

## AR.00027 Traditional Quilt Makers in New Mexico Survey

### COLLECTION, MOIFA.AR.00027

In June and July, 1985, Jeannette Lasansky of the Oral Traditions Project (Lewisburg, PA), and Museum Intern Nora Pickens surveyed traditional quilt makers in New Mexico, collecting information through survey forms, photographs, and recorded interviews. Additional follow-up correspondence was conducted. The material gathered formed the basis of the exhibition New Mexico Patchwork Quilts (AR.0004.176) in the Governor's Gallery, the exhibition New Mexico Country Quilts (AR.0004.181) at the Museum, a Tom McCarthy video Any Woman Worth Her Salt, and Nora Pickens' thesis Just a Patchwork Quilt (1987). One of the quilters interviewed, Dorothy Zopf, was motivated to do a survey of her own in the late 1990's that resulted in her 2001 book *Surviving the Winter: the Evolution of Quilting in New Mexico*.

### DATE

1985 Bulk date(s)

January 1993 Date(s) of record-keeping activity

March 2017 Date(s) of record-keeping activity

### EXTENT

1 large document box, 3 document boxes, 2 tape boxes

### ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY

Nora Pickens was an intern at the Museum of International Folk Art in 1985, and served as co-curator of the exhibition New Mexico Country Quilts in 1987-88.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection consists of information about the origins of the project, press clippings (including some collected in a scrapbook), survey forms, correspondence, slides, recorded interviews, notes, and some transcripts of interviews.

### CONTENTS LIST

Box 1, Folder 1: Survey press release and clippings, Box 1, Folder 2: Index cards and other small pieces of paper with notes Box 1, Folder 3: Index cards with notes Box 1, Quilter Folders: 100 folders follow. They are not numbered, but are filed in alphabetical order by name. Each represents one quilter surveyed. Each folders includes survey form except as noted. A few have additional correspondence, an interview transcript, or other supplemental material. The quilters are: 1. Alldredge, Emma Lee Drinkard, 1909- 2. Almond, Merle, 1917- 3. Anderson, Artie Cross, 1908- 4. Anonymous (2) (includes flyer for Farmington Museum) 5. Armstrong, Doris I Rhyne, 1928- (includes interview notes) 6. Bailey, Tex M, 1912- 7. Baumgardner, Margrette Foutz, 1919- (includes tape logs, notes, correspondence, consent form, transcript) 8. Bertram, Jean, 1963- (see Bertram, Lois) 9. Bertram, Lois, 1942- (includes notes for interviews with Lois Bertram, Jean Bertram, and Dorothy Short) 10. Bloomfield, Elsie Dallas, 1912-1985 and Dallas, Emaline Strader, 1833-1919 (includes tape log, notes, correspondence, obituary of Elsie Dallas Bloomfield) 11. Bowman, Mary Ann, 1869-1938 12. Bowman, Pearl Huff, 1888- 13. Brooks, Rose Jones Gilford, 1916- (includes tape log, consent form, correspondence) 14. Brown, Ethel Lorea Holloway, 1907- (includes interview notes, correspondence) 15. Buchanan, Wanita Riley, 1911- and Anonymous (includes correspondence) 16. Bynum, Maggie, 1906- 17. Chavez, Tomasita, 1905- 18. Clear, Ruby Goggin Hall, 1907- (includes interview notes) 19. Collins, Della Jamison, 1903- 20. Corman, Marion Gerrells, 1931- 21. Cox, May Lou Kirschke, 1918- 22. Crawford, Betty Carr, 1932- (includes interview notes) 23. Crawford, Ruthell Ross, 1911- 24. Daugherty, Neva Streiff, 1915- 25. Denny, Martha Logsdon, 1905- (includes tape log, consent form, notes, McKinley County Quilter's Guild Newsletter June 1985) 26. Didde, Yvonne Bunnell, 1951- (includes tape log, consent form, notes, interview transcript) 27. Dougherty, Margaret Ricketts, 1907- 28. Douglas, E Revay Breshears, 1915- and Bushears, Harriet Eudona (includes tape log, consent form, interview notes) 29. Durham, Elsie Moody, 1906- 30. Durham, Ruby, 1905- 31. Eash, Eileen Stichter, 1944- 32. Easter, Maggie Bow, 1912- (includes tape log, consent form) 33. Ferguson, Geneva Sturdivent, 1909- (includes notes) 34. Ferguson, Wanda Wolf, 1914- 35. Foster, Leda Whitehorn, 1904- 36. Garrison, Mary C Hobbs, 1920- (includes correspondence) 37. Gruber, Mary Elizabeth Milburn, (dates unknown) (found in Lois Bertram folder) 38. Halsell, Jessie Darnell, 1913- (includes tape log, notes, consent form, transcript, correspondence) 39. Harper, Mary, 1921- 40. Havenhill, Quirl Maberry Thompson, 1896- (includes newspaper clipping, consent form, tape log) 41. Hayes, Nancy B, d.1936 (includes information about a quilt, copy of survey form for Mary Harper) 42. Head, Mable Otis, 1908- (includes newspaper article, correspondence, transcript, notes, tape log, consent form, transparency) 43. Heimann, Marie, 1920- 44. Hoffman, June 45. Hogsett, Clara Woods, 1911- (includes tape log, consent form, notes) 46. Hutchinson, Elizabeth Campbell, 1924- 47. Jouett, Addie Bernice Stevens, 1907- (includes tape log, notes, consent form, transcript, correspondence) 48. Kane, Virginia (includes correspondence, transparency, notes, copy of newspaper article) 49. Keynert, Jane 50. Kirby, Laura Bowman, 1921- 51. Lasansky, Jeannette –

