Overshot Coverlet c 1850

Unidentified Weaver
Lennox & Addington Co
or Prince Edward Co
"Dog Tracks" pattern
poss. Peter Fretz

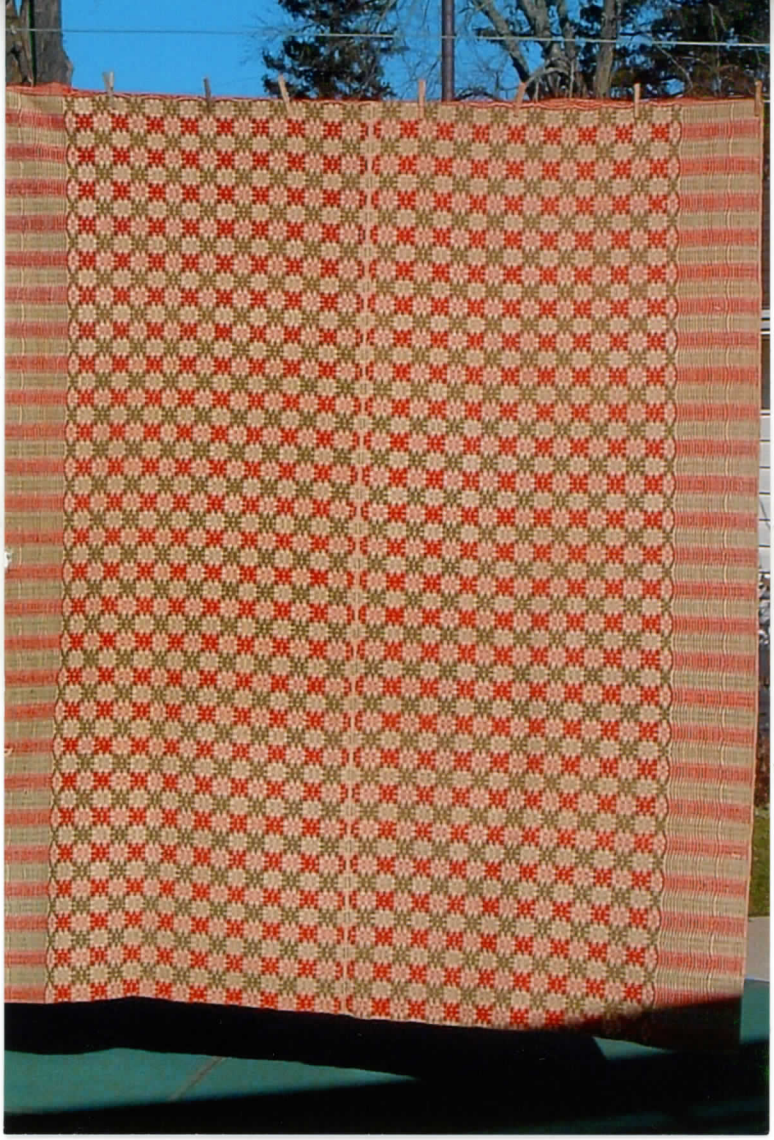
Ref. Keep me Warm One Night Burnhams #297

This is another beautifully woven coverlet found in Lennox & Addington County. The example in the ROM #297 was found in Hallow Township in Prince Edward County. Possibly both excellent examples were woven by the same weaver. Peter Fretz a weaver living just north of Napanee was regarded as an excellent weaver with examples in the ROM collection - no other proof rather than proximity to Strathcona where this piece was in a local collection (Prof. DePoncier.) The borders on the two are different

The coverlet uses olive green and cadmium red wool on a ~~bleached~~ natural cotton warp. The star motifs alternate with a change of colour in each row. The central field switches to a contrasting border on each side. The pattern name "Dog Tracks" was used by the Burnhams in KMWON #297 but it is not recorded in old sources (Abercromie)

Condition: Good - Unfortunately it has a loss to the right front side border. Otherwise it is excellent.

Source: Purchased at the Nan & Doug Alkenbrack contents sale in Napanee. 22-11-13 $56.50? "On Your Behalf" sale coordinator confirmed later that it had come from the DePoncier collection in nearby Strathcona. DePoncier was related to an early UEL family called Davy in the Village of Strathcona - very close to Peter Fretz a 19th weaver documented as a maker of coverlets.

Dimensions: 81" (206cm) l x 69" (176 cm.) w.

Two panels well seamed on a difficult woven ground.