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Subject of Square: Leavitt Family Tall Clock

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Background on subject: This grandfather clock was cherished by the Leavitt family for over 200 years until it was gifted to the Tuck Museum in 2012. When in Hampton, it told time in the Leavitt Homestead at North Beach which was one of the earliest inns in Hampton serving the merchants that came to buy fish at the fish houses located across the road. The homestead still stands today serving travelers, for many years known as the Windjammer Hotel and today 923 Ocean.



Why you chose this subject: Since the tall clock was a common way of telling the time of day, and this stunning grandfather clock is a recent addition to the HHS collection, I wanted to represent it in a quilt square.

Thoughts on your representation/design/color choices/etc.: I started by sketching a picture of the whole clock in a room, but the loss of detail was disappointing. I kept sketching, searching for a view that would honor the art and beauty of this

household essential. My sketches brought the clock face closer to the viewer until there was just a bit of the top and sides of the hood and bit of the wall behind it on each side. I found that the more of the details I edited out, the more attractive the remaining “picture” of the clock face came into view and represented the entire piece.

What you hope this quilt will mean for the people who see it: I hope people will see and appreciate the beautiful pieces from our Hampton history that are available for them to appreciate at the Tuck Museum.