(information about the interviewer, notes on quilting groups, no survey) 52. Lyles, Rubye, 1928- 53. Mackey, Vera, 1920- 54. McCracken, Marie, 1920- 55. McDonnell, Mildred Whaley, 1911- (includes tape log, notes, transcript) 56. Maness, Beatrice Hood, 1916- 57. Martin, Elsie G, 1920- 58. Martin, Verna B, 1932- 59. Martinez, Altagracia, 1908- 60. Martinez, Escolastica, 1908- 61. Martinez, Ida, 1925- (includes tape log, consent form) 62. Medling, Vera Marida Reynolds, 1915- (includes notes, tape log, consent form, transcript) 63. Mitchell, Anna Mae McCracken, 1912- 64. Moore, Dorothy, 1915- 65. Morgan, Irene Heim, 1928- (includes notes) 66. Moss, Marie Raindl, 1915- 67. Neal, Juanita Wilson, 1909- (includes notes) 68. Onstott, Juanita Miller, 1909- (includes poem) 69. Paul, Edna Gooch, 1905- 70. Phillips, Faye Ross, 1906- 71. Pickens, Nora, 1938- (information about researcher, no survey) 72. Pistole, Lena Howard, 1907- 73. Putney, Aletha Woodward, 1926- (includes notes) 74. Raines, Vera Mentie Jackson, 1908- (includes notes) 75. Randlemon, Nellie Austin Morrison, 1903- (includes consent form, tape log, transcript, notes) 76. Reynolds, Maurine McDaniel, 1911- 77. Richards, Bea Casey, 1916- 78. Ross, Sidney Ruth Latham, 1919- 79. Russom, Beva (notes only, no survey form) 80. Sage, Loyce Wood, 1919- (includes correspondence with photocopied pictures, tape logs, notes, consent form, transcript) 81. Sanchez, Trenida Gonzales, 1918- (includes tape log, consent form, notes) 82. Scoggins, Katie, 1907- (includes notes) 83. Short, Dorothy, 1915- (found in Lois Bertram folder; notes for Short interview on same page as for Lois Bertram, in Lois Bertram folder) 84. Simmons, Wyoma Mackey, 1918- (includes correspondence with photocopy of picture) 85. Simer, Molly Elizabeth Hamilton, 1907- (includes notes) 86. Simpson, Evelyn Miller, 1918- 87. Simpson, Ruth De Spain, 1910- (includes notes) 88. Smith, Alta Hanna Roberson, 1903- 89. Stichter, Bertha Yoder, 1907- 90. Sweet, Juanita, 1899- 91. Thompson, Georgia Smith, 1912- 92. Upton, Lyla, 1917- 93. Wall, Irene Walraum, 1914- 94. Wasson, Mary Elizabeth Hanna Carr, 1901- (includes notes, correspondence) 95. Williams, Isabel, 1918- 96. Willard, Fay Burnett Harbert, 1912- 97. Wilson, Eva Wallace, 1908- 98. Wolfe, Golda 99. Wooten, Leatrice Sisk, 1911- 100. Zopf, Dorothy, 1928- (includes correspondence, consent form, tape log, transcript, notes) Box 1, No Folder: Scrapbook with newspaper clippings related to quilt activities at the Museum, including survey, Homage to Amanda, and the later show at the Governor's Gallery. Box 2: Slides 1-360 Box 3: Slides 361-780 Box 4: Slides 781-1100; five unnumbered folders with negatives of images of quilters' family photos (rephotographed by Tom McCarthy); 6 Zopf survey forms from Taos County with photographs; polaroid photos of quilts; 7 envelopes of transparencies; large scale negatives. Box 5: 23 original cassette tapes of interviews Box 6: 23 duplicate, copied cassette tapes of interviews

#### CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS

Contact the Bartlett Library and Archives at the Museum of International Folk Art (505-476-1210) for further information.

#### CITATION

Museum of International Folk Art Archives (Traditional Quilt Makers in New Mexico Survey, AR.00027)

#### LOC TERMS

Quilts--United States [[info:lc/authorities/subjects/sh88002100](https://n2t.org/info:lc/authorities/subjects/sh88002100)], Quiltmakers--United States [[info:lc/authorities/subjects/sh86001869](https://n2t.org/info:lc/authorities/subjects/sh86001869)]

#### GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

New Mexico

#### RELATED PEOPLE

Nora Pickens (is creator of); Museum of International Folk Art (owns); Jeannette Lasansky (is creator of)

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Faithful Circle - Josie Runnels  
Dahlia Quilt - Martha Denney  
Morning Star - Margrette Baumgardner  
Untitled 4-Pointed Star - Mary Ann Logston  
8-Pointed Star - Martha Denney



Sampler Quilt - 5 girls from Gallup  
Blue and White Quilt - Martha Denney  
Star Quilt - Unknown Navajo Quilter  
Cats - Margrette Baumgardner  
Navajo-inspired Quilt - Martha Denney and Virginia Anderson  
Six Pointed Star or Tumbling Blocks - Margrette Baumgardner  
Unnamed Quilt - Elsie Bloomfield  
Nine Patch - Mable Otis Head (c. 1940's)  
Trip Around the World - Mable Otis Head  
Eccentric Star, White Background - Mable Otis Head  
Sampler Quilt - Mable Otis Head  
Cross-Stitch Leaves - Dorothy Short  
Southwestern Quilt - Betty Kuenel  
Star for Lone Star - Eva Randlemon  
Doves and Pansies (c.1970) - Dolly Sanders  
Silk Biscuit Puff - Ida Martinez  
Drunkard's Path - Pilar Trujillo  
Sunlight and Shadow - Ida Martinez  
Cathedral Window Quilt - Ida Martinez  
Taos Pueblo - Ida Martinez  
Potlatch - Dorothy Zopf  
Sampler Quilt - Jessie Halsell  
Pansy Appliqué Quilt - Jessie Halsell  
Sky Rocket - Jessie Halsell  
Flower - Elsie Carter  
Wagon Wheels - Martha Denney  
Sunbonnet Sue - Margrette Baumgardner  
Spider Web - Emmaline Strader Dallas (1875)  
Cattle Brands Quilt - Cowbelles  
Signature Quilt - Elsie Bloomfield and Others?  
Sailboat Quilt with Signatures - Maker Unknown  
Fan Quilt - the Scattergood Club (1933)  
Blue and White Checkerboard (c. 1970) - Yvonne Didde  
Yvonne Didde opening a strip quilt to show older nine patch quilt used as filling for it  
Mable Otis Head with multi-pattern quilt [enhanced in Photoshop]  
Snowball - Mable Otis Head  
Strip Squares - Mable Otis Head  
Blue and White Cross Stitch Quilt - Dorothy Short  
Ron Bertram Design - Lois Bertram  
Appliquéd Pansies - Dorothy Short [enhanced in Photoshop]  
Appliquéd Flowers - Doris Armstrong  
Doris Armstrong displaying quilt outside Calico Country Store in Farmington  
Hearts and Gizzards Quilt - E. Revay Breshears Douglass [enhanced in Photoshop]  
Grandmother's Flower Garden Quilt - Nellie Randleman  
Nellie Randlemon quilting a Double Wedding Ring top pieced by her mother, Maude Brown Austin  
Flowers and Butterflies - Eva Randlemon  
Vera Medlig with a photo of her mother, Mattie Reynolds  
Britches Quilt - Vera Medlig  
Quilters at the old church at Arroyo Seco [enhanced in Photoshop]  
Potlatch Quilt - Dorothy Zopf  
Mimbres (lining) - Dorothy Zopf  
Steeple Chase - Maker Unknown  
Yellow Blanket (reverse) - Dorothy Zopf  
New Mexico Mountains Quilt - Dorothy Zopf  
Delectable Mountains (detail of Rising Sun quilting from reverse) - Dorothy Zopf  
Strip Quilt (back detail) by Sara Foutz (mother of Margrette Baumgardner)  
Many-Layered Rose block - Margrette Baumgardner



