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AN EAST ALBION QUILT



The quilt pictured here was recently presented to the Cobblestone Museum collection at Childs, N.Y. by Mrs. Pauline Kast Broadwell. It will be one of many antique quilts and coverlets on display at the annual Cobblestone Fair and Quilt Show August 6 from 10-4 at the museum grounds located on Routes 104 & 98.

This particular quilt is of community interest because it was made by the East Albion Ladies Aid. This was an independent group of ladies before Home Bureau who met in various members homes and held events at the community hall in Riches Corners. The quilt was perhaps made

around 1907-08 and was presented to Mrs. Gertrude Kast, Pres. of the Ladies Aid at the time. She later gave this to her granddaughter Pauline Kast, sister of William Kast and Karl Kast. In fact, "Gertrude Kast" is embroidered on the square which looks like a house (third row up, third block from left).

I assume the blocks were individually made and then all pieced together for every block contains the name of a woman. The linear divisions are of a bright red material. The names on the quilt are as follows: Mrs. H.B. Parmelee 1903, Harriet Clapp, Carrie Kast, Florence Hartwell, Alice Thompson, Mary A.P., Florence Smith, Adell Burton, Eliza A.B., L.O.B., Frances Parmelee, Mary M. Root, Carrie Dibley, Hattie Annis, A.D.B., Mrs. Mina Baker, Sara Root, Jesse Wright, Sophia Williams, C.P. Allen, Mrs. J. Halpin 1904, Cleo Balcom 1904, Mrs. E. Stafford, C. Butts, Jane C. Hyde, Fannie Hartwell 1907, M.A. Root, Z.B.B., H. Butts, Mrs. Fred Clapp, Addie Parmelee 1904, L.S., Mrs. J. Hyde, G.A. James, L.A., Mabel Trolley Nov. 5, 1907, S. Hyde, Ida Wright, Annie Miller, Lula Amos, Theda Thompson, Augusta Wright, G.A.M., M.A. Trolley, Anna Burton, Libbie Clark, Aunt Jane Smith, C.M.C., Mrs. David Hyde, Lucy Parmelee 1909, Edna Daum 1907, Lutie A.B., Rena B. Chadsey 1904, Mrs. E.L. Parmelee, Mrs. M. Tripp, Mrs. Ruth Keene, Sophia Williams, M.E.W., W.J.P., Katie Parmelee 1906.

The other picture shows the East Albion Ladies Aid around 1910 posed by the home of "Gusty" and Ida Wright about a mile and a quarter east of Riches Corners. In the front row on the ground are some children of members. Clyde Harling who is the boy second from the left believes he may be the only one still living who is pictured. Many of the women whose names appear on the quilt are shown in this photo. The East Albion Ladies Aid, while it was a social group, also raised money to help the needy.

