

Overshot Coverlet c1875

Caroline Parrish possible weaver
Ontario Fenton Twp.
Victoria County

Ref Barnham's Keep Me Warm One Night #330

This is another dramatic and aesthetically pleasing two piece overshot with expertly matched centre seam. The weft in woolen blue indigo and bright red on a natural white cotton warp. The blue wool is a softer blue than the usual indigo. Hues for these colours were readily available throughout most of the 20th Century.

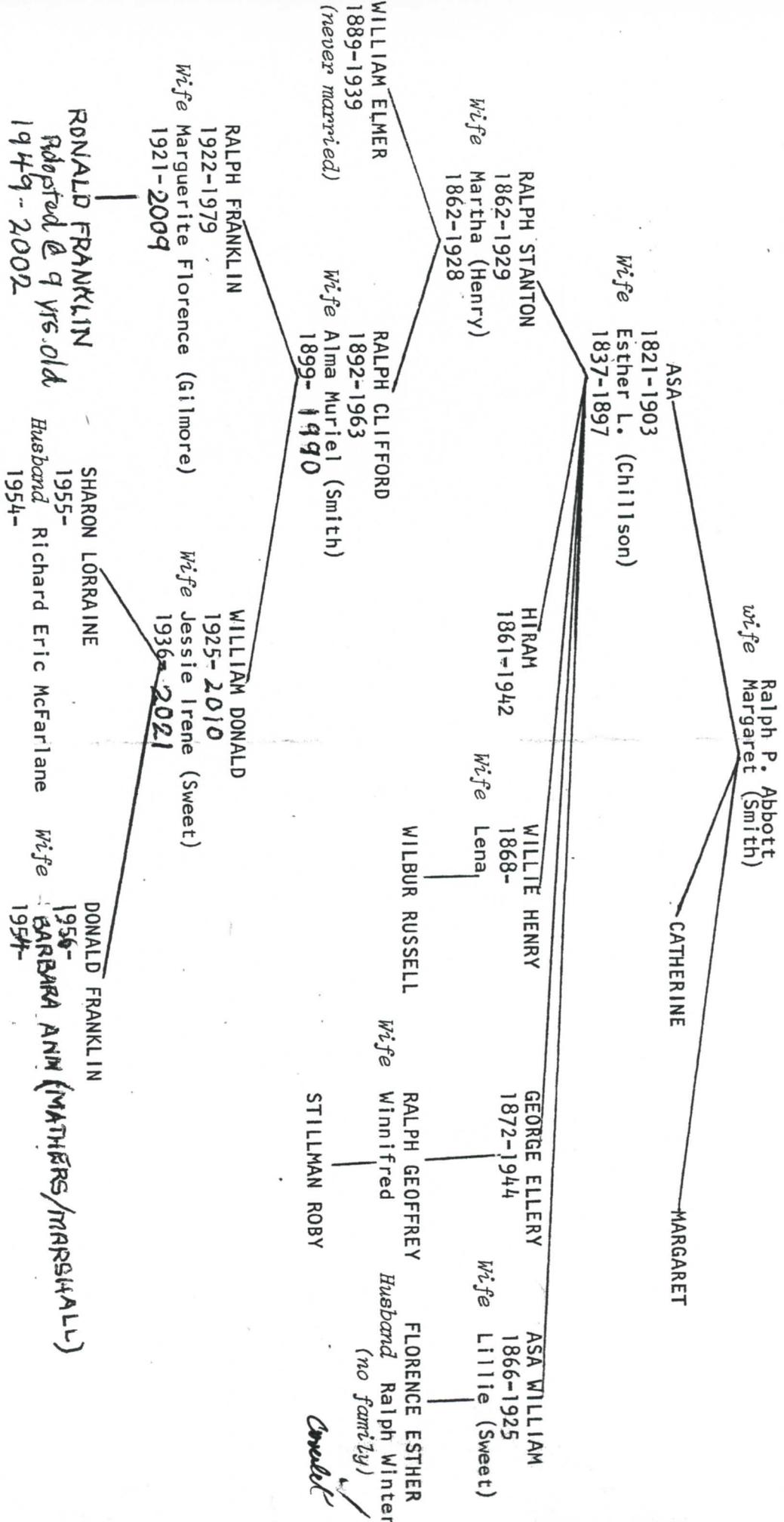
It is a remarkable piece of weaving in as new unwashed condition. A near identical example in the Royal Ontario Museum was woven by Mrs. Caroline Parrish at Powell Corners near Fenton Falls about 1875. The draft of that example is described as a very unusual variation on "Freemason's Felicity". To have another one appear could suggest the same weaver for this example - possible.

This example spent many years in the Emory Hill area of Lennox and Addington County, ^{prior in Mansville, Hastings} once owned by Florence Esther Winter née Abbott. She was born in the area c 1899-7 or 1901 <sup>born in King's Head, RR. #1 Mansville, Hastings Co.,
Tjendinega Township.</sup>

Condition: Excellent in new unwashed, purchased Oct-28-23

& Soine's Indian Auctions, Niagara from Consignor Ron Abbott
\$257.10 No links established between Abbott family and C Parrish's
Dimensions: 83" (211cm) l. with fringe 79 1/2" (202cm) l. without fringe.
66 1/4" (168cm) w. - very similar size to ROM example, making stronger link to Caroline Parrish example.

Florence Abbott b 1901 (or 1899) d. Nov 15 1972 m. Ralph Winter 1933.
The coverlet therefore was woven @ 25 years before her birth and probably passed down from her parents Osa and Lillie (Sweet) Abbott.
This area of L.A. and Hastings Counties had some excellent professional weavers.



NOTE: From Ralph Stanton and Asa William the family tree is complete. For the others, this is all the information I had readily available.

