

## Brief History of LeClerc Loom

This LeClerc Nilus loom was purchased by my father, Dr. Leland Learned, in the mid-to late 1970s. Dad was a highly respected anesthesiologist at LDS Hospital and was a true “Renaissance Man.” He wove beautiful pieces, knit (argyle socks were a specialty!), baked bread, ground his own telescope lens, read calculus books for fun, enjoyed the arts...especially the symphony and opera...and would take on just about any new project. Tragically, he drowned at age 63 in a snorkeling accident while on a cruise to the Bahamas in 1983.

I inherited his loom which was put in storage for several years. I was teaching and didn't have time to take weaving lessons until I retired. Once we put the loom in our home, I took weaving classes from Deanna Baugh at Three Wishes in West Jordan. I loved weaving as it was so relaxing but I only did simple things...pillows and place mats.

When I got involved in volunteer work with the Assistance League of Salt Lake City, there just wasn't time to weave and I had forgotten much of what I'd learned in my classes. So, the loom has been unused for several years.

I am truly delighted that it's new home will be with Ellza Coyle at Alta and that it will be used to teach others the joy of weaving. I know it will be loved and cared for and the Alta connection is so important to our family. Best of all, Dad would be thrilled!

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