

Basic Detail Report

Title Sampler

Date 1821

Primary Maker Frederic William Tuttle

Medium Embroidery; silk thread on a plain-woven linsey-woolsey ground

Description Sampler worked in yellow, medium brown, and tan silk threads on a plain-woven linsey-woolsey ground using cross stitches. The sampler is rectangular, oriented horizontally. It is laid out with three rows of two alphabets and the numbers 1 through 20, over an inscription. The inscription is: "Frederic William Tuttle Aged 8 Years Wrought In the 45th Year of the/ Independence of the United States of America February 22nd AD [one character] 1821". The lines of alphabets, numbers and text are separated by straight, narrow borders. The sampler has a plainfour-sided border. The sampler has a 5/16 inch double-turned hem on the side edges; it has a 3/8 inch double-turned hem on the top edge. The selvedge is on the bottom edge. The sampler is not framed. Letters and Numbers: There are two alphabets and the numbers 1-20. 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 letter "s" is repeated in the lowercase alphabet. The embroiderer uses the long 's'. Stitches: The sampler is worked in cross stitches (over one and over two threads). Condition: The sampler is fragile. There is significant damage to the ground. There is some stitch loss to L in the first alphabet, to "20", and to "Fe" in the date. The sampler has moderate fading. It is not framed.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 4 1/4 x 15 1/2in. (36.2 x 39.4cm)