

**Beaver County Historical Research and Landmarks Foundation
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Western Pennsylvania Quilt Documentation Project

We are quilt historians on a mission to record the sewing heritage of Southwestern Pennsylvania, one quilt at a time. This area has rich and varied sewing traditions which have led to the creation of hundreds of hand-made quilts over the past 200 years. These quilts reflect the sewing skills and artistic visions of women who made quilts as a way of caring for their families, documenting their lives, and commemorating their loved ones. Help us to bring these family treasures to light!

There is no fee charged for documentation, but we are asking for \$10.00 to cover the cost of the copies of the data intake form. Any type of hand-made quilt is welcome: patchwork, applique, embroidery, crazy quilts, whole cloth quilts, and quilt tops that have not yet been quilted. Our goal is to document as many of Southwestern Pennsylvania's quilts as possible over the next three years. We will measure, photograph, date the fabric, identify the pieced or appliqued pattern, and record the story of your quilt. (Please bring with you birth and marriage dates and any history of the individual who made the quilt.) The history and photo of your quilt will be submitted to the Quilt Index and may be able to be referenced through the internet.

(www.quiltindex.org). **Unfortunately, we are not able to appraise quilts during the documentation project.**

Ten counties of Southwestern Pennsylvania will be included: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington, and Westmoreland.

The quilt documentation project is sponsored by the Beaver County Historical Research & Landmarks Foundation and partially funded through the Foster McCarl Foundation.

For more information, contact BCHRLF at 724-775-1848 or bchrlf@bchrlf.org Monday through Friday between 10:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.

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