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Title Candlewick Bed Covering

Date 1820

Primary Maker Thankful Stanton

Medium Embroidery; cotton yarn (two-ply), cotton thread and silk threads on a plain-woven linen ground

Description Candlewick bed covering, consisting of a single layer of plain-woven linen decorated with embroidered two-ply cotton yarn; the bed covering is embroidered with the name "Thankful Williams" at the top and the date "1820" at the bottom. The candlewick decoration consists of a basket of flowers in the center; large fanciful flowers extend from the basket, covering a large area in the center of the bedcovering. At each corner is a cornucopia, also with large flowers and fruit extending onto the bedcovering. Each side of the bed covering has a border of embroidered leaves. The plain-woven cotton ground is constructed of two panels that are hand-stitched together at the center; the selvedge of each panel is at the center of the bed covering. All four edges of the ground are folded under and finished with a whip stitch; the embroidered border extends onto the 7/8-inch hem. The candlewick design is formed with a running stitch; additional stitches include seed and darning. The letters "LTi" are hand-stitched in pink silk threads onto the lower left corner of the bedcovering; these letters are formed using cross stitch (over two). Condition: The ground and embroidery have stained in very specific patterns: across the top edge, up and down each panel, and in an arch around the lower left and right corners. The ground has scattered

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rust spots and small areas of splits and tears. Small areas of the ground are repaired with darning stitches, specifically at the bottom left center edge.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 110 1/2 x 102 1/2in. (280.7 x 260.4cm)