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THE ANTIQUE DETECTIVE

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Many Techniques Used In Early Coverlets

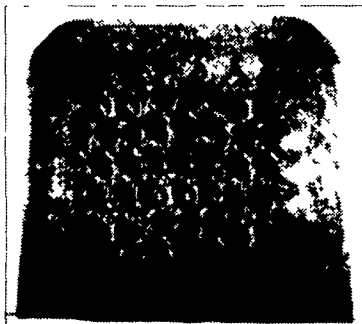
The ongoing interest in quilts and quilt-making has resulted in many early and unusual examples coming to market, some dating to the late 18th century. A recent Skinner auction included a pieced and quilted linsey woolsey coverlet, c.1780.

Several techniques were used including crewel work. It wasn't identified as American or English. A paper tag had only the maker's name, "Annie Brown, c.1780."

Quite colorful and measuring 84 1/2" x 92", even with some damage it was estimated at \$1,200-1,500.

Apparently the buyer who paid a whopping \$14,950 knew something the auction house didn't. Or, perhaps it was identified as of American origin. Other

coverlets and textiles sold in the low hundreds. These and other items auctioned were part of a 70-year collection belonging to Paul and Margaret Weld of Connecticut.



Linsey-woolsey coverlet c.1780, sold at Skinner Auctions for \$14,950. Photo by Skinner Auction Gallery, Boston/Bolton, Mass.

Clues: While there are few bargains in early coverlets these days, you never know when you'll make a discovery...perhaps in your own attic. Begin by knowing history, materials used and techniques.

Let's analyze the coverlet that sold for \$14,950. Linsey-Woolsey is a fabric made using two threads; one wool, the other linen. The result was a coarse fabric with the top a plain dyed color, such as raspberry, pink or light blue. The backs were either left natural or dyed gold or yellow. The final result was layered with carded wool, then finished off with detailed quilted motifs, such as feathers, hearts and flowers. Crewel work examples can be recognized by stylized floral designs. Others included cornucopia, crossed diagonal designs. Unlike the more familiar quilt forms, linsey-woolsey coverlets are heavy and large.

The weaving of wool and linen was done in both English and American Colonial homes before the Revolutionary War. After that cotton became the material of choice. So, using the above

clues, the linsey-woolsey coverlet that sold at auction had all of the proper attributes. Chances that it is an American textile rarity are good since the collectors were knowledgeable and devoted years to the research of their collections.

Woven coverlets of another type were made on looms in designs after the Colonial housewife had spun the wool. How attractive they were depended on the talent of their maker. Considered choice these days are those with stylized motifs, signed, and dated. These designs ranged from animals to houses, flowering trees, and even farm scenes.

The colors were developed from dyes made by the housewife from various plants in her garden. An exception was indigo. It was desirable

since the dark blue color didn't fade. Many linsey-woolsey coverlets of that early time used indigo.

Patterns for weaving were on paper that was handed down from family to family. Over the years, new touches were added until the original pattern all but disappeared.

By the early 19th century, much of the weaving was done (Turn to Page B25)

"Horst Auction Center" PUBLIC SALE

FINE ANTIQUES, HOUSEHOLD GOODS, COLLECTIBLES, PRIMITIVES, WOODWORKING TOOLS
SAT., FEB. 10, 2001 AT 9 A.M.

Sale to be held at the Horst Auction Center, located at the corner of Rt. 322 & Durlach Rd. (approx. 2 1/2 miles west of Ephrata), Ephrata, Lancaster Co., PA.

FURNITURE: FINE CHERRY DUTCH CUPBOARD; 1789 WALNUT BLANKET CHEST (w/Bracket Feet, Grabber Lock & Strap Hinges); WALNUT PIN TOP FARM TABLE (w/2 Drawers & Stretcher Base); Grain Blanket Chest; Dry Sink; Set of Decorated Plank Chairs (w/Original Decorations); Barroom Chair; Cherry One Drawer Stand; Walnut Dropleaf Table; Open Washstand; VICTORIAN - FINE WALNUT CYLINDER ROLLTOP DESK; Walnut Pump Organ; Ornate Carved Sofa; Eastlake Mirrors; Marble Table; Slipper Chairs; Finger Carved Love Seats; Fine Empire Sofa; OAK - Stacked File Cabinet; Child's Rolltop Desk; Washstand; Oak Hoosier Kitchen Set; Cottage Dresser; Cane Chairs; Wooden Cupboard; MAHOGANY - 5 Pc. Bedroom Suite; Love Seat & Stool; Desk; Music Cabinet; Spool Bed; Corner What-Not Shelves; Needlepoint Footstool; Child's Wicker Rocker; Cedar Chair; Canvas Trunk; Chest Of Drawers; Channel Back Chair; 9' Antique Wooden Bar; Wicker Love Seat & Chair; Porch Bench;

