



### MONROEVILLE TOWN HALL QUILT

In 1888 a group of Monroeville (Ohio) women ... embarked on a fund raising venture by having the town's merchants pay for the privilege of signing their names and businesses on a quilt, which was then displayed at a fair. This unusual advertising document is a crazy quilt (shown above) whose embroidered blocks surround a painting on velvet of the... Town Hall.

The Town Hall block was probably painted through "theorems", stencils cut from tracings of an engraving or photograph, a

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technique fashionable in the East thirty years earlier. The style and techniques used in the remaining blocks are typical of the late 19th century crazy quilts, and from the names and occupations embroidered on the quilt the viewer learns much about the community in 1888. Many of the names are German, reflecting the demographic character of the region. The census of 1880 indicates that only Ohio and New York surpassed Germany as birthplaces of Huron County residents.