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Title Candlewick Bed Covering

Date 1824

Primary Maker Esther M. C. Peck

Medium Embroidery; cotton yarn (three-ply), cotton thread on a compound-weave cotton ground

Description Candlewick bed covering, consisting of a single layer of compound-weave cotton decorated with embroidered three-ply cotton yarn; the bed covering is embroidered with the inscription "Esther C. Peck's Counterpane made in the year 1824". The candlewick decoration consists of a geometric star

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design at the center surrounded by four baskets, or flowerpots, with a spray of

flowers; these are surrounded by four concentric borders of alternating

undulating geometric designs and evenly spaced sprays of flowers with small

designs incorporating hearts. Above the top geometric border is the inscription.

This is all surrounded by a pair of borders, each consisting of three parallel lines;

these borders are separated by a border of evenly spaced designs alternating

between eight-pointed stars and four hearts forming a flower, or four-leaf

clover. The sides and bottom edge of the bed covering have a cotton fringe. The

bed covering is constructed of three panels of compound-weave cotton; these

are hand-stitched together at the selvedge. The top and bottom edges of the

ground have a double-turned hem; each side edge of the bed covering ends at

the selvedge. The candlewick design is formed with a rope stitch. Condition: The

top edge of of the bed covering, both front and back, have accumulated light

amounts of dirt. There is a darker brown stain at the top center back of the

ground. The back of the ground has strips and blocks of yellowing and

accumulations of dirt along former fold lines, especially at the left side.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 98 1/2 x 92in. (250.2 x 233.7cm)