APPLIANCES: Office Equipment (Computer w/Software); Cookware; Set Of Pfaltzgraff; Brass Saxophone; Clarinet; Lamps; Bureau Lamps; KEROSENE GONE w/WIND LAMP; Walnut Mantel Clock; Gingerbread Clock; Fireplace Andiron; Coffee Grinder; Inkwell; Match Safe; Flat Irons; Sterling Candleholders; Castor Sets; Brass Candlesticks; Brass Bucket; COPPER APPLE BUTTER (w/Tripod); Enterprise Sausage Stuffer; Adv. Tins; Iron Bulldog; Agate Milk Pail; Fine Double String Of Sleigh Bells.

CHINA & GLASSWARE: Lg. Transfer Staff Platter; Staff. Soup Bowls & Tureen; Hist. Blue Plate; Flow Blue; Marbleized Ironstone Platter; ABC Plates; Blue Willow; Stick Spatter; 1909 Calendar Plate; Fine China Serving Bowls; China Berry Set; Nippon Salt Cellars, Bone China; Fiestaware; Jardinieres & Planters; Stoneware Jar; Crocks & Jugs; DECORATED STONEWARE PITCHER; Redware Mug; Redware Crocks & Turshhead Slipware Pie Plate; Roseville Opalescent; Carnival Glass (Fine Dk. Blue Water Set, Peacock Cream & Sugar, Stag & Holly Bowl); Mercury Glass; Glass Baskets; Pressed & Pattern Glass; Collection Of Colored Glass; Tree Of Life Bottle; Cobalt Blue Tumbler, Kerosene Lamps.

LINENS: Fine Show Towel (1852); Initialed Towels; Berlin Work; Hooked Rug; Wilton Room Rug; Splint Basket; Post Cards; Reverse Paintings; Gilded Mirrors; Prints; Currier & Ives Prints; Bessie Gutman Print; Express Wagon, Sled; Marble Roller; Dolls; Doll Trunk & Clothing; Cradle.

TOOLS: 20" Planer; Dewalt 12" Radial Arm Saw; 6" Jointer; Band Saw; 10" Contractor Saw; Combination Miter Saw; Grizzley Spindle Shaper; Dust Collector; Lincoln Welder; Emglo Air Compressor; Senco Nail Guns; Floor Nailer; Scaffolding; 20' Alum. Plank; Ladder; Pump Jacks; Alum. Break; Wood Splitter; Hand Tools; Wheelbarrow, Anvil; Antique Work Bench; Sm. Wood Fork; Iron Troughs; Orchard Baskets; Antique Mantels, Wooden Shutters; Antique Hardware.

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DIRECTIONS: From Harrisburg travel North on Rts 11&15 Just north of Liverpool, turn left onto Rt 104 Continue to Middleburg, and turn left or southwest on Rt 522 Proceed to just outside of Beaver Springs, and turn left onto Rt 235 Take the first left, auction just ahead on the right Signs posted

FINE COLLECTION OF ANTIQUE TOOLS (Selling at 4:00 pm)

5 Goose Wing Axes, Some with Decoration Spoke & Tennon Cutters Broad Axes, Single & Double Bitted Axes, Bearded Axes, Ice Axes, Fire Axes, Trade Axes, Mortising Axes; Hatchets, Adzes, Slicks & Chisels, Corner Chisels, Draw Knives, Froes, Bark Spuds, Wooden Planes, Metal Planes, Wooden Screw & Taps, Leather Splitter, Hand Forged Travelers, Early Hand Made Claw Hammers, Ice Saw, Breast Drills, Levels, Cut Nails, Lg Wooden Clamps, Early Wooden Sleds, 2 Ox Yokes, Spinning Wheel, Flax Break; Yarn Winder, Chicken Crate, Early Bobbin Winder, Wooden Forks, Iron Cast Train Switches, Early RR Couplers, Lots of Hand Forged Tools & Blacksmith Items, (Many Tools are Multiplex)

