

Coverlets in the Pioneers Museum

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Coverlet Catalogue # 1129

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Weave Structure: Double Weave

Type: Geometric with figured & fancy border

Grid: Horizontal/vertical

Size: 95" length x 78.2" width. (Dimensions are an average of at least three measurements taken in both directions.)

Number of Panels: 2

Probable Loom Type: Jacquard

Warp Yarn 1: Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 12/2

Spun: Z, Loose twist, Two Ply, Plied S, Commercially Spun

Dye: Commercially dyed

Pantone Color: Mecca Orange, #18-1450 tpx

Ends/Inch: 20 each layer

Warp Yarn 2: Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 12/2

Spun: Z, Loose twist, Two Ply, Plied S, Commercially Spun

Dye: Commercially dyed

Pantone Color: Dark Denim, #19-4118 tpx

Ends/Inch: 20 each layer

Warp Yarn 3: Fiber Content: Cotton

Estimated Yarn Size: Unknown

Spun: Z, Loose twist, Three Ply (2 ply twisted with single), Plied S, Commercially Spun

Dye: None, Natural

Pantone Color: Beige, #14-1118 tpx

Ends/Inch: 20 each layer

Weft Yarn 1: Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 12/2

Spun: Z, Loose twist, Two Ply, Plied S, Commercially Spun

Dye: Commercially dyed

Pantone Color: Mecca Orange, #18-1450 tpx

Ends/Inch: 20 each layer

Weft Yarn 2: Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 12/2

Spun: Z, Loose twist, Two Ply, Plied S, Commercially Spun

Dye: Commercially dyed

Pantone Color: Dark Denim, #19-4118 tpx
Ends/Inch: 20 each layer

Weft Yarn 3: Fiber Content: Cotton
Estimated Yarn Size: Unknown
Spun: Z, Loose twist, Three Ply (2 ply twisted with single), Plied S, Commercially Spun
Dye: None, Natural
Pantone Color: Beige, #14-1118 tpx
Ends/Inch: 20 each layer

Edge: Self fringe bottom and both sides
Top has hand stitched cotton sleeve for hanging

Border: Integrated, different motif

Weaving: Pattern squared: Yes
Borders mitered: No
Threading errors: No
Treadling errors: Yes – lower left,
Even beat: Yes
Panels match: Yes, hand sewn

Condition: Shows some wear, multiple stains and discoloration, some holes from pests

Circa: 1841

Estimated Value upon receipt: \$100, gift

Donor: Mr. & Mrs. Spencer Penrose

City: Colorado Springs

State: Colorado

County: El Paso

Weaver: Boies (Boyce, Boice)

Inscription: Boies. Wove in 1841 (All four corners)

Museum Note: (includes history prior to museum ownership and other information in museum files):

Woven by the family of Spencer Boies Penrose's mother in 1841.

6 pointed star pattern throughout in square framed patterns. Stylized flowers alternating with stylized lyre shaped flowers on borders. Fringes on 3 sides

Circa – 1841 (dated)

Meas – 95" Long x 80" wide

"Boies" woven into coverlet in all four corners

Condition – Fair, Some worn and frayed spots.

Belonged to Spencer Boies Penrose's mother.

Spencer Boies Penrose was born in Massachusetts in 1871 (Family history library film 1255171)

Museum History: Storage: 3-5 Bin 6

For further information on the weaver or coverlets with similar motifs or design features see:

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Shein, J.D. *Coverlets and the Spirit of America*. Atglen, PA: Schiffer. 2002. ISBN 0-7643-1660-5. p. 14