

# Basic Detail Report

## Title Sampler

Date late 18th century

Primary Maker Lucy Battle

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

Description Unfinished marking sampler worked in dark brown, light brown, medium brown, and black silk threads on a plain-woven linen ground using cross stitches over two threads. The sampler is squarish, oriented horizontally. It is laid out with five rows of three alphabets and the numbers 1 through 9 followed by a zero. The lines of alphabets and number are separated by straight narrow borders. The ground is ruled with horizontal yellow threads. There is no border. The sampler has a 1/8 - 3/16-inch double-turned hem on all four edges. The sampler is not framed. Letters and Numbers: There are three alphabets and the numbers 1-9 followed by a zero. The letters are uppercase block in alphabet 1, lowercase block in alphabet 2, and uppercase script in alphabet 3. The letters J and U are present in the first and second alphabets. The third alphabet is unfinished; it ends at the letter I. The embroiderer uses the long 's'. Stitches: The sampler is worked entirely in cross stitches over two threads. Condition: The sampler has stains at the top edge and an overall brown discoloration. It has minimal fading. There is a sharp fold line at center. The sampler is not framed. Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 6 3/4 x 7 1/2in. (17.1 x 19.1cm)