

Basic Detail Report

Title Family Register Sampler

Date 1835

Primary Maker Clarissa Fox

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

Description Family register sampler worked in dark browns, raspberry, light

brown, cream, light green, fuchsia, medium blue, dark blue, dark green, pink

and brick red silk threads on a plain-woven linen ground in cross stitch and

other stitches. The register is squarish, oriented vertically. It is laid out with four

rows of three alphabets and the numbers 1 through 9, over a horizontal band

containing two inscriptions positioned side by side, over seven rows of family

details on the bottom. The inscriptions are, from left to right, a religious verse

"Jesus permit thy gracious name to stand/ As the first efforts of an infants hand/

And while her fingers o'er this canvas move/ Engage her tender heart to seek

they love/ With thy dear children let her share a part/ And write thy name thyself

upon her heart" and "Clarissa Fox/ ag'd 12 years/ Feb. 21 1835". The second

inscription is in a heart-shaped cartouche. The background section of the

second alphabet is solidly stitched. There is a solidly stitched horizontal

rectangle worked in Algerian eye stitches at the end of the third alphabet. The

family details are on the left side of the bottom section of the register; the right

side is empty. The two sides in this section are separated with a straight vertical

line. There is a Greek key horizontal line after the first alphabet. Certain lines of

alphabets and text are separated by various narrow borders, including straight

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and meandering lines. The register has a four-sided border. The register has a 2
/8-inch double-turned hem on the top and bottom edges, and selvages on both
sides. On the back of the register there is paper residue at all four edges from
where it was once attached to a surface. The register is not framed or mounted.

Letters and Numbers: There are three alphabets and the numbers 1-9. The
letters are uppercase script in alphabet 1, uppercase block in alphabet 2, and
lowercase block in alphabet 3. The letters J and U are present in all alphabets.
Alphabet 2 ends at Y. The letter 's' is repeated in the lowercase alphabet. All of
the uppercase letters in the inscriptions and family details are in script form. The
embroiderer uses long 's'. Stitches: The principal stitch on the register is cross
stitch (over two); it is also worked in cross (over one) and Algerian eye stitches.
The background section of alphabet 2 is solidly stitched. There is a solidly
stitched horizontal rectangle worked in Algerian eye stitches after the third
alphabet. Condition: The register has light to moderate fading. There is a stain in
the upper portion of the register. On the back of the register there is paper
residue at all four edges from where it was once attached to a surface. The
register is not framed or mounted.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 17 7/8 x 17 3/4in. (45.4 x 45.1
cm)