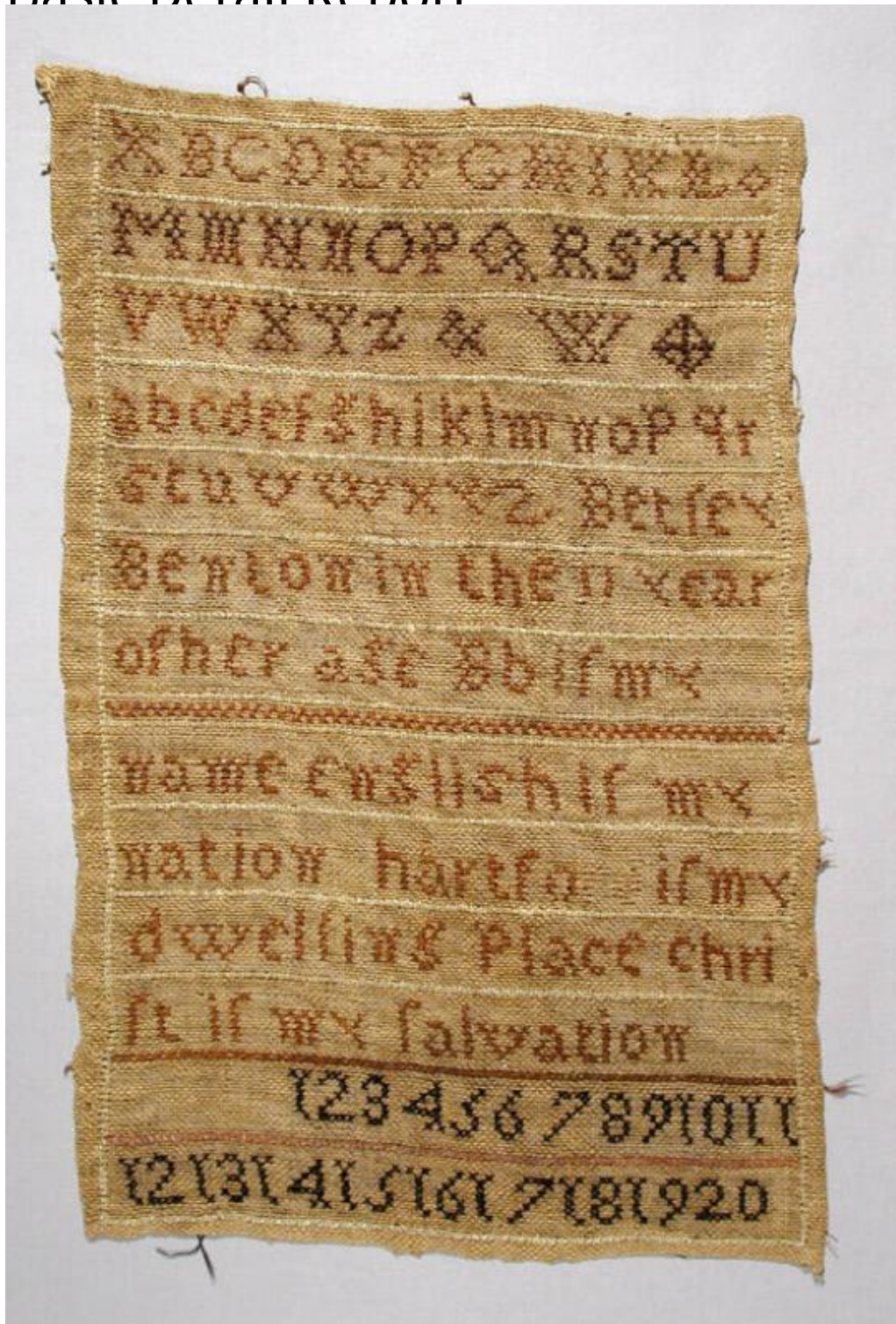


Basic Detail Report



Title Sampler

Date 1798-1799

Primary Maker Betsey Benton

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

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Description Marking sampler worked in rust, cream, dark brown, black, mauve, and light copper silk threads on a plain-woven linen ground using cross stitches

over two threads. The sampler is rectangular, oriented vertically. It is laid out

with eleven rows of two alphabets and two inscriptions, over the numbers 1

through 20 at the bottom. The first inscription is "Betsey/ Benton in the 11 year/

of her age". The second inscription is a verse, "Bb is my/ name English is my/

nation hartford is my/ dwelling place chri/ st is my salvation". The lines of

alphabets, numbers, and text are separated by narrow straight borders. There is

a four-sided narrow border. The sampler has a 3/16-inch double-turned hