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Title Sampler

Date 29 September 1836

Primary Maker Sarah Clyrana Durkee

Medium Embroidery: silk threads on a plain-woven, undyed linen ground Frame: wood, plexiglass

Description Sampler worked in dark brown, light brown, brown-gray, medium green-gray, and light green-gray silk threads on a plain-woven linen ground using cross (over two threads) and Algerian eye stitches. The sampler is square. It is laid out with six rows of four alphabets and the numbers 1 through 13, over three inscriptions. The first inscription is "Be open generous just and true/ In all

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you think and say and do." The second inscription is "Sarah Clyrana Durkee/

Aged 13 years. Born/ June 13th 1823." The third inscription is "Hampton

September 19 1836." There are various motifs throughout the sampler, including

a florette design in each corner. Certain lines of alphabets, numbers, and text

are separated by various borders, including straight and meandering lines. The

sampler has a four-sided, Greek key border. The sampler has a 1/8 inch double-

turned hem on all four sides. Letters and Numbers: There are four alphabets and

the numbers 1-13. The letters are uppercase block in alphabets 1 and 3,

uppercase script in alphabet 2, and lowercase block in alphabet 4. The letter J is

present in all alphabets; the letter U is present in the second, third and fourth

alphabets. The first alphabet ends at J. The embroiderer uses the long 's'.

Stitches: The principal stitch on the sampler is cross stitches (over two threads);

it is also worked in Algerian eye stitches. Condition: The sampler probably has

minimal to light fading, depending on color.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width of frame): 11 1/4 x 11 1/4in.

(28.6 x 28.6cm) Primary Dimensions (height x width inside of frame): 10 1/2 x 10 1

/2in. (26.7 x 26.7cm)