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Several Quilts & Comforts, Violin in Case, Boxes of Post Cards, **Wicker Baby Carriage Made in Northumberland PA**; Waterbury Cast Shelf Clock, Pat 1890, (12) Nonpareil Flow Blue Saucers, Oak Machinist Tool Box, (10) Nonpareil Flow Blue Sauce Dishes, Deep Walnut Frame, Mahogany Ogee Mirror, Christmas Decorations, Rag Rug Runners, Milk Cans, **Early Drawer for Desk, signed Baltimore, 1789**; Shreve & Co Brass Clock, San Francisco, Oriental Vase Table Lamp, (2) Lennox Stuffed Table Lamps, **6' Chinese Coramandel 4 Panel Dressing Screen**; Native American Ax Heads, Prints, Sinkers, Pot Shards, Civil War Prints, **Shirley Temple Collection**: 15+ 8x10 Photos, Books to include The Little Colonel, The Story of Shirley Temple, The Real Little Girl, Shirley Temple at Play, The Shirley Temple Story, Shirley Temple & The Screaming Specter, Shirley Temple Mirror & Other Memorabilia, 1756-1956 Ft August Flag, Wooden Cigar Box, Ladies Old Hats, Sunbury Opera House Program, Sm Hand Crank Generator, Leather Bound Studded Brass Clasp Photo Album & Photos, Middleswarth Can, Cast Grinders, Sad Irons, Jim Beam Bottles, Shoe Lathe, Cast Fry Pans, 5 Gal Steel Can, Cast Floor Registers, Hog Scrapers, Scapple Pans, Slaw Board, TW Barn Scoop, Old Golf Clubs, Ice Tongs, Beer Trays & Ads Pepsi Cases, Graniteware, Slate, Buttons, Banjo, Clock w/Glass Dome, Light Up Santa in Box, 70's Posters, Milk Bottles, Coo-Coo Clock, Mantel Clock w/Reverse Painting Black Man & Woman Canister Set, **Winchester Model 70, 30-06 w/Scope, Pre-64**; Old Sewing Machine in Case, Crystal Ball from Rolling Green Park, Cradle, High Chair, One Drawer Stand, Set of 6 Cane Bottom Chairs, 3 Foot Stool, School Desk Seat, Windsor Chair, Swivel Desk Chair, Smoke Stand, Bamboo Umbrella Stand, Asst of Lamps, Prints & Frames, Atlases, Lg Photos of American Rockets, Crocks, Jugs, & Bowls, Shock Machine in Wood Box, Videos of Sunbury I&II by Penn Valley, Yard Sticks, Savory Roaster, Hammered Aluminum, Wooden Folk Art Horse, Several Lg Oak & Gilded Frames, Insect Collection, Metal Stroller & Baby Buggy, Boker Coffee Tin, Games Gilbert's Chemistry Set, Microscope & Lab Set, Tool Box & Tools, Porter Biology Lab Kit, Rubber Horse Shoes, Prince Valiant Castle/Fort w/Box, Pom-Pom Gun by Remco in Box, Lincoln Logs, Ball Bats, Tinker Toys, Globes, Raggedy Ann & Andy Cante Holders & Dresser Scarves, Urkle Doll, 1978 Richie Rich & Gloria Comic, NG Binghamen Troxelville Pin Cushion, Phillip Morris Tin, Benfer Furniture, Mattel Music Box, St James & Messiah Lutheran Churches Tiles, J A Gill, Ewing Motors, Kline's Service Station, Hohner Movie Organ, Shaving Mug, Fishing License from 34, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 51, 53, 54, 55, 74, 75, German Vegetable Bowl, McDonald's Batman Mug, Lincoln Bottle Bank, Candy Containers, Hall's Fall Pattern Salt & Pepper, Cast Bull Dog, Dafly Duck, Davy Crocket Glass, Mounty Tin, Post Cards & Albums, Local Photo & Holiday Cards, Beaded Coin Purse, Jewelry, Toppy Mimi cards, Elvis Fan Club Pin, Peter Cotton Tin Musical Basket, Box Car Elvis Cards, Rox & Dale Cards, A-Team Cards, Bear Rug w/Head, World Books w/Year Book 65-Present, 25 Vol Handyman Books, 17 Vol Better Homes & Gardens Cook Bood, Writing Slate.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Dark Cherry Bedroom Suite w/Chest on Chest, Vanity, & 2 Night Stands (no bed), Pine Dinette Set w/6 Chairs, Modern Bedroom Suite Twin Beds, Dresser, Vanity, Chest of Drawers, & Night Stand, 50's Bedroom Suite, New Color TV w/Keyboard, Web Compatible, 4 Drawer File Cabinet, Metal Safe Cabinet, Record Players, Sewing Stand, White Sewing Machine, Sofa & Chair, Misc Furniture, Floor Model TV, Humidifier, Lloyds Chairs, Service for 12 Smith/Phillip "Princess" Pattern, Service for 12 from Soap Powder, Bedding, Pots & Pans.

