

Dog Tapis¹

“Li tapis” or tuppies, as they were commonly known are blankets made out of wool or felt, decorated and used to cover a dog driver’s team. These blankets would be decorated with brightly beaded or silk embroidered floral designs, accented with silk ribbons and bells.

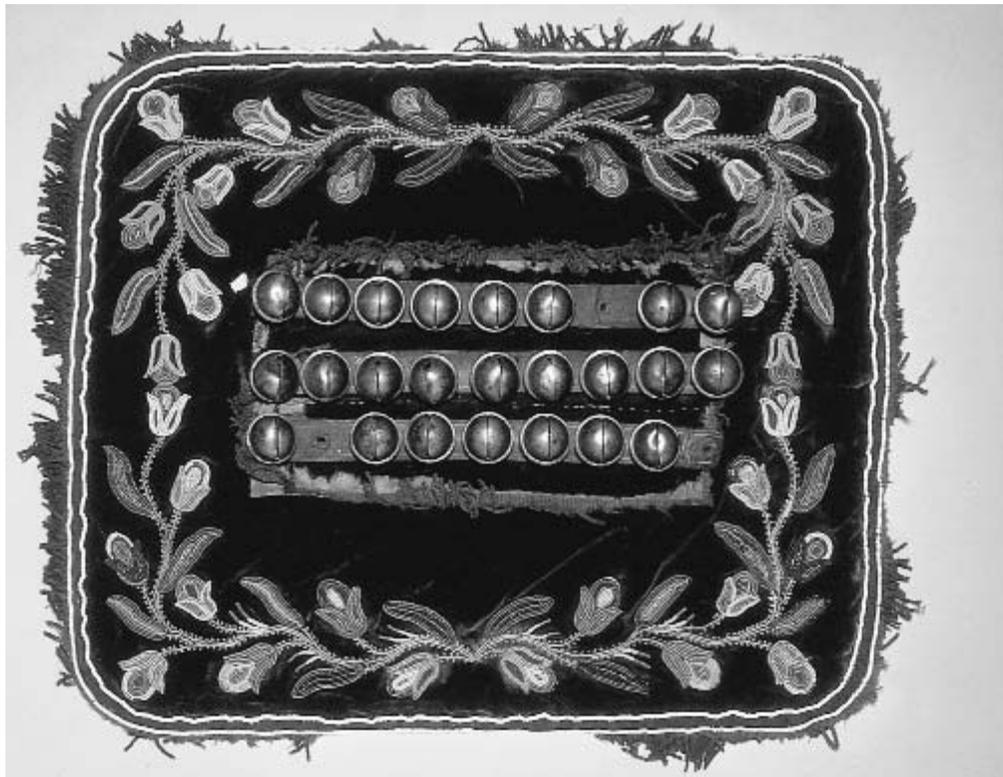


Note the dogs are wearing tuppies and the standing irons on their harness are decorated with pom poms and ribbons.



Dog blanket: Smithsonian 161665.000; Gwich'in/Metis

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Dog team with decorated standing irons on harness at Prince Albert c. 1900, T.H.J. Chambury, photographer, Saskatchewan Archives Board S-B11843



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