

Coverlets in the Pioneers Museum

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Coverlet Catalogue # 69-175

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Weave Structure: Double Weave

Type: figured and fancy

Grid: horizontal/vertical

Size: Left panel 82 ½" length x 36.5" width.

Size: Right panel 82" length x 38" width. (Dimensions for both panels 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: 12/3

Spun: Z, Tight twist, Plied S, 3-ply, Commercial spun

Dye: None, Natural

Pantone Color: Pristine, #11-0606 tpx

Ends/Inch: 18

Warp Yarn 2: Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 9/2

Spun: Z, Loose twist, Plied S, 2 ply

Dye: Navy, hand dyed natural dyed indigo

Pantone Color: Dark Denim, #19-4118 tpx

Ends/Inch: 18

Weft Yarn 1: Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 12/3

Spun: Z, Tight twist, Plied S, 3-ply, Commercial spun

Dye: None, Natural

Pantone Color: Pristine, #11-0606 tpx

Ends/Inch: 18

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Estimated Yarn Size: 9/2

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Edge: Fringed bottom and rolled hem top. Selvage both sides

Border: Integrated, not the same motif, Bottom motif is leaves, side borders are flowers. Separate corner motif featuring an eagle on a branch. Corner motif has woven in date of 1852.

Weaving: Pattern squared: No

Borders mitered: No
Threading errors: No
Treadling errors: No, card errors in center pattern
Even beat: Yes
Panels match: Not sewn

Condition: Shows some wear, stains

Place of Origin: Indiana

Circa: 1852.

Date Received by museum: June 12, 1969, Gift

Donor: Mrs. W. Stuart Adkins

City: Port Isabel

State: Texas

Weaver: probably Samuel Graham, Henry County Indiana.

Inscription: Weaver's corner block with 1852 date

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

“Donor Mrs Mary Fry Harvey came to Colorado to take care of a relative, Franklin Ellison, husband of Vida Ellison. They (the Ellisons) lived in Dr. Bell's (associate of General Palmer) home. Vida's husband was Robt. Edison.

“As a memorial to Mrs. Mary Fry Harvey: 2 halves of a hand woven blue and white summer and winter weave coverlid made by her grandmother on her father’s side. Her father was Woodward Fry. It is a marriage coverlid and has the woven in date “1852” in the corners.”

Attached note “Coverlid in 2 parts dated 1852. Picture taken by Jill Wolhauer for Boston Museum 11/17/1973”

Museum History: Storage: 3-5 bin 5

Analysis Speculation: Someone in the Ellison family probably ordered this jacquard coverlet woven from the Indiana weaver Samuel Graham.

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

Anderson, C.S. *American Coverlets and Their Weavers: Coverlets from the Collection of Foster & Muriel McCarl*. Williamsburg, VA: Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. 2002. ISBN 0-87935-215-9. pp. 110-163

Heisey, J.W. *A Checklist of American Coverlet Weavers*. Williamsburg, VA: Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. 1978. ISBN 0-87935-048-2. pp. 65, 127

Montgomery, P. *Indiana Coverlet Weavers and Their Coverlets*. Indianapolis: Hoosier Heritage Press. 1974. pp. 51-56, Plate 6, pp. 87, 89, 99