

Overshot Coverlet c 1850-60

Unidentified Weaver
Eastern Ontario

Ref. Keep Me Warm One Night; Burnhams
327.

"Freemason's Felicity"
pattern-variation.

This is quite a beautiful, heavy and expertly woven coverlet using dark indigo blue weft wool and a black white cotton warp. The two panels are well joined with a centre seam. It uses generous amounts of wool on doubled cotton resulting in a sturdy and heavy (thickness and weight) result.

The coverlet is very similar to an example in the ROM (Burnham - KM100N) # 327. The central table variations of 'Freemason's Felicity' results in losses to the completion of the corner (chariot) wheels. The central motifs also result in strong contrasting crosses. No side or top/bottom motifs have been used - allowing the central field to extend to all edges. The ROM example was found in Leeds County and this example was found in Belleville (at auction), Hastings County.

Dating is always a challenge, although the coverlet has evidence of careful wear overtime I think due to weight and construction it is likely the third quarter of the 19th c.

Condition: Very Good, very little wear
old repairs to blue wool - top edges.

Source: Sullivan Auctions (or Jamell) Belleville, Ont.
Hastings County about 2008.

Dimensions: 86" (218.5 cm) x 68 1/2" (174 cm) W.

Interesting that the side edges are also turned and stitched.



