

Overshot Coverlet c 1870 →

Unidentified Weaver
from Whitechurch, Bruce Co.

Ref. Keep Me Warm One Night, Burnhams
#325

'Freemason's Felicity'
variation pattern

This excellent overshot coverlet speaks of quality in many categories. The condition is "exceptional ex-new". It was found many years ago in Kincardine, Bruce County not far from Whitechurch where several other terrific examples have originated. It certainly appears to be the work of an unidentified mid 19th century weaver who located to Bruce County once settlement occurred in the 1850s. The county was settled by many Scots - probably the origin of the weaver. It is documented that some weavers from the Ontario lake front moved north for new markets after the Grand Trunk Railway came through in 1856 bringing access to woven textiles from the industrial mills of Europe, US & Canadian centres.

The coverlet is woven with red wool for the weft on a semi bleached natural cotton warp. This example has reduced wheels in a variation of 'Freemason's Felicity'. It is very similar to #325 in the ROM collection. This sample has a free field / table repeats with no border variations. It never spent anytime on a bed.

Condition: Excellent including long knotted cotton fringes on the bottom and sides.

Source: Kincardine, Ontario Antique Shop @ 1980. It had been previously purchased from the family of the Kincardine Police Chief.

Dimensions: 84" (214cm) L x 70" (178cm) W. Fringes 5" (13cm) long.



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McKenzie family

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