

Woven Bed Cover - predates 1880 - White Family



Close-up of thistle, shamrock and rose design



In the 1820's David White, a master weaver, accompanied by three sons and two daughters immigrated to Canada from County Tyrone, North Ireland. He first settled near Orono, Durham County. David later moved to the Coboconk area, living with daughter, Elizabeth (White) Ferguson and her family on lot 60, Front Range Road, north-east of Coboconk. In the Canada Census 1861, David is listed as a master weaver, operating a weaving business in Coboconk.

In 1864, James, son of David, got the deed to lot 55 Front Range. This farm remained in the White name until the early 2000's when James' great-grandson, William, sold it.

James and his wife, Margaret (Orvis) were hard-working settlers. Using the primitive equipment available, they developed the farm into productive land. Margaret raised a flock of sheep and each year they were shorn. Margaret was a talented spinner and she cleaned and carded the wool and spun it into yarns. With this yarn, David, Margaret's father-in-law, wove at least two of these blue bed covers.

They are in the possession of great-grandchildren Bill White and Eleanor (White) MacNeil.

David White 1798—1880
 Jessica Mertland
 James White 1820-1892
 Margaret Orvis 1830—1911
 Jabes Bunting White 1864-1930
 Annie Eleanor Hugill 1869-1969
 Edward Basil White 1908-19884
 Lilian Maud Fielder 1913-2000
 Eleanor Louise (White) MacNeil 1945-



James White
1820—1892



Margaret (Orvis) White
1830—1911

