

Overshot Coverlet c 1850 or earlier

unidentified Weaver
found in Oakville, Halton Co.

Ref. Keep Me Warm One Night. Burnhams.

"Dog Tracks" variation.

299.

This coverlet represents the beginning of my collection. It was the first coverlet I purchased in 1974. I had had recently moved to my first apartment at 1276 Islington Avenue just north of Bloor St. ^{Thomas's} Montgomery's Inn was close by and I visited it regularly & he immersed in an 1830's restored museum. I attended an antiques show and sale at St. George's on The Hill close by and purchased this coverlet from an antiques dealer from Oakville who had found it in south Halton Co. near Oakville.

The coverlet has an indigo blue weft on a bleached cotton warp. It is identical to the Halton County example from Oakville in the ROM (KMWON) #299. "The Dog Track" motif has been used in conjunction with a large solid Tablet. The smaller corner blocks of the latter have been drafted on opposites to the star motifs making the pattern stand out in clear definition. ^{P227} The original owner and the weaver are unknown.

The purchase of the coverlet led me to purchase my original copy of Keep Me Warm One Night. - The rest is my history. Side border in variation and matched centre seam.

Condition: Fair to good. It has several losses of the blue wool to the top edge and some old surface discoloration. At the time of purchase the condition was of no concern but since I have tried to purchase only excellent to good (or rare examples) regardless of condition.

Source: St. George's on the Hill Church Antique Show 1974

Dimensions: 81" (206 cm.) x 66" (168 cm.) w.



