

Coverlets in the Pioneers Museum

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Coverlet Catalogue # 1206

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Pattern Name(s): Catalpa Flower, Work Complete

Weave Structure: Overshot

Type: Geometric

Grid: Horizontal/vertical

Size: 69.1" length x 63" width. (Dimensions are an average of at least three measurements in both directions.)

Number of Panels: 2

Number of Blocks: 4

Probable Loom Type: Treadle – 4 Shafts

Warp Yarn: Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 15/1

Spun: Z, Tight twist, Single Ply, Handspun

Dye: None, Natural

Pantone Color: Pristine, #11-0606 tpx

Ends/Inch: 34

Weft Yarn (Structure or Tabby):

Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 15/1

Spun: Z, Tight twist, Single Ply, Handspun

Dye: None, Natural

Pantone Color: Pristine, #11-0606 tpx

Ends/Inch: 34

Weft Yarns (Pattern 1):

Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 8/1

Spun: Z, Tight twist, Single Ply, Handspun

Dye: Hand Dyed

Dye: Natural dye

Pantone Color: Dress Blue, #19-4024 tpx

Picks/Inch: 34

Edge: All four sides hemmed

Border: None

Weaving: Pattern squared: Yes

Borders mitered: No

Threading errors: No

Treadling errors: Yes – upper right quadrant

Even beat: Yes
Panels match: No

Condition: Shows much wear – 14 large patches on back, some by machine, others by hand, in all quadrants

Place of Origin: Plattsburg, Missouri, in family since 1881.

Date Received by museum: 1938, Gift

Donor: Mrs. O.M. Edwards

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

“Blue coverlet which was over 100 years old in 1938 and belonged in the family of the mother of the donor. Blue and white “snowflake” design, reversible, Condition – worn”

Museum History: Storage: 3-5. Bin 5

Cleaning (Dates/Method): January, 1976

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

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