

# THE HERITAGE QUILT OF CEDAR MILL

Since April 1976, a group of 15 artistic women accomplished in stitchery and sewing have been at work creating the Cedar Mill Heritage Quilt. Each of its 15 squares depicts an historical landmark of the Cedar Mill area. Some of the subjects no longer exist, but are still vivid in the memories of the large number of our neighbors who were born here or who have lived here for many years.

Each individual chose her subject and designed her picture. Dolly Freed, a local artist and photographer, took pictures or provided drawings and guidance for those who wished it.

The quilt border of sky blue and earth brown is quilted in the traditional mountain stitch, chosen because our area lies on the west slope of the Tualatin Mountains. The mountain stitch inspired the design of the cover of this booklet.

Over 1,200 hours of work have gone into the creation of this quilt.

#### BLOCK 1 THE FIRST CEDAR MILL SCHOOL by Mildred Kidby

The first school was located across Cornell Road from the present school site on land donated by Samuel Walters, the first pioneer (1847) in the upper Cornell area. The building was built in 1884 by the local residents who donated their labor and money. It served eight grades and had double desks, a large wood stove, and a cloak room. It was replaced in 1926. Mildred chose this subject because she was Secretary at the newest Cedar Mill School for many years.

# BLOCK 2 WESLEY CHAPEL by Diane West

This little church was dismantled not many years ago. Its bell was sold and hangs in another old church not far away. Wesley Chapel was located west adjacent to the new 7-11 Store in the Milltowner area. Jasper and Abraham Lincoln Young donated a piece of land in the corner of their place on Cornell Road, and during the summer of 1892 Wesley Chapel was built and dedicated in the fall. It was served by a Methodist pastor who had several other "points" or churches on his circuit. At that time, Cedar Mill consisted of a general store and post office, two blacksmith shops, a prune dryer, and several homes.

# BLOCK 3 THE KATTERMAN HOME by Sue Peterson

This house is located on 93rd Street one lot to the south off Cornell Road. It was built by John Katterman about 1898. This home and its outbuildings stand in near original condition with only a new porch added to the house. Three daughters of John; Frieda Wuthrich, Clara Haskell, and Martha Thorne; live in separate homes on the original property. They remember their father's vegetable garden in front and their mother's tree roses around the porch of the house.

#### LONE PINE BLOCK 4 E MOOSE by Lalia Hampton

Barely alive now, this tall for lorn pine tree stands south of Cornell Road near the entrance of Oak Hills subdivision. Nearly all of the branches were shot off by youth practicing rifle shooting in the 1880's. The skyline beyond the tree is the familiar view looking east to the Tualatin Mountains, Portland lies beyond,

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The Leedy Grange building is located in the Milltowner area facing Saltzman Road near Cornell. This building was orginally built to house Modern Woodmen before 1900 (an organization now apparently absorbed by Woodmen of the World). In 1913 the structure was sold to Leedy Granne and because the building seemed unsafe. the second story was removed. The upper floor held a ballroom with an outside stairway for access like many of the community halls. Today, the attic of the building has a beautiful hardwood floor.

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On the floor of the valley were many stands of large, old oak trees. These groves served a places of encampment for the Indians of the Tuality Plains. The tallest oaks survived, but the undergrowth was burned away by the Indians, probably to create grassy meadows where game would come to feed making hunting easier, The area of Cedar Hills Blvd, at Walker Road was the Indian village of Osceola, now only a name on old maps.

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# BLOCK 7 WALTERS HOME AND APPLE TREE by Muriel Van Veen

This home is located on Cornell adjacent to the ARCO Service Station at 107th. It is son James' half of the original Samuel Walters home which was divided in two sections. Son Samuel's half stands at the corner of 107th and Leahy Road.

The original house was built in 1885 and was located in the area of Walters Lane. The apple tree actually stands in front of the first house on Leahy and is the one remaining tree that Samuel brought back to his Cedar Mill land in 1851 from the California gold fields

# BLOCK 8 CEDAR MILL FALLS by Sandy Jandik

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The falls is located on the south side of Cornell at 119th and is a beautiful spot to view as the water rushes over the 32 foot high basaltic rock formation. Power for the cedar mill was provided by a large overshot water wheel on the falls. The site was marked by the Valley Heritage Society in 1974. It is hoped that someday the falls can be a community park.

#### BLOCK 9 THE YOUNG HOUSE by Mary Packer

This home is next to the falls and was built in 1863. In 1874 it housed the first Cedar Mill Post Office with John Quincy Adams Young as postmaster. Hand hewn 12 by'12s have helped the structure to stand over 100 years. The valley Heritage Society also marked this site in 1974. The property has been owned by the Russell family since 1914.

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### BLOCK 10 WEST TUALATIN VIEW SCHOOL by Marvel Noyes

This building new used by West Haven Church is located on Barnes Road at the intersection with Leahy Raod. It is the original West Tualatin View School building and was constructed in 1926 with two rooms. The land was donated by John and Louisa Johnson with stipulation that should the school no longer be used, the property would revert to the Johnson heirs. The heirs sold to the present owners. This area was first known as Swedeville.

# BLOCK 11 POSTAL CANCELLATION AND STAMPS by Margye Armstrong

This cancellation says Cedar Mill, Oregon and is dated July 3, 1904, the last date in the stamp owned by Bernard F. Young, a descendant of the first postmaster. Rural delivery came to the area about this time and the Cedar Mill service was discontinued. The small stamp on the right is the wooden handled postal stamp. On the left is actually a notary seal which is owned by the Reeves family who are descendants of G. H. Reeves, the second commissioned postmaster who operated a general store on the corner of Barnes Read and Cornell. The seal says B. B. Reeves, Notary Fublic, State of Oregon.

# BLOCK 12 PIONEER CEMETARY by Judy Killpack

This cemetary is located on Murray Road two blocks south of the Sunset Highway interchange. It was the burying place of the first Catholic settlers in the community, including the Leahy and Murray families who both have roads named for them. The weeping cherry tree that grows there is a memorable sight in the spring.

#### BLOCK 13 THE CEDAR MILL by Judy Ackerman

The mill that gives the community its name stood at the falls and was built the year Oregon was admitted to the Union, 1859. A dam was built across the creek at the falls, forming a large mill pond. Justus Jones and his son founded and operated the mill until 1869 when they sold to Young and Everson. In summer, teams of oxen pulled the newly logged cedar down the skid roads to the mill pond. The sawing was done in the winter when the water flow was sufficient to power the wheel.

#### BLOCK 14 BLATTER HOME AND HOLLY By Sue Jones

This home built in 1917 is on the south side overlooking Barnes Road near Leahy Road. On each side stands holly planted in 1917 from cuttings taken from the first trees in Oregon. The Failing family of Portland had shipped round the horn two female and one male English Green Holly trees, parents of the ones pictured. The many holly orchards nearby are important to the economy of our area.

### BLOCK 15 WILLIAM WALKER HOME by Ruth Simpson

Old Meadow Farm no longer exists. After much controversy, the house was torn down and Parker Furniture built a store at this site on Walker Road between Murray and 158th. The home was built in 1857 by William and Hanna Walker who were well known residents in the community. He was a part time school teacher, and there is a grade school named for him. The orchard which dates from 1854 can still be seen next to the furniture company's parking lot. All proceeds will be donated to Cedar Mill Community Library Association.

I wish to thank all who gave so many hours of your time to make this endeavor such a success. Your effort is greatly appreciated.

Sue Peterson