Double Axe Quilt - Mable Otis Head  
Tied Postage Stamp Baby Quilt - Maude Austin  
Yo-Yo Pillow - Veroniz Martinez  
New Jersey Rose - Jessie Halsell  
Jessie Halsell with "Just a Quilt" (scrap diamonds)  
Flower Garden Basket Quilt - Jessie Halsell  
Dresden Plate - Jessie Halsell  
Tulip Appliqué - Jessie Halsell  
Sampler Quilt - Jessie Halsell  
Patchwork Top Quilt - Jessie Halsell  
Orange Peel - Eva Colwell Darnell (mother of Jessie Halsell)  
Eva Darnell's Templates  
Biscuit Puffs - Betty Crawford  
Quilting - Betty Crawford  
Ruby Clear showing her quilts  
Sawtooth (detail) - Ruby Clear  
Redwork Quilt - Ruby Clear  
Broken Star (purples) - Ruby Clear  
Broken Star (greens) - Ruby Clear  
Double Wedding Ring Quilt - Mary Wasson  
One Square - Mary Wasson  
Mary Wasson and Granddaughter Examine a Quilt  
Britches Quilt from the Family of Vera Martinez  
Quilters at Frame - Portales Senior Citizens, Inc July 16, 1985  
Fans - Katie Scoggins  
Mildred McDonnell at Quilting Frame.  
Margrette Fontz Baumgardner Interview Transcript June 27, 1985 Tape 6  
Jessie Darnell Halsell Interview Transcript July 9, 1985  
Mable Otis Head Interview Transcript June 29, 1985  
Addie Bernice Stevens Jouett Interview Transcript July 16, 1985  
Mildred Whaley McDonnell Interview Transcript July 11, 1985 Tape 16  
Nellie Austin Morrison Randlemon Interview Transcript July 1, 1985  
Loyce Wood Sage Interview Transcript June 28, 1985 Tape 3  
Dorothy Zopf Interview Transcript July 1, 1985  
Log Cabin Quilt - Ida de Spain  
Margrette Fontz Baumgardner Interview Transcript June 27, 1985 Tape 2  
Mildred Whaley McDonnell Interview Transcript July 11, 1985 Tape 17  
Loyce Wood Sage Interview Transcript June 28, 1985 Tape 4  
Loyce Wood Sage Interview Transcript June 28, 1985 Tape 5  
Vera Marida Reynolds Medling Interview Transcript July 2, 1985