

Ladies Art Co. St. Louis, MO

A mail order quilt and needlework company.

Ladies Art Co. established in 1889. H.M. Brockstedt, Manager.

(A note from Ladies Art Co to Cuesta Benberry gives an earlier date for the company's origin, i.e. -circa1875 at 209 Pine Street). See card below.

Various Addresses listed for the company over the years:

203 Pine Street, St. Louis, MO.

13 N. 2nd Street, St. Louis,

512 Washington Ave. St Louis, MO.

3835-37 Finney Avenue, St. Louis, MO

Box 32, Kirkwood, 22, MO

P.O. Box 1516, St. Louis, (1), MO.

Titles Given for (Standard) Ladies Art Co. catalog:

First title- DIAGRAMS OF QUILTS, SOFA AND PIN CUSHION PATTERNS

1922 title- QUILT PATTERN BOOK: PATCHWORK AND APPLIQUE

1928 title- QUILT PATTERNS: PATCHWORK AND APPLIQUE

In addition to their mainstay standard quilt catalog, Ladies Art Co issued many supplementary quilt catalogs, as well as catalogs for knitting, crochet, tatting, cross-stitch & outline embroidery, pyrography, stenciling, etc. Not only did they sell paper quilt patterns but cloth quilt kits also. Ladies Art Co. sold stamped goods, such as bedspreads, pillow shams, dresser scarves & doilies sets, dining room sets and tea sets. Their inventory included all manner of tools, needles, hooks, threads needed for what was then termed "fancy work." If requested, Ladies Art Co. would provide quilting services for a fee. It is reported that in the 1920s, the Ladies Art Co. employed over 50 people in their mail order operation.

Thanks again and also for your letter.

Ladies Art Co. is old.....in fact some of the patterns date prior to that I'm sure for some of the cardboard used to make the first copy of the pattern, I'm sure is older than 1889. Records show that it was established then but before that time records were not legally necessary. We do know that Ladies Art was at 209 Pine Street in 1875 shortly after greatgrandparents arrived in St. Louis via boat. Patterns were sent out in 1880 and since. At one time Ladies Art employed 58 people to handle the mail. So your ladies in Ohio possibly did receive their patterns many years ago.

3/6/94 Cuesta Benberry

Thanks again.