Basic Detail Report

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 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)