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Michelle Fitzgerald
Layton, Utah
November 30, 2018

Title: The Christian-Muslim-Jewish Nativity
Genre: Material Culture- Wood

Informant:

Michelle Fitzgerald is my mother. She was born and raised in Kaysville, Utah, as a member of the LDS church. She attended and graduated BYU, where she met my dad. She is a stay-at-home mom, and enjoys crafts of all kinds.

Context:

Michelle's maternal aunt is married to a Muslim Kuwaiti man, Ibrahim. Uncle Ibrahim goes to the Middle East and Europe fairly frequently, because he has business interests there. In the 1980s this included a trip to Jerusalem.

Text:

" In the 1980s my mother decided she really wanted an olive wood nativity. So she convinced her Muslim brother-in-law to go to the Jewish holy land, Jerusalem and get her a Christian nativity"





Texture:

Ibrahim and his wife live in Minnesota, while the nativity's recipient lives in Utah, so it had two significant trips to survive. It is displayed on the mantle every Christmas.

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