

Coverlets in the Pioneers Museum

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Coverlet Catalogue # 60-49

Date of Documentation: December 11, 2006

Weave Structure: Double Weave

Type: Figured and fancy

Grid: Central medallion

Size: 88.7" length x 82" width. (Dimensions are an average of at least three measurements in both directions.)

Number of Panels: 1

Probable Loom Type: Jacquard

Warp Yarn 1: Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 15/2

Spun: Z, Tight twist, S ply, 2 plies, Loosely plied, Commercial spun

Dye: dyed commercially

Pantone Color: Black Iris, #19-3921 tpx

Ends/Inch: 20, 40 total

Warp Yarn 2: Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 15/3

Spun: Z, Loosely twisted, Ply S, 3 ply, Commercial spun

Dye: None, Natural

Pantone Color: Turtle Dove #12-5202 tpx

Ends/Inch: 20, 40 total

Weft Yarn 1: Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 15/2

Spun: Z, Tight twist, S ply, 2 plies, Loosely plied, Commercial spun

Dye: dyed commercially

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Edge: Both sides selvage, top and bottom hemmed, no fringe

Border: Integrated, not the same motif.

Weaving: Pattern squared: Yes

Borders mitered: N/A

Threading errors: No

Treadling errors: No

Even beat: Yes

Panels match: NA

Condition: Shows some wear; many mends

Place of Origin: Palmyra, New York

Circa: 1849

Date Received by museum: May 27, 1960, Gift

Estimated Value upon receipt: \$12 for insurance

Donor: Mrs. T. S. Barnes (Bessie T.) & Miss Genevieve Turner

Weaver: James Van Ness

Inscription: On bottom hem: "Laura E. Boynton Woven at Palmyra, N.Y. By J. Van Ness", each corner has an eagle and "E Pluribus Unum 1849 "

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

"Blue and white, coverlid with the following legend woven in: Woven at Palmyra, N.Y. By J. Van Ness; Laura E. Boynton. There is a large American Eagle and the words E Pluribus Unum. This coverlid belonged in the Turner family.

Analysis Speculation: A professionally woven jacquard double weave coverlet using natural indigo blue dye. Van Ness – James Van Ness of Palmyra, NY. Born in NY, 1816.

Museum History: Storage: 3-5 Bin 5

Display (Dates/Venue): case #33

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

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