

Basic Detail Report

Title Signature Quilt

Date 1876

Primary Maker Ladies of Moosup and Central Village

Medium Hand-stitched, plain-woven cotton

Description Pieced signature quilt in a Ring around the Rosy variation pattern.

The quilt consists of a pieced top of plain-woven cotton, batting, and a plain-woven cotton backing; the three layers are joined by a hand-stitched quilting pattern. The cotton fabrics that form the pattern are printed or woven in blue,

brown, pink, red, green, yellow, and pink. Each block on the quilt consists of a white octagon surrounded by truncated diamond-shaped pieces forming an eight pointed star; these are surrounded by square and triangle-shaped pieces

to form a square. The blocks are separated by blue and white striped strips of fabric, with a pale pink square at each corner. Each side of the quilt is finished

with blue and white striped fabric. The octagonal pieces in the center of the blocks each have a hand-written name or inscription in black ink. One block

near the center of the quilt has a town name and date of "Moosup/ 1876". The quilting pattern follows the shape of each octagonal piece and the radiating

points of the star; the blue and white striped fabric has a quilting pattern of diagonal lines. The quilt is edged in light pink cotton; the backing is plain-woven

cotton with a printed blue strip separated by a row of black ovals. Condition:

The signatures have faded and some are illegible. One light blue star near the

center of the quilt has significant fading. One piece of bright green fabric

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surrounding a star near the center of the quilt has torn. The top has some moderate staining. The back has significantly more staining, especially across the center.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width): 99 x 94in. (251.5 x 238.8cm)