

## Lizzie & Azilie

Lizzie Peyton was born in the old Jefferson area of Smyrna in 1869. She was the daughter of CSA soldier Jeff Peyton who served with the 45<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry. Lizzie married John Calvin Smith, they lived on a land grant farm with their five children. After the death of her husband, Lizzie moved in with her daughter, Azilie, in Nashville.

Azilie worked at as a seamstress in a dress shop in the Nashville Arcade. The Arcade, Nashville's first mall, stretched from Fourth Avenue North to Fifth Avenue North, opened in May 20, 1903 and was modeled after the Centennial Arcade in Milan, Italy.

Lizzie created five silk quilts from the dress shop remnants, one for each of her children. This Dresden plate is unusual for the use of solid color silks and the blanket edge stitching surrounding each plate. It was made for Azilie who never married, the quilt was never used, kept as a treasured family heirloom. Lizzie & Azilie are kept alive with the memory of their story & this quilt.