenn.
601-715	Hundred Oaks Castle, Winchester, Tenn.
716-764	Pulaski Union Bank, Pulaski, Tenn.
765-799	Hilldale Methodist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.
800-872	Shelbyville Farm Bureau Building, Shelbyville, Tenn.
873-936	Middle Tennessee Electric Building, Murfreesboro, Tenn.
937-994	Manchester, Tenn. (exact site unknown)
995-1050	Bell Buckle Community Center, Bell Buckle, Tenn.
1051-1138	Henry County Farm Bureau Building, Paris, Tenn.
1139-1215	Henry County Farm Bureau Building, Paris, Tenn.
1216-1228	Memphis College of Art & Memphis Pink Palace Museum, Memphis, Tenn.
1229-1233	Clyde M. York 4-H Training Center, Crossville, Tenn.
1234-1300	Rhea County Courthouse, Dayton, Tenn.
1301-1369	Nathaniel Greene Museum, Greeneville, Tenn.
1370-1426	St. John's Lutheran Church, Donelson, Tenn.
1427-1432	Knoxville, Tenn.
1433	Nashville, Tenn.
1434-1445	Athens, Tenn.
1447-1536	American Museum of Science and Energy, Oak Ridge, Tenn.
1537-1572	The Rose Center, Morristown, Tenn.
1573-1612	McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, Athens, Tenn.
1613-1663	Chattanooga Regional History Museum, Chattanooga, Tenn.
1664-1686	East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tenn.
1688-1771	Memphis Pink Palace Museum, Memphis, Tenn.
1772-1814	McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, Athens, Tenn.
1815-1621	Knoxville, Tenn.
1823-1860	McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, Athens, Tenn.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Photographs--Quilt makers--Miscellaneous
2. Quilt Days--McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, Athens, Tenn. -- 001-026
3. Quilt Days--Hunter Museum of Art, Chattanooga, Tenn. -- 027-078
4. Quilt Days--Pi Beta Phi Elementary School, Gatlinburg, Tenn. -- 079-120
5. Quilt Days--Children's Museum of Oak Ridge, Oak Ridge, Tenn. -- 121-147

Box 2

1. Quilt Days--Cleveland State Community College, Cleveland, Tenn. -- 148-219
2. Quilt Days--University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Tenn. -- 220-257
3. Quilt Days--Silver Dollar City, Sevierville, Tenn. -- 258-298
4. Quilt Days--Newport-Cocke County Museum, Newport, Tenn. -- 299-321

Box 3

1. Quilt Days--McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, Athens, Tenn. -- 322-340
2. Quilt Days--Knoxville, Tenn. (not a quilt day) -- 341-351
3. Quilt Days--McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, Athens, Tenn. -- 352-391
4. Quilt Days--Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tenn. -- 392-424

Box 4

1. Quilt Days--Jonesborough Visitor's Center, Jonesborough, Tenn. -- 425-525
2. Quilt Days--Pi Beta Phi Elementary School, Gatlinburg, Tenn. -- 526-563
3. Quilt Days--Tennessee State Museum, Nashville, Tenn. -- 564-600

Box 5

1. Quilt Days--Hundred Oaks Castle, Winchester, Tenn. -- 601-715
2. Quilt Days--Pulaski Union Bank, Pulaski, Tenn. -- 716-764
3. Quilt Days--Hilldale Methodist Church, Clarksville, Tenn. -- 765-799

Box 6

1. Quilt Days--Shelbyville Farm Bureau Building, Shelbyville, Tenn. -- 800-872
2. Quilt Days--Middle Tennessee Electric Building, Murfreesboro, Tenn. -- 873-936
3. Quilt Days--Site Unknown, Manchester, Tenn. -- 937-994

Box 7

1. Quilt Days--Bell Buckle Community Center, Bell Buckle, Tenn. -- 995-1050
2. Quilt Days--Henry County Farm Bureau Building, Paris, Tenn. -- 1051-1138
3. Quilt Days--Henry County Farm Bureau Building, Paris, Tenn. -- 1139-1215

Box 8

1. Quilt Days--Memphis College of Art & Memphis Pink Palace Museum, Memphis, Tenn. -- 1216-1228
2. Quilt Days--Clyde M. York 4-H Training Center, Crossville, Tenn. -- 1229-1233
3. Quilt Days--Rhea County Courthouse, Dayton, Tenn. -- 1234-1300
4. Quilt Days--Nathaniel Greene Museum, Greeneville, Tenn. -- 1301-1369
5. Quilt Days--St. John's Lutheran Church, Donelson, Tenn. -- 1370-1426

Box 9

1. Quilt Days--Knoxville, Tenn. -- 1427-1432
2. Quilt Days--Nashville, Tenn. -- 1433
3. Quilt Days--Athens, Tenn. -- 1434-1445
4. Quilt Days--American Museum of Science and Energy, Oak Ridge, Tenn. -- 1447-1536
5. Quilt Days--The Rose Center, Morristown, Tenn. -- 1537-1572
6. Quilt Days--McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, Athens, Tenn. -- 1573-1612

Box 10

1. Quilt Days--Chattanooga Regional History Museum, Chattanooga, Tenn. -- 1613-1663
2. Quilt Days--East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tenn. -- 1664-1686
3. Quilt Days--Memphis Pink Palace Museum, Memphis, Tenn. -- 1688-1771

Box 11

1. Quilt Days--McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, Athens, Tenn. -- 1772-1814
2. Quilt Days--Knoxville, Tenn. -- 1815-1821
3. Quilt Days--McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, Athens, Tenn. -- 1823-1860