

Basic Detail Report



Title Sampler

Date 8 July 1811

Primary Maker Caroline Mary Goodwin

Medium Embroidery; silk thread on a plain-woven, undyed linen ground

Description Sampler worked in dark brown, dark blue, light brown, medium

brown, and cream silk threads on a plain-woven linen ground using cross (over

two threads) and running stitches. The sampler is squarish, oriented vertically. It

is laid out with nine rows of four alphabets and the numbers 1 through 10, over

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three inscriptions. The first inscription is "Caroline M. Goodwin. Aged/ 8 years.

Born Feb. 20th 1803". The second inscription is "Youth like the spring, will soon

be past." The third inscription is "Hampton July 8th/ 1811". Certain lines of

alphabets, numbers, and text are separated by various borders, including

straight and meandering lines The sampler has a four-sided border. The border

at the top is more elaborate than the border on the other three sides. The

sampler has a 1/8 inch double-turned hem on all four sides. Letters and

Numbers: There are four alphabets and the numbers 1-10. The letters are

uppercase block in alphabets 1 and 4, uppercase script in alphabet 2, and

lowercase block in alphabet 3. The letter J is present in the first and third

alphabets; the letter U is present in the first, second and third alphabets. The

letter S in the first alphabet is backwards. The fourth alphabet ends at the letter

I. Stitches: The sampler is worked in cross over two threads and running

stitches. Condition: The sampler probably has light to moderate fading,

depending on color. The sampler has been washed and mounted.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width of frame): 9 3/8 x 8 1/4in. (23.8 x

21cm) Primary Dimensions (height x width of visible ground): 8 5/8 x 7 3/8in.

(21.9 x 18.7cm)