

Overshot Coverlet. Red Orange + Green Brown = 1860

Unattributed Weaver

Prince Edward Co.
or Lennox & Addington Co.

Well matched centre seam.

I couldn't resist this dramatic and colourful
overshot coverlet even though it has some surface losses.
The pattern is called 'Sunrise' or 'Sunburst' and
has been seen in Quebec's eastern townships and
in southern Ontario. Reference: Keep The Warm One Tight by
Burnham "246" & "247". This example has a simplified
and very colourful impression.

It appears to be an example from the second
quarter of the nineteenth century with soft double ply
wool weft creating a full texture and surface. The
dramatic orange red suggests access to commercial
dyes (strong uniform). The brown-green may be a natural
dye that has lost some of the original green through
fading and time. The simplified variation also suggests
a later date. (Burnham suggest it is known in Ontario.
I have seen examples but mostly in Eastern Ontario).

Condition Fair to good. At the upper centre and the

bottom the red orange tables have some losses exposing
the natural cotton warp and weft. The wear to the

bottom fringe also suggest use over many years.

Top fringe (unusual) shows some losses.

Source Broad Snijder Auctions, Napanee. 29-08-21 John & Liliane

Brusley Auction - Lewis Hall. \$111.87

Dimensions 68 1/2" (174cm) W. x 86" (208.5cm) L. not including fringes

The Brusleys purchased this coverlet from Ida & Peggy Williams
Napanee area dealer (near Violet) several years ago.



