

Basic Detail Report

Title Woman's Watch Chain

Date 1832

Primary Maker Mary Woodruff

Medium Hand-woven glass beads, cotton thread, and a brass clasp

Description Bead watch chain, woven on a bead loom. The ribbon-like chain is worked in translucent white beads, with designs in red, green, and white. In addition to various diamond and geometric shapes, the designs include a cross, anchor, and heart (representing faith, hope, and charity), two temple-like buildings, a key (representing knowledge), conjoined hearts, and leaves. The chain closes with a brass barrel-shaped hooked clasp. The maker also worked her name and the date into the design (see "Marks").

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length when closed x width): 33 x 1/2in. (83.8 x 1.3cm)