

Coverlets in the Pioneers Museum

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Coverlet Catalogue # 84-58-1

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Weave Structure: Double Weave

Type: Figured & fancy

Grid: Horizontal/vertical

Size: 85" length x 70.4" 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: 18/3

Spun: Z, Tight twist, Three Ply, Plied S, Commercially Spun

Dye: None, Natural

Pantone Color: Angora, #12-0605 tpx

Ends/Inch: 18 each layer

Warp Yarn 2: Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 18/2

Spun: Z, Medium twist, Two Ply, Plied S, Commercially Spun

Dye: Commercially dyed

Pantone Color: Black Iris, #19-3921 tpx

Ends/Inch: 18 each layer

Weft Yarn 1: Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 18/3

Spun: Z, Tight twist, Three Ply, Plied S, Commercially Spun

Dye: None, Natural

Pantone Color: Angora, #12-0605 tpx

Ends/Inch: 18 each layer

Weft Yarn 2: Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 18/2

Spun: Z, Medium twist, Two Ply, Plied S, Commercially Spun

Dye: Commercially dyed

Pantone Color: Black Iris, #19-3921 tpx

Ends/Inch: 18 each layer

Edge: Bottom fringed, Top bound with tape

Border: Integrated, double on three sides, bound on top

Weaving: Pattern squared: Yes

Borders mitered: Yes

Threading errors: No
Treading errors: No
Even beat: Yes
Panels match: Yes, hand sewn

Condition: Poor, Skips in Border and on bottom and middle due to Jacquard card problem, blue yarn very felted, Photographed upside down due to damage at top of coverlet.

Place of Origin: Parke City, Indiana.

Circa: 1840s-1860s

Date Received by museum: June 22, 1984, Gift

Donor: Mr. Robert W. McClain

Street Address: 1831 N. Tejon

City: Colorado Springs

State: Colorado

County: El Paso

Weaver: William Kerns (or Kearns)

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

“White and indigo reversible wool and cotton. Jacquard weaving of floral and geometric medallion patterns with double border of rose patterns.

Circa – 1840s to 1860s

Fringed along top and possibly along the bottom at one time.

All hand stitched down center

Meas. – 87” long x 70” wide

Brought to Colorado Springs from Indiana by donor’s mother.

Condition is good to fair. Lower section shows much wear, some holes and broken threads, end is unraveled.

Top edge reinforced with white cotton strip for hanging.”

Museum History: Storage: 4-2-5-6

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. p. 180

Heisey, J.W. *A Checklist of American Coverlet Weavers*. Williamsburg, VA: Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. 1978. ISBN 0-87935-048-2. p. 75

Montgomery, P. *Indiana Coverlet Weavers and Their Coverlets*. Indianapolis: Hoosier Heritage Press. 1974. pp. 62-63