

## **Title Sampler**

Date 1847

Primary Maker Ada Maria Woodford

Medium Sampler: Hand-stitched silk on cotton

Description Sampler worked in light green, light brown, and cream silk threads on a plain-woven linen ground using cross stitches (over one and two threads). The sampler is squarish, oriented horizontally. It is laid out with six rows of three alphabets and the numbers 1 through 10, over an inscription. The inscription is "Ada Maria Woodford. Hartford/ Oct 13th 1847. In the 9th year of her age". The lines of alphabets and numbers are separated by various straight borders. There is a four-sided wavy border. The sampler has a 18/ inch double-turned hem on

## **Basic Detail Report**

all four sides. Letters and Numbers: There are three alphabets and the numbers

1-10. The letters are uppercase block in alphabet 1, and lowercase block in alphabets 2 and 3. The letters J and U are present in all alphabets. The embroiderer uses a long 's'. Stitches: The sampler is worked in cross stitches over two threads; it is also worked in cross stitches over one thread. Condition: The sampler probably has moderate to severe fading, depending on color. A tan stain is located to the left of center.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width of frame):  $8\,7/8\,x\,9\,7/8$  in. (22.5 x 25.1cm) Primary Dimensions (height x width of visible ground):  $7\,1/4\,x\,8\,3/8$  in. (18.4 x 21.3cm)