

Coverlets in the Pioneers Museum

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Coverlet Catalogue # 69-58

Date of Documentation: November 27, 2006

Weave Structure: Double Weave

Type: Figured and fancy

Grid: Horizontal/vertical

Size: 74" length x 63" 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: 15/3

Spun: Z, Medium twist, Ply S, 3 ply (looks like Commercial spun)

Dye: None, White

Pantone Color: Cloud Dancer, #11-4201 tpx

Ends/Inch: 20

Warp Yarn 2: Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 12/2

Spun: Z, possibly 2 ply – badly felted

Dye: Blue

Pantone Color: Blue Depths, #19-3940 tpx

Ends/Inch: 20

Weft Yarn 1: Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 15/3

Spun: Z, Medium twist, Ply S, 3 ply (looks like Commercial spun)

Dye: None, White

Pantone Color: Cloud Dancer, #11-4201 tpx

Ends/Inch: 20

Weft Yarn 2: Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 12/2

Spun: Z, possibly 2 ply – badly felted

Dye: Blue

Pantone Color: Blue Depths, #19-3940 tpx

Ends/Inch: 20

Edge: Hemmed top and bottom white toward the blue. Hand stitched with sewing thread.

Border: Integrated, not the same motif, bottom motif is flowers, side motif is eagles. Corner motif identification of Muir family of weavers and has woven in date of 1847. This weaving group wove dates to read top, middle right, middle left and then bottom for 1847.

Weaving: Pattern squared: Yes

Borders mitered: No
Threading errors: No
Treadling errors: No
Even beat: Yes
Panels match: Yes, hand sewn

Condition: Shows some wear. Differential shrinkage; white not shrunk as much; blue is felted and shows much wear.

Place of Origin: Indiana

Circa: 1847.

Date Received by museum: May 3, 1969, Gift

Donor: Helen E. Beresford

Weaver: Muir Family

Inscription: Weaver's corner block with date 1847

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

“Blue and white coverlid described by the donor as follows: woven by Elizabeth Van Nuys in 1847, given to her granddaughter, Helen Elizabeth Beresford, in 1916. Elizabeth Van Nuys made this and two other coverlids for her dowry when she married Mr. Williams. The coverlid is about 62” x 74” and has the American eagle pattern in the border.”

Museum History: Storage: 3-5 bin 5

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. 195-196

Heisey, J.W. *A Checklist of American Coverlet Weavers*. Williamsburg, VA: Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. 1978. ISBN 0-87935-048-2/ pp. 89, 91

Shein, J.D. *Coverlets and the Spirit of America*. Atglen, PA: Schiffer. 2002. ISBN 0-7643-1660-5. pp. 90-91, Coverlet 40