

Basic Detail Report

Title Wholecloth Quilt

Date 1808

Medium Hand-stitched, twill-woven glazed wool (calamanco), plain-woven wool, wool batting, and worsted thread

Description Wholecloth quilt consisting of a dark blue, twill-woven glazed worsted wool, or calamanco, top; an interior layer of wool batting; and a domestically-produced, plain-woven, gold wool backing. These three layers are hand-stitched together with dark blue worsted thread in an elaborate quilted pattern. The quiltmaker's name, "Betsey Payne", and the date, "1808", are stitched into the pattern at the top edge of the quilt. The quilted pattern has a pomegranate or artichoke in the center. Above this are leaves on vines and a pair of pears. Below the artichoke are three sprays of leaves. The artichoke has a spray of leaves to either side. Both sides and the bottom of the quilt have a border of slanted lobes, or leaves. The background consists of a field of diagonal lines. The quilt top consists of four panels of calamanco. The backing consists of three large panels of plain-woven, gold wool and at least two additional strips of the same fabric. All four edges of the quilt are finished with a knife edge.

Condition: The glazing on the calamanco has worn unevenly. There is some minor discoloration on the quilt top. Small and medium-sized holes and tears are scattered across the blue calamanco and have been repaired with dark blue thread. There are scattered small holes on the back of the quilt.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width): 90 x 87in. (228.6 x 221cm)