

Basic Detail Report



Rug

Date

c. 1911

Primary Maker

Navajo

Medium

Wool and pigment

Description

This rug was made at JB Moore's Crystal Trading Post in New Mexico. Moore is credited with commercializing the Navajo rugs sold at his post in two mail order catalogs published in 1903 and 1911. These catalogs featured plates of the rugs and designs potential buyers could order. In total, Moore produced 31 plates. Even though the plates allowed customers to choose their designs, Moore made it clear in the catalogs that the plates were only suggestive of the type of rug and designs the customer would receive. This resulted in rugs with many different variations on the original designs published in the plates. This rug is a variation on plate XXIV. Many of Moore's designs draw heavily from Oriental rugs. The motifs seen on this rug happen to be characteristic of Navajo textiles though, particularly the water bug motif seen throughout.

Dimensions

38 × 58 in. (96.5 × 147.3 cm)