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Title Sampler

Date 1837

Primary Maker Harriet Talcott

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

Description Sampler worked in medium green silk threads on a plain-woven linen ground using cross stitches. The sampler is square. It is laid out with four rows of two alphabets and the numbers 1 through 10, over three inscriptions. The first inscription is: "The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want./ He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. he/ leadeth me beside the still waters./ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths/ of righteousness for his name's sake/ Yea though I walk through the valley of the/ shadow of death I will fear no evil: for thou/ art with me: thy rod and thy staff they comfort/ me. Thou preparest a table before me in the/ presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my/ head with oil: my cup runneth over./ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all/ the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house/ of the Lord forever.". The second inscription is: "Harriet Talcott aged 12 yrs". The third inscription is: "Chatham Ct.". All of the stitching is worked in one color. The sampler has a narrow four-sided border. The sampler has a 1/8 inch double-turned hem on all four edges. The sampler is not framed. Letters and Numbers: There are two alphabets. The letters are uppercase block in alphabet 1 and

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lowercase block in alphabet 2. The letters J and U are present in both alphabets.

Stitches: The sampler is worked in cross stitches (over one or two threads).

Condition: The sampler has light fading. The sampler is not framed.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 8 1/2 x 8 1/2in. (21.6 x 21.6cm)