

Basic Detail Report

Title Sampler

Date 1806

Primary Maker Lucretia Hitchcock

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

Description Marking sampler worked in black, light blue, and medium blue silk threads on a plain-woven linen ground using cross stitches over two threads.

The sampler is rectangular, oriented vertically. It is laid out with five rows of two alphabets and the numbers 1 through 7, over two inscriptions. The first inscription is "Lucretia Hitchcock/ Cheshire Agd 10/ May 8 1806". The second inscription is "LI". The lines of alphabets, numbers, and text are separated by various narrow borders, including straight and meandering lines. There is a four-sided narrow border. The sampler has a 2/8-inch double-turned hem on all four sides. The sampler is not framed. Letters and Numbers: There are two alphabets plus three additional letters, and the numbers 1-7. The letters are uppercase block in alphabet 1, and lowercase block in alphabet 2. The letter J is present in the first alphabet only; the letter U is present in both alphabets. The additional letters are uppercase block: LHI; the additional letters are not placed together.

Stitches: The sampler is worked entirely in cross stitches over two threads.

Condition: There is a small hole in the bottom corner of the sampler. Paper and glue remnants are adhered to the back edges of all four sides of the sampler.

The sampler has minimal to light fading, depending on color. The sampler is not framed.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 11 x 8 5/8in. (27.9 x 21.9cm)