

Basic Detail Report

Title Whitework Quilt

Date 1820-1840

Medium Plain-woven white cotton, cotton thread, tape

Description Whitework quilt consisting of a white cotton top and backing, with batting between, that have been hand-stitched together in an elaborate quilted pattern. The quilted pattern consists of a small cluster of vines with grapes inside an oval medallion in the center. This is surrounded by a border of scalloped vines with leaves, a square border of intertwined vines and a wide border containing an undulating and scrolled vine with leaves. The background inside the square border is filled in with crossing diagonal lines; the background of the wide border is filled in with parallel, diagonal lines. The top and backing of the quilt each consist of three widths of plain-woven cotton that are sewn together. The edges of the quilt are finished with white tape. Condition: The quilt has yellowed unevenly with additional yellowing along the creases. There are light brown stains scattered on both sides of the quilt. The quilt has a few areas of loss to the quilted threads. The stuffing has disintegrated leaving very little definition to the quilted pattern.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 90 1/2 x 89 3/4in. (229.9 x 228cm)