



Rose quilt

Accession #M.69.95.1

W 79" x L 92"

Gift of Mrs Wilber Archer Beckett

From the collection of the Los

Angeles County Museum of Art

Made by Mary Orr Archer.

Mary Orr was born June 8, 1828 in Virginia. She married William C Archer in April 1846.

During the Gold Rush, William made many trips to California to round up wild horses and drove them back to Missouri to sell to the many travelers.

According to family tradition, it was during these trips he noted that the wild oats were "as high as the horse' withers"

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so he figured the land must be good farm land. He and his wife Mary moved from Des Moines to Stockton in 1857 and eventually to a big ranch north of San Luis Obispo on Oak Creek.

The quilt was donated to the museum by Dolores H (Mrs Wilbur) Beckett who had been given the quilt by her mother-in-law Iowa Archer Beckett, Mary's youngest daughter