ITEMS FROM LEBOS COMMERCIAL BAKERS

Hobart Commercial Mixer, 1/3 hp Md A200, Kopy Kake Projector w/Lots of Pie Plates, Cake Pans, Ateco Cake Wheel, Cake Molds, Black & Decker Electric Lawn Mower (like new), 6 Lamb & Rabbit Cake Molds, Bounce Back Screen for Soccer, Craftsman Lawn Sweeper, Toro Power Shovel, Reel Lawn Mower, Tree Lopper, Lawn & Garden Tools, Wooden Tool Box & Tools, Magnesium Step Ext Ladder.

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Model T factory conversion tractor; hit'n miss engine on cart; early cast iron Marina engine; Maytag 2 cylinder engine; 2 cylinder engine; metal signs; Farm Supplies, Industrial Equipment, Pepsi, 2 sided Snow Mobile, 2 sided Kensington Thrift Stamps, Firestone, lg. PA Railroad, chain saw & other signs & advertisements; 2 gas water pumps; cast iron power wheel; cast iron spool winder; small printing press; 2 picture frame guillotines; 45 picture frame vises; saw mill blade; push dandelion cutter; early push mower; wooden electric heater; stone chisels & hammer; Aerofog generator; lg. tailor scissors; cast iron tape dispenser; tuning fork set; steam whistle; shoe sole cutting set; early melting pot; US Internal Revenue 4' bar scale; oak machinist chest; hand pump vacuum cleaner; Regina Pneumatic Cleaner, unusual vise; asst. odd jacks; Elsie Smith typewriter in case; brass barrel bong; asst. glass & porcelain light shades; folding platform scale; Dictaphone in oak case; Hamilton Beach mixer in box; New Era Check Writer; cast money stamp; 2 cast brass American Automatic Aliner receipt machine; 1-6 Bell Telephone truck models; hand crank tin Home Dry Cleaner; 2 cast iron asbestos shingle cutters; lg. hand crank seeder; 2 hand oil sprinklers; hand crank hard rubber tire replacer for pedal cars, wagons, buggies w/3 rolls rubber; 4' Landis shoe anvil w/heads; porcelain lined sausage maker; wagon jacks; Keystone & AAA emblems; post lamp; rocking horse plane; small hand planes; 6" plane; wooden planes; wooden slide rules; 8 nail pickers; butcher knives, 2' wooden level; railroad spike puller; lg selection construction books, magazines, tool catalogs, literature; 3 sets casters; cast iron body lead mold; early palm latches; waffle iron; commercial mixer, hand yard tools; books; literature; early dealer catalogs; early hardware; ice tongs; early wooden winder; hand operated Model T jockey dolly; York jack; winch; 6' chain saw; automobile books; early exercise equipment; mechanical exercise chair, rowing machine, wall mount exerciser, 2 exercise bicycles, weights; treadle sewing machine; & much more hardware & tools not mentioned.

Preview on Friday, February 16 at 6-8 p.m.

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