Title Sampler

Date 1788

Primary Maker Clarissa Cheney

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

Description Marking sampler worked in light brown, dark brown, and pink silk
threads on a plain-woven linen ground in cross stitches over two threads. The
sampler is rectangular, oriented horizontally. It is laid out with two rows of one
alphabet, over an inscription at the bottom. The inscription is "CLARISSA

CHENEY IS MY/ NAME WITH MY NEDLE WORK/ ED THE SAME IF MY SKILL HA/ D

BEEN BETTER I SHOULD/ HAVE MENDED EVERY LETTER". There is a straight
narrow horizontal line between the alphabet and the inscription. There is no
border. The sampler has a 1/8-inch double-turned hem on the top and side
edges, and selvedge at the bottom. The sampler is not framed. Letters and
Numbers: There is one alphabet; tt is in uppercase block. The letter J is not
present; the letter U is present. The text is in initial caps. Stitches: The sampler is
worked in cross stitches over two threads. Condition: There is a stain in the

Basic Detail Report lower right corner over the word "LETTER". The sampler has minimal to light

 $fading. \ The \ sampler \ is \ not \ framed.$

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 4 x 8in. (10.2 x 20.3cm)