

Title Family Register

Date about 1762

Primary Maker Mary Hosmer Bidwell

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

Description Family register worked in dark green, yellow, and light blue silk

threads on a plain-woven linen ground in cross stitches over two threads. The

Basic Detail Report

sampler is rectangular, oriented vertically. It is laid out with 15 rows of family record information, over an inscription. The inscription is "MARY BIDWELL IS MY NAME/ ENGLISH IS MY NATION/ HARTFORD IS MY DWELLING PL/ AND CHRIST IS MY SALVATION". The register is solidly stitched in green. There is a four-sided border. The only visible ground is at all four edges, which has been cut close to the worked area. The register is attached with small stitches to a green piece of linen. The linen is wrapped completely around a sturdy surface of unknown material. The sampler is not framed. Letters and Numbers: All letters are capitalized. Stitches: The sampler is worked in cross stitches over two threads. Condition: The register has been removed from its original mount, cut down at each edge, and sewn to a piece of green fabric on a rectangular mount. There are some areas of the embroidery that appear dull; this may be due to fading or water damage. The sampler is not framed.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width of ground): $11\ 1/8\ x\ 8\ 1/2$ in. (28.3 x 21.6cm) Component (height x width of worked area): $10\ 1/2\ x\ 8$ in. (26.7 x 20.3cm)