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Captain William Kidd's Cloth of Gold, c. 1699

One of the Long Island Collection's most popular items on display, the Captain William Kidd cloth of gold is an intriguing piece of pirate treasure. Captain Kidd was a Scottish privateer wanted for piracy in the late 17th century. While evading capture, he buried a portion of his treasure at Gardiner's Island with permission from proprietor John Gardiner. The treasure was said to have included a small chest with two pounds of gold and some jewels. At his request, John Gardiner provided Kidd with some provisions, as well as a roasted pig prepared by Mrs. Gardiner. Captain Kidd thanked her for this by giving her a cloth containing gold and silver thread and a clay pitcher filled with dried fruit. Kidd was eventually captured and executed in England in 1701. The cloth later became divided into small pieces among the Gardiner family, with one section eventually finding its home in the Long Island Collection.

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