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Title Sampler

Date 1810-1811

Primary Maker Lucy Kirby Beckley

Medium Cross-stitched linen and silk

Description Marking sampler worked in light brown and dark brown silk threads on a plain-woven linen ground using cross stitches. The sampler is rectangular, oriented horizontally. It is laid out with five rows of two alphabets, the numbers 1 through 9 followed by a zero, and an inscription, over an inscription. The first inscription is "Lucy Kirby Bec/ kleys marked in the 10th/ year of her age". The second inscription is "Teach me to feel another/ woe To hide the fault I see". There are two marking motifs resembling baskets or the letter W; there are at least two diamond designs. The lines of alphabets are separated by narrow

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straight borders. There is a four-sided narrow zig-zag border. The sampler has a 1

/8-inch single-turned hem on the top, left, and bottom edges, and a selvedge on

the right side. The sampler is not framed. Letters and Numbers: There are two

alphabets and the numbers 1-9 followed by a zero. The letters are uppercase

block in alphabet 1, and lowercase block in alphabet 2. The letters J and U are

present in both alphabets. Six letters are repeated twice in the first alphabet:

ACEMNT; the letter S is in triplicate. The letters "de" are not present in the

second alphabet. The "s" in "Beckleys" is unusually small; the "ee" in "see" is

small as well. Stitches: The sampler is worked in cross stitches over two threads

and cross stitches over one thread. Condition: The edges are raw in some places.

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

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 8 5/8 x 10 3/4in. (21.9 x 27.3cm)