

Covershot Coverlet c 1840-50

Unknown Weaver -
poss. Peter Freitz
found in Napanee,
Lennox & Addington Co.
"The Beauty of the Lake" pat.

Ref Keep Me Warm One Night. Burnhams
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This early coverlet woven with red wool weft
on a natural white cotton warp was purchased
at auction in Napanee, in Lennox & Addington County.

It has the hallmarks of an early example
with darkened natural cotton, modest use of red
wool. (Early examples often "stretch" the available
materials indicating careful use of valuable fibres).
As a result the drape is quite fine. It is
quite nice in terms of overall weight.

The pattern is identified as "The Beauty of the
Lake" and was among the most popular, found
across Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes. Other
local examples from L.A. and P.E. Counties are found
in the collection. A draft of the pattern is in the Abercrombie
Collection from Prince Edward County (Rom).

In this example the "Robels" are elongated
noticeable in the central tables. There is a
mistake in the threading on the left front side
where the colours are reversed (opposites) resulting in
a longer table than usual.

Condition. Very good - no surface loss but darkening
on the front through use and exposure (no fading)

Provenance: Lambert Auctions, Napanee. © 2007

local town auction - old family with L.A. history
- name not recorded!

Dimensions: 77 1/2" (196 cm) x 65 1/2" (166.5 cm.) w.

a nice border created by extending the pattern in variation
well matched centre seam



