

## **Coverlets in the Pioneers Museum**

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### **Coverlet Catalogue # 1129**

**Date of Documentation:** November 27, 2006

**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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