

Overshot Coverlet c 1850-60.

unidentified weaver of Colebrook  
Camden Township, Lennox & Addington Co

Camden Twp. misspelled as Campden by Burnhams p. 202 "Monmouth" pattern

The coverlet is woven with red and blue wefts in wool on a bleached white cotton warp, woven as singles. It has the feel of an early example with fine spun wool. The result is a light but densely woven with excellent weight and drape. (seen in many early coverlets)

The weaver is the unidentified artisan who is known as the Colebrook weaver from Camden Township in Lennox and Addington County. Another example is in the collection - equally accomplished. The identity of place is confirmed by an almost identical example in the ROM. # 260 (but in black wool on cotton)

This coverlet had a long history in the county and appeared at auction in Kapanee in 2024. It demanded interest by other local collectors but I couldn't let it go. With more work I may "uncover" his name. He was certainly a well trained professional supporting the early immigrants to the area. By 1856 the Grand Grand Trunk Railway arrived with imports from US and Great Britain commercial mechanized production. To survive as weavers some relocated farther north in Ont. away from the railroads

Condition - Very good very minor wear <sup>fringe</sup> no losses

Source: Brad Snider Auctions, Kapanee. 27-01-2024  
at the January consignment auction - a local but unnamed. # 186.45

Dimensions 74" (188 cm) L x 69" (175 cm) W.

Two panel-centre seamed.



