

Overshot Coverlet - 1835-45

Unidentified Weaver
Found in Spencerville
Leeds Co

Ref Keeps Me Warm One Night: Burntams
#253, #254

This coverlet was an early find in my textile collecting days - 1976-77. I was taking night school weaving courses at Ontario's Art College Ont. in Toronto and began selecting interesting examples at antique shows and shops. This was purchased from a Spencerville antique dealer who had found it close to home - at the Toronto antique show.

I knew immediately that it was a very early example woven in the optical "Dog Tracks" pattern. Examples have been found Ontario. They tend to be early examples.

This coverlet with moss green wool weft on a natural white cotton warp - darkened with time and use. - The hand spun wool is woven in singles resulting a fine lightweight and excellent draping. Well darned joining two sections.

Condition - Fair - good. The top has been reduced by a half table and salvage used for a repaired block. The side borders have an effective repeat of the centre.

Source: 1976-7 at the Toronto Antique Show - Conference Centre downtown. Purchased from a dealer from Spencerville - friend locally. Little info shared but I knew it was an early overshot example.

Dimensions - 65" (165cm) L x 65" (165cm) W



