

Overshot Coverlet, c1840?

unidentified Weaver.

Prince Edward County

'Queen's Delight' pattern

Ref. Keep Me Warm One Night, Burnham's

237.

This coverlet is a relatively early and rare find for the collection. I recall (?) that it was found at a Potter Auction in Napanee, in the mid 1980s. (While in Napanee visiting family: I had previously purchased the Samuel Fry coverlet in a similar pattern from Lincoln County Niagara. While located many-kilometers apart they use an early pattern perhaps related to early Loyalist immigrants to both Niagara and Prince Edward Counties.

This coverlet is a simpler variation of Queen's Delight - variation in ROM #236 & #237. The pattern is refined and crisp with high contrast between the blue wool weft and the natural white cotton warp.

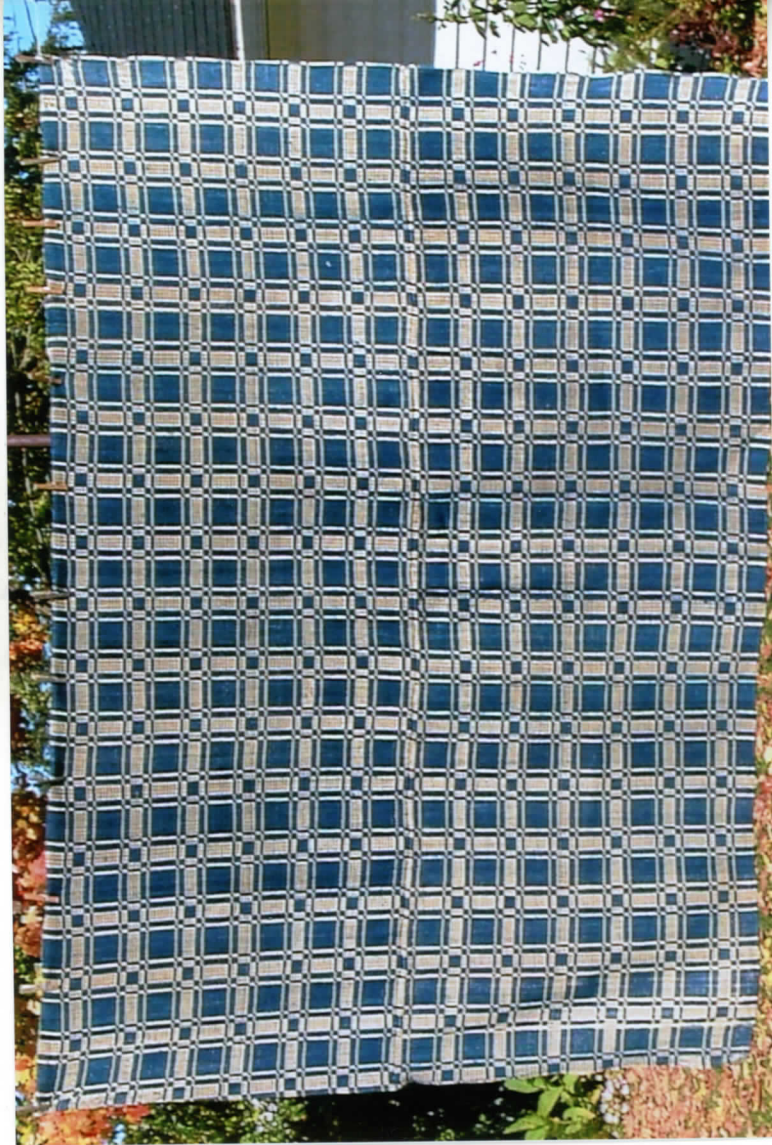
It has an unusual centre seam with a displacement seen on the reverse. This preserves the symmetry at the front. Was this a miscalculation by the weaver?

