



Women in Union Cemetery: Albina 'Bine' Ingham

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Albina 'Bine' Ingham 1856-1921

Buried in Placerville Union Cemetery, Section 17 Block 20 Plot C

Albina Ingham, always known as 'Bine,' was born in 1856 in Illinois and moved to Coloma when she was a small girl with her parents George and Sarah.

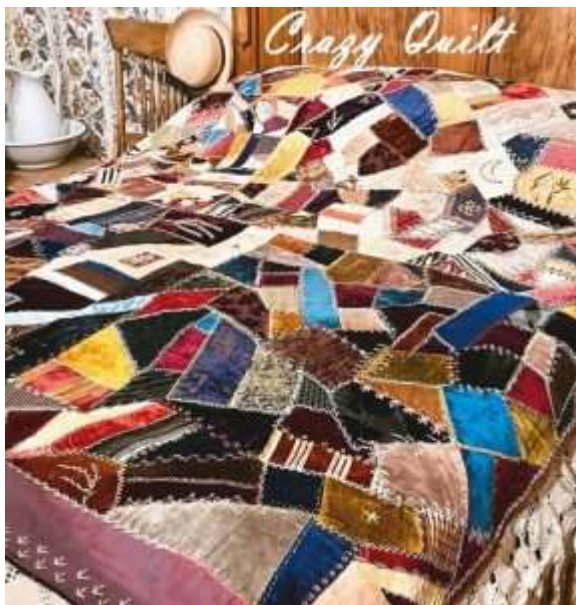
Like her close friend Mollie Carpenter, Bine came from pioneering stock that went on to become successful lawyers and local politicians.

Sarah was known for her 'crazy quilts,' one of which is on display at the County History Museum. George Ingham became a County Judge and later a California Supreme Court Justice.

As a girl, Bine rode a horse from her home in Coloma to Placerville daily to attend the prestigious Placerville Academy. She learned telegraphy at the Coloma telegraph office when she was a teenager. At age 24 she went to work for the Mountain Democrat on Main Street Placerville, and stayed for 41 years, holding every significant position in the business.

For many years Bine lodged with Mrs. C.H. Weatherwax and Miss Lulu Weatherwax in their home at the corner of Bedford Avenue and Conrad St.

Crazy quilts were a popular textile craft of the 1880s and 1890s. Bine's mother Sarah left a humdinger to the historical society. The quilt is made from scraps of silks and velvets held together with decorative hand embroidery. She incorporated silk ribbons from local groups and events into the quilt, including one celebrating the completion of the Placerville & Sacramento Valley Railroad to Placerville in 1888. The quilt is on display in the county history museum.



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