

Antique Quilt to be displayed at Oklahoma Centennial Quilt Exhibit

A special antique signature quilt will be on display at the Oklahoma Centennial Quilt Exhibit during the Kolache Festival. The 1914 quilt from Kiowa County (Hobart) has 600 names embroidered in scarlet thread on a white background including temperance crusader Carrie Nation.

The Methodist Ladies Aid Society made the quilt as a fundraiser for the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Raffle tickets were sold for the quilt and the women charged 10 cents to embroider each name.

It is believed Carrie Nation's name is included because she made a trip to Lone Wolf in her fight against saloons. Among the other names are doctors, dentists and ministers.

Quilt owner David Hilligoss said his great-grandmother won the quilt and also helped make it. Hilligoss is a storyteller and will give a presentation about the quilt at 1:00 p.m. on festival day.