

Basic Detail Report

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

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 7/8in. (22.5 x

25.1cm) Primary Dimensions (height x width of visible ground): 7 1/4 x 8 3/8in.

(18.4 x 21.3cm)