

Basic Detail Report



Title Sampler

Date 1810

Primary Maker Jane Corning

Medium Embroidery; twisted and untwisted silk threads on a plain-woven, undyed linen ground

Description Unfinished sampler worked in medium blues, dark blue, dark brown, yellow-green, yellow, medium brown, light brown, cream, and black silk threads on a plain-woven linen ground in Gobelin and other stitches. The

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sampler is squarish, oriented vertically. It is laid out with a double swag of

flowers connected in its center with a bow, over five rows of three alphabets and

the numbers 1 through 11, over two inscriptions, over a realistic landscape at

the bottom. The first inscription is "Jesus permit thy gracious Name to stand As

the first efforts/ of an infants hand And while Her fingers o'er this canvas move/

Engage Her tender heart to seek thy love With thy dear child/ ren let Her share a

part And write thy Name thyself upon her heart". The second inscription is "Jane

Corning Septtr 17 1810 Age 10 years". The realistic landscape includes, from left

to right, a tree, a single-story building, two four-legged animals in the

foreground and trees in the background, more trees, a two story house, a fence,

and more trees. Certain lines of alphabets, numbers and text are separated by

various narrow borders. There is a four-sided border. The sampler probably has

a 3/16-inch double-turned hem on the top, bottom, and right side edges, and a

servedge on the left side edge. The sampler appears to be glued to a board. The

sampler is not framed. Letters and Numbers: There are three alphabets and the

numbers 1-11. The letters are uppercase script in alphabet 1, uppercase block in

alphabet 2, and lowercase block in alphabet 3. The letter J is present in the

second and third alphabets; the letter U is present in all alphabets. The letter "s"

in "years" is immediately above the "r" in "years". Stitches: The principal stitch

on the sampler is satin stitch with untwisted silk thread; it is also worked in cross

(over two threads), cross over one thread, bullion, straight, and back stitches.

Condition: The sampler is glued to an acidic paper board. It ground has

darkened and has some stains. The sampler is not framed.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 17 1/8 x 15in. (43.5 x 38.1cm)