

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 this 22nd day of September 1787, one United States in Congress assembled, consisting of the following named Delegates, to assemble on the 4th day of October next, at Philadelphia, in order to draft a Constitution for the United States.



## MARGARET MACKALL SMITH TAYLOR

*First Lady (1849–1850)*

Margaret was born on September 21, 1788, the daughter of Major Walter Smith and Ann Hance Mackell.

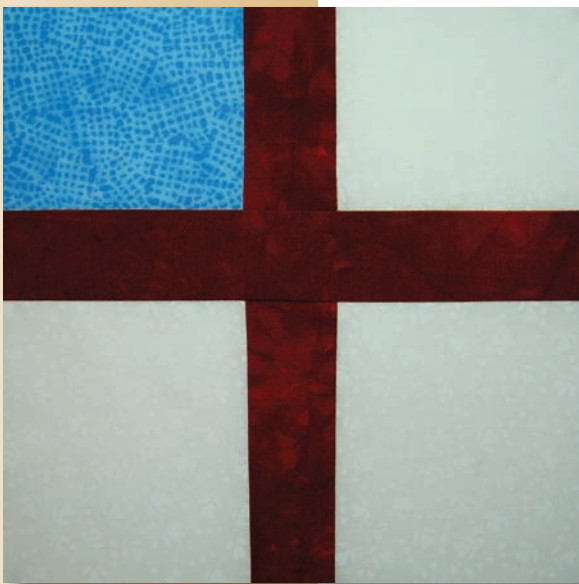
When she was 31 years old, she married Lieutenant Zachary Taylor on June 21, 1810 at the log home of her sister, Mary Anne in Louisville, Kentucky. Margaret and Zachary had six children: Sarah Knox, Ann Margaret Mackall, Octavia Pannel, Margaret Smith, Mary Elizabeth, Bliss Danridge, and Richard.

Margaret accompanied her husband during his long years in the Army but during his last tour of duty (The Mexican War) she stayed in Baton Rouge. During this period, she became very religious and prayed to God for her husband's safe return. In exchange for his life, she pledged she would not enter fashionable society. She helped establish the Episcopal Church of St. James in New Orleans.

Margaret attended morning services at St. John's Episcopal Church across Lafayette Square from the White House. It is said she prayed mightily for her husband to lose the election and Zachary was well aware of her feelings.

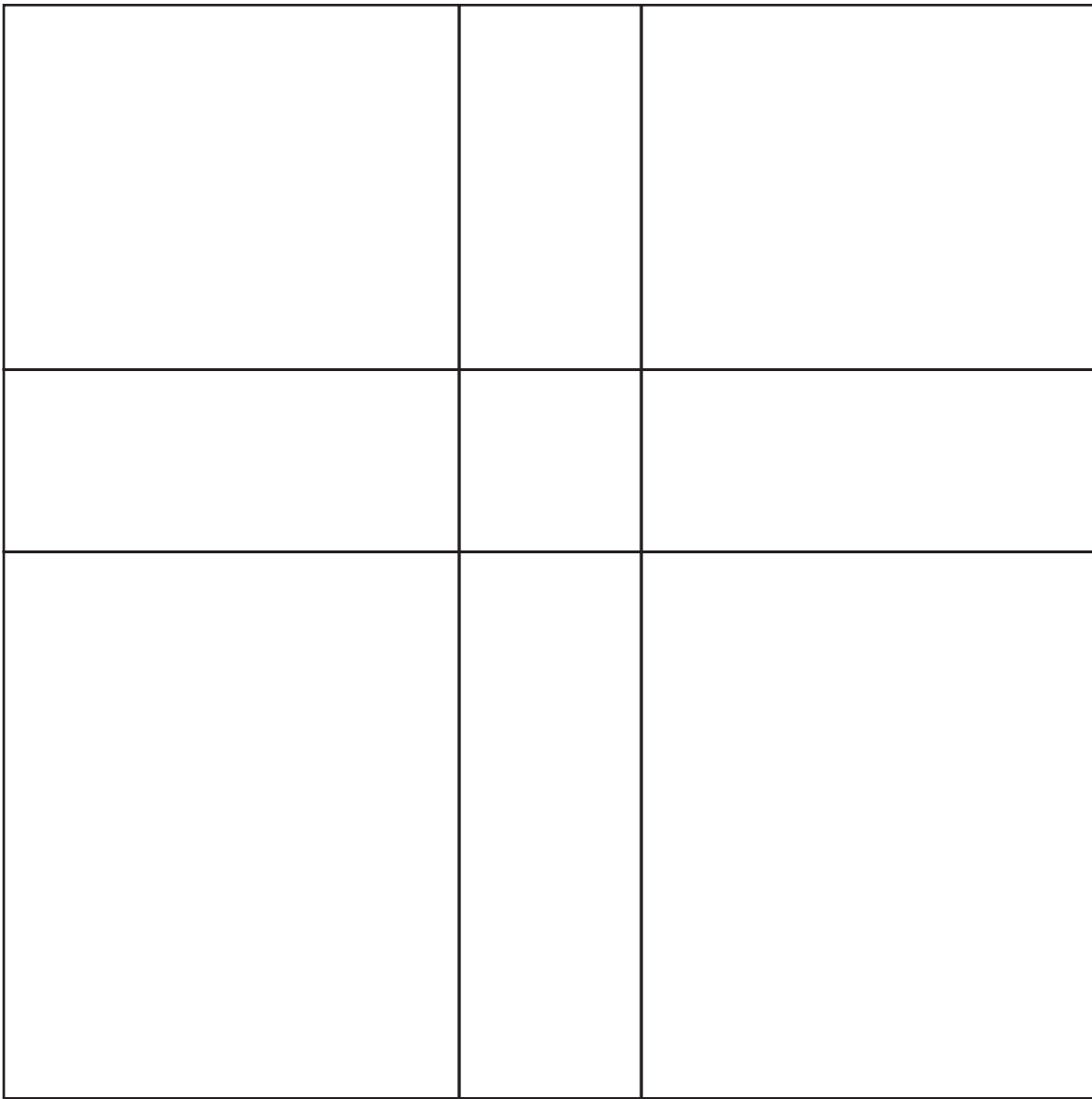
*"She upheld the morale of the little army by the steadfastness of her own self-possession and hope..."*

*~A chronicler writing about Margaret's life on the battlefield*



### Margaret's Unanswered Prayer

Margaret's block was created to acknowledge her unanswered prayers—Zachary won—and her devotion to the Episcopal Church.



**Margaret's Unanswered Prayer**  
**Making the Block**

Cut:

Color	Number of Pieces	Size
Red	1	1½" x 2½"
	1	1½" x 3½"
	1	1½" x 6½"
Blue	1	2½" x 3"
White	1	2½" x 3"
	2	3½" x 3"