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Title Sampler

Date 1832-1833

Primary Maker Mary Hine

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

Description Sampler worked in light blue, dark salmon, pink, medium blue, dark brown, light brown, cream, and dark green silk threads on a plain-woven linen ground in cross and other stitches. The sampler is squarish, oriented vertically. It is laid out with four rows of three alphabets, the numbers 1 through 8, and an

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inscription, over an inscription, over two horizontal bands of pictorial motifs.

The first inscription is "Eternity is long and/ Life is short". The second inscription

is "Mary Hine Born June 20th 18[??] Aged 13 Years". The last two digits in

maker's birth year are picked out. The first row of pictorial motifs includes, from

left to right, two marking motifs, an eight-pointed star, a large diamond

containing the initials "MH" with each point having a four-pointed half star or

leaf design coming from it, an eight-pointed star, and two marking motifs. The

second horizontal row of pictorial motifs includes, from left to right, an eight-

pointed star, a large vase of flowers, a two-story house with center door, a

widows walk, two chimneys, and two spires, a large vase of flowers, and an

eight-pointed star. The motifs are not to scale. There are several small star,

diamond, and heart designs throughout the piece. The lines of alphabets and

text are separated by various narrow borders, including straight and

meandering lines. There is a narrow four-sided border. The sampler is probably

unfinished. The sampler has a 1/8- to 3/16-inch double-turned hem on all four

sides. The sampler is not framed. Letters and Numbers: There are three

alphabets. The letters are uppercase block in alphabet 1, uppercase script in

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

all alphabets. Stitches: The principal stitch on the sampler is cross over two

threads; it is also worked in chain, back, and cross (over three threads) stitches.

Condition: The sampler has light to severe fading, depending on color. The

sampler has several stains, especially at the top and center. The sampler is not

framed.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 15 1/4 x 13 1/4in. (38.7 x 33.7

cm)