

Crazy quilt

Elaborately embroidered Crazy quilt made of irregularly-shaped pieces of silk stitched to a foundation fabric. Blocks are decorated with many embroidered figures, including insects, flowers, rings, wheat, and snowflakes. Edges are decorated with folded triangles of dark red velvet. Machine- and hand-stitching. Quilt was pieced by Ann Ashbaugh as a wedding gift for her nephew and his wife, Claude and Florence Ashbaugh who were married in 1889. Ann was good friends with Ann Sells of the Sells Floto Circus, and at least some of the silks in this quilt came from the elaborate robes worn by the circus elephants.

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