

We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, promote the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do hereby constitute and elect the following Officers and Representatives in Congress, to assemble on the first day of December next, at the City of New York, for the purpose of organizing the Government of the United States.



HANNAH HOES VAN BUREN

(Died before her husband became President)

Hannah was born on March 8, 1783 in Kinderhook, New York, the daughter of Johannes Dircksen Hoes and Maria Quakenbush.

When she was 24 years old, Hannah married Martin Van Buren on February 21, 1807 in Catskill, New York.

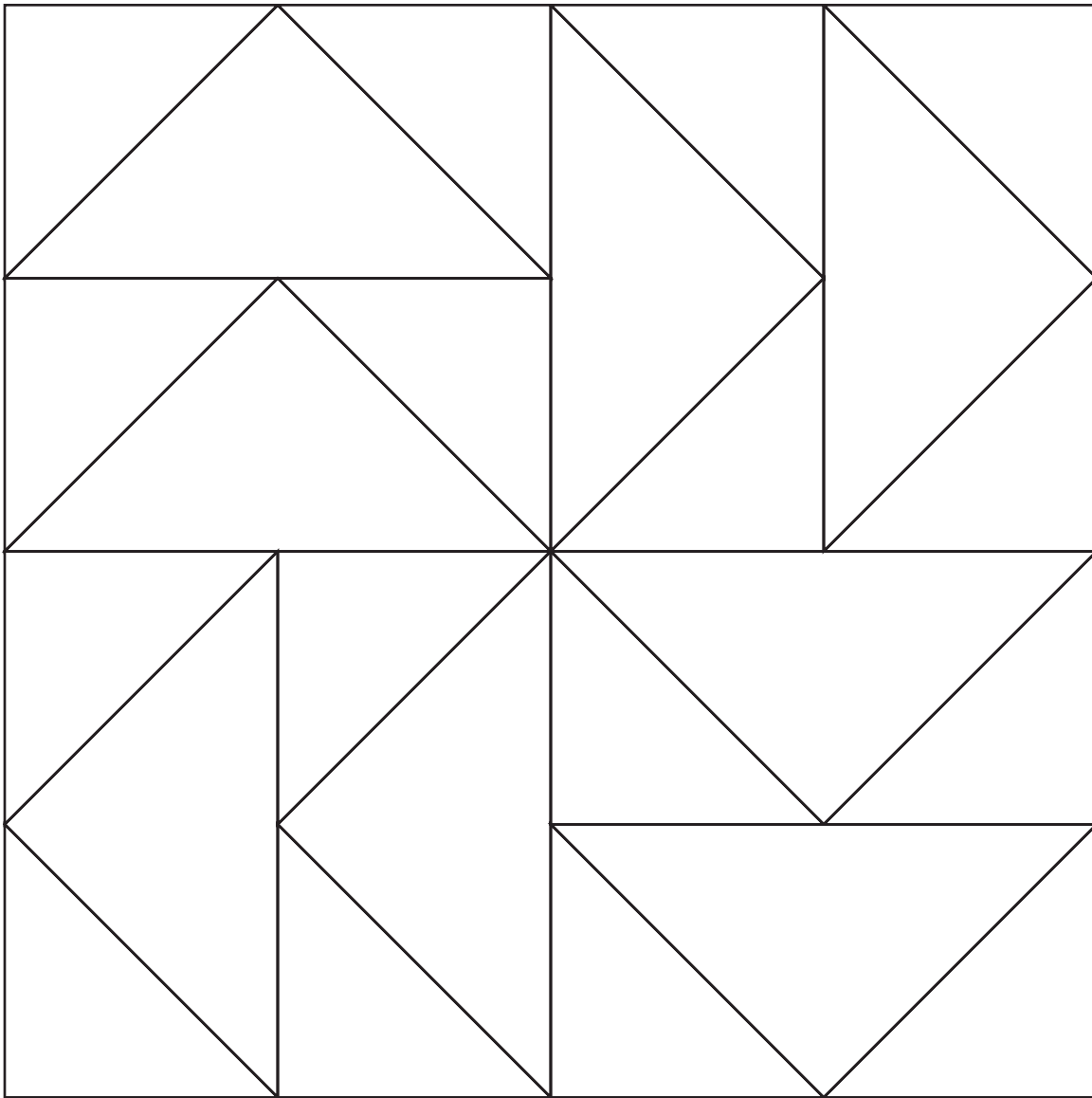
Hannah and Martin had six children: Abraham, John, Martin, Winfield Scott, Smith Thompson and a stillborn daughter. Hannah died of tuberculosis at age 35 on February 5, 1819 in Albany, New York.

*“Abandon the custom of providing scarves for pallbearers to wear at her funeral and set aside the money to feed the poor.”
~A request by Hannah Van Buren, prior to her death*



Hannah's Dutch Puzzle

Hannah's block is an old pattern called *Dutchman's Puzzle* and it was selected to honor her Dutch ancestry and the fact that Dutch was her first language.



Hannah's Dutch Puzzle
Making the Block

Cut:

Color	Number of Pieces	Size
Dark Blue	4	2" x 3½"
Light Blue	4	2" x 3½"
White	16	2" x 2"

Place white squares on the edges of the blue triangles and sew on the diagonal to make flying geese. Flip, press and trim excess.