

Overshot Coverlet 1830-40

Ref. Keep Me Warm One Night.
Burnham #310

Unidentified Weaver
found in Adolphustown
Lennox & Addington Co.
No name attached to the
early pattern.

This coverlet represents one of my best early finds. It was purchased about 1975 from Some Other Time Antiques in Streetville (Pul Co.). The dealer David Hamilton Wells had purchased in L.A. a few months before.

As ^{the} Burnham state: the example in the ROM is dated 1800-20 due to use of linen in the warp. The pattern is of special interest as it is the same as that of one of the earliest North American overshot coverlets known. Dated 1784 and probably from near Albany New York. (Collecting Coverlet Guild of America).

It is no surprise that this example and the ROM 310 example were both found in the early Loyalist Settlement founded 1784 at Adolphustown - south Lennox and Addington. The weaver was probably of UEL roots who was familiar with the pattern from New York.

This example has blue (green tinge) ^{red} and brown wool on a natural white cotton warp (suggesting a later date).

"The main motif of stars reverses in alternate repeats to produce a long and tantalizing pattern layout" Burnham.

Condition: Very good - excellent - small separation at top of seam join of the two panels - Very interesting colour combination - brown is early natural dye?

Source: David Wells, Some Other Time Antiques, Streetville
Pul Co. c 1975 - One of the expensive early purchases @ 400

Measurements: 85" (218 cm) x 63 1/2" (161 cm) w.

It has the feel of an early piece of weaving - could be pre 1830
Unfortunately no family history was recorded by the seller.



