

Overshot Coverlet c 1850-60

unidentified weaver.
prob. Lennox & Addington Co.
DePoncier Collection.

Ref. Keep Me Warm One Night - Burnhams. # 240 Poss Peter Fretz
Quilts And Other Bed Coverings. R. McKendry # 99. weaver.

The pattern draft for this coverlet is called "Beauty of the Lake". It was a very popular pattern since examples have been found across southern Ontario and beyond.

This example is dramatic with equal bands of red and black wool on a natural white warp. The centre seam for the two joined panels is well executed. The finishing at the seam was probably completed by the weaver.

There are at least two other examples in the collection - all collected in Lennox and Addington Co. (The ROM example # 240 was found in Prince Edward Co.). I suspect a local Napanee area weaver can be linked to these coverlets.

The main candidate is Peter Fretz who worked as a weaver just north of Napanee. (Van Loven Rd) in the mid 19th c. I have made possible attributions to him for at least two other quality pieces: Mid side border - extended from the field pattern.

Condition: Good - overall excellent but one hole appears near the bottom right left. (black square loss).

Source: Purchased at a contents sale in Napanee, c 20th c.
DePoncier family previous owners from Strathcona
a village on the Napanee River (near Napanee).

Dimensions → 84" (213.5 cm) l x 62 1/2" (159 cm) w.

The DePoncier family linked to early Loyalist family Davey
from L.A. South.





