

## Title Appliqué Quilt

Date 1918

Primary Maker Ladies Aid Society of Windsor Avenue Congregational Church

Medium Hand-stitched, plain-woven cotton; black ink

Description Appliquéd signature quilt in the Red Cross pattern; this pattern is also known as a Liberty quilt. The quilt consists of a top of plain-woven red and white cotton, batting, and a white plain-woven cotton backing; these three layers are joined by a quilting pattern. The top consists of a red cross in the

## **Basic Detail Report**

center surrounded by square white blocks each of which is about 5 1/2 inches square; these square white blocks extend to each edge of the quilt. Red crosses are appliqued on the white blocks in a diamond around the center cross, then on most blocks toward each corner of the quilt. The white blocks have handwritten inscriptions in black ink; these inscriptions are the names of servicemen and women with their branch and place of service. At the bottom center of the quilt is a hand-written inscription with information about who made the quilt: "This Liberty Quilt/ was started by Mrs. Martha J. Brunner/ of Hartford, Conn., in 1918, to raise money for/the Red Cross, as a patriotic service in/honor of our brave men and women in/our country's service./ It was planned and made by/ Mrs. Alice M. Jones and Mrs. M. C. Brott/ of the Ladies Aid Society of the/ Windsor Ave. Congregational Church/ of Hartford, Conn./ The names were inscribed by Miss Waters. / The amount raised for the / Red Cross by means of / this quilt was / \$1150". The quilting pattern outlines each appliqued cross. The quilt is edged in white cotton. Condition: The top has a few scattered, light brown stains. Small holes are pierced through the binding at the sides, possibly the result of tacks. The back has light staining in a line down the center and in blocks at one side where the quilt may have been folded. Each corner also has light staining. Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width): 93 x 82in. (236.2 x 208.3cm)