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Title Sampler

Date mid 19th century

Primary Maker Mary Bartlett Sexton

Medium Embroidery; wool on a plain-woven cotton ground

Description Marking sampler worked in dark green, light green, magenta, dark pink, and medium brown, silk and wool threads on a plain-woven cotton ground in cross stitch (over two threads). The sampler is rectangular, oriented horizontally. It is laid out with five rows of three alphabets and the numbers 1 through 9. Certain lines of alphabets and numbers are separated by various narrow meandering borders. There is a narrow three-sided border on the top and the side edges; there is no border on the bottom edge. The sampler has a 2/8-inch double-turned hem on the top and both side edges, and a selvedge on the bottom edge. The sampler is not framed. Letters and Numbers: There are

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three alphabets and the numbers 1-9. The letters are uppercase block in

alphabets 1 and 3, and lowercase block in alphabet 2. The letters J and U are

present in the first and second alphabets; the letter U is present in all alphabets.

The third alphabet ends at H. All 26 letters are repeated twice in the first

alphabet. Stitches: The sampler is worked in cross stitches over two threads.

Condition: There is significant stitch loss. There is severe staining, particularly

on the right side of the sampler. The sampler has minimal fading. The sampler is

not framed.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 9 3/4 x 13 1/8in. (24.8 x 33.3cm)