

Saved from a Flood

I was home visiting my mom when we went to her storage unit in the basement treasure hunting for interesting old family heirlooms. This quilt was one of the treasures she let me bring home. Eleanor, Mother, Grandmother, Dubuque 1900 & 1917 are embroidered on the quilt. My grandmother was F. Eleanor Yokum McDemott, born 1907 so I think the quilt was made by her mother, Eleanor Olivia Smith Yokom.

The city of Lansing was doing work on the city sewer lines and forgot to connect something that hooked up the sewer lines to the building where my mother lives so all that sewage backed up into the basement. She lost a slate chalk board that she had played with as a child, my siblings and I played with it as well as my nephews. Many old handkerchiefs were lost. Had I not taken the quilt it would have been lost as well.