

Basic Detail Report



Martha Shearer's Coverlet

Date

1830

Medium

Cotton

Description

Jacquard-woven double cloth coverlet in blue and natural cotton. Central ground consists of medallions made of roses, clovers, and leaves arranged in rows, with smaller

leafy medallions between them. Side borders are made up of blocks with eagles holding arrows, flanked by monkeys and human figures, and surrounded by Masonic pillars. Bottom border has the same eagles but with double heads, with Independence Halls between them and a row of stars and clovers above; "Martha Shearer" is woven above bottom border, and corners are woven with "AMERIC / AN INDE / PENDEN / CE DECL / ARED JU / LY 4 1776 / WOVE / INI 1830". (The N in "INI" is backward.) Blue and natural fringe at bottom.

Dimensions

Overall: 80 × 86 1/2 in. (203.2 × 219.7 cm) (90 in. long with fringe)