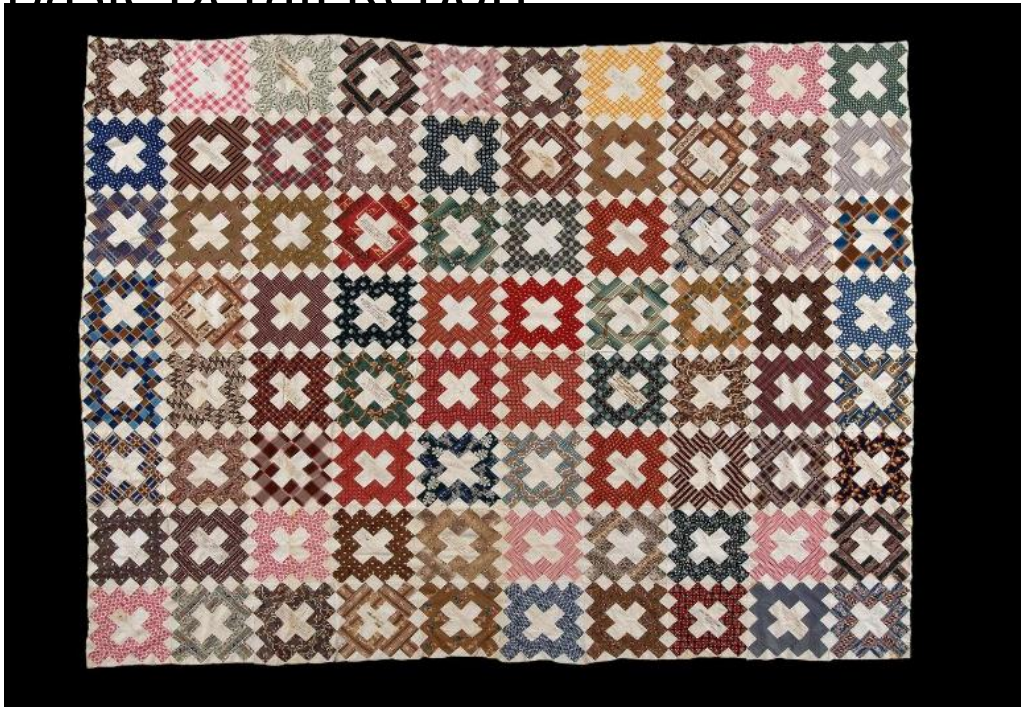


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Title Signature Quilt Top

Date 1847-1875

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched and machine-stitched, plain-woven cotton; ink

Description Unfinished, pieced, signature quilt top in a Chimneysweep pattern.

The plain-woven cotton fabrics that form the pattern are printed or woven with red, blue, grey, brown, black, pink, purple, yellow, and green in geometric and floral designs. These are in stepped blocks that each surround a white X-shaped field. Inside each X-shaped field is a signature or religious, biblical, or poetic verses hand-written in black ink. Some blocks include the town names

"Hartford", "Fair Haven", "Enfield", "Vernon", "East Windsor" or the dates "1847".

Many blocks have signatures of individuals with the last name of "Tuttle",

although many other individuals signed the quilt. Each block is hand-stitched

then joined with early machine-stitched chain stitching. The quilt is unfinished;

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there is no quilted pattern, batting, or backing. Condition: Many of the

inscriptions on the quilt are faded, some are illegible, and the ink has bled in a

few inscriptions. The quilt top has minor stains.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width): 98 x 79in. (248.9 x 200.7cm)