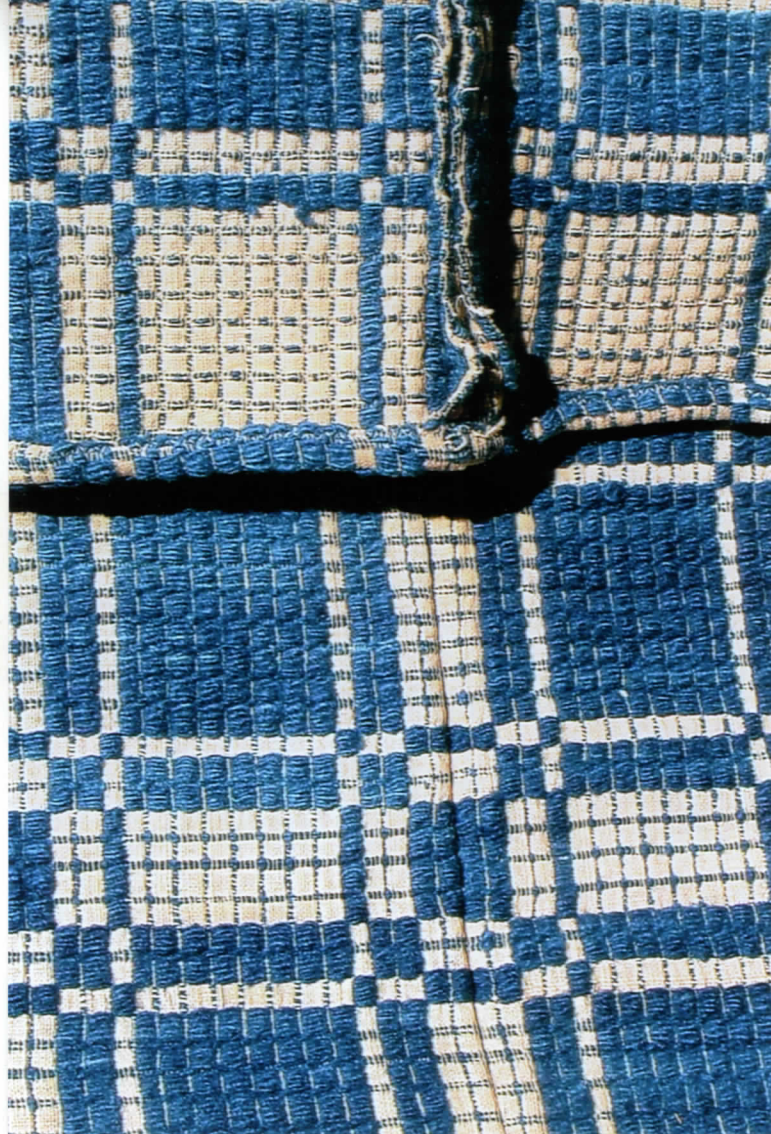
Condition: Very good - obvious age and use with little impact.

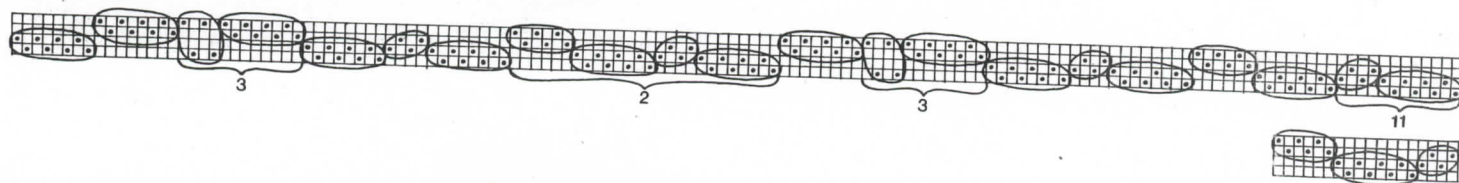
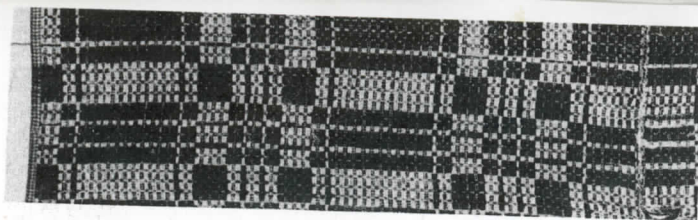
Source: Potter Auction, Napanee from Prince Edward Co Collection, mid 1980's -

Dimensions: 91" (231 cm) L x 64" (162.5 cm) W.

An unusually large sample perhaps commissioned for a large tall post bed of the early 19th c.







237 / Ontario. Waupoos, Prince Edward County.
Mid-19th century ✓
ROM 968.92.1. Gift of Mrs J.H. Crang
Overshot coverlet. L. 242cm, plus fringe; w. 186cm

Indigo blue wool on natural white cotton. In no. 236, the dark and light areas are broken by pairs of warp threads; here the use of single ends produces a more solid design. Patterns of this type appear to have been popular in Prince Edward County: more have been seen there than in any other part of Ontario. The design of the narrow border is unusual and interesting.

