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Title Sampler

Date 1819

Primary Maker Sally Doolittle

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

Description Marking sampler worked in medium brown and black silk threads on a plain-woven linen ground using cross stitches. The sampler is rectangular, oriented horizontally. It is laid out with six rows of three alphabets, and the numbers 1 through 10, over three inscriptions and a marking motif at the bottom. The first inscription is "Sally Doolittle. 12 Years of age/ Born Dec. 30th 1806.". The second inscription is "Ruth Eliza Tuttle/ Instructress, Wallingford. Sept 13th 1819". The fourth inscription is "Love all/ Trusst but few/ Associate/ with the wise". There are at least two marking motifs and a crown design. Certain lines of alphabets, numbers, and text are separated by various narrow borders, including straight and meandering lines. There is a meandering four-sided border. The sampler has a 1/8-inch double-turned hem on all four edges. The hem is coming undone on the left side edge. The sampler is not framed. Letters and Numbers: There are three alphabets and the numbers 1-10. The letters are uppercase block in alphabet 1, uppercase script in alphabet 2, and lowercase block in alphabet 3. The letter J is present in the first and third alphabets; the letter U is present in all alphabets. In the second alphabet the letters M and W are smaller than the rest of the letters; the item at the end of the alphabet is most likely an ampersand. In the third alphabet either letter "r" is

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repeated, but not both. The embroiderer uses the long 's'. Stitches: The principal

stitch on the sampler is cross stitch over two threads; it is also worked in cross

stitch over one thread, and cross stitch over two warp threads and one weft

thread. Condition: The double-turned hem is coming undone on the left side

edge. The sampler has minimal fading. The sampler is not framed.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 6 3/8 x 8 7/8in. (16.2 x 22.5cm)