

Basic Detail Report



Title Sampler

Date 1788

Primary Maker Clarissa Cheney

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

Description Marking sampler worked in light brown, dark brown, and pink silk

threads on a plain-woven linen ground in cross stitches over two threads. The

sampler is rectangular, oriented horizontally. It is laid out with two rows of one

alphabet, over an inscription at the bottom. The inscription is "CLARISSA

CHENEY IS MY/ NAME WITH MY NEDLE WORK/ ED THE SAME IF MY SKILL HA/ D

BEEN BETTER I SHOULD/ HAVE MENDED EVERY LETTER". There is a straight

narrow horizontal line between the alphabet and the inscription. There is no

border. The sampler has a 1/8-inch double-turned hem on the top and side

edges, and selvedge at the bottom. The sampler is not framed. Letters and

Numbers: There is one alphabet; tt is in uppercase block. The letter J is not

present; the letter U is present. The text is in initial caps. Stitches: The sampler is

worked in cross stitches over two threads. Condition: There is a stain in the

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lower right corner over the word "LETTER". The sampler has minimal to light

fading. The sampler is not framed.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 4 x 8in. (10.2 x 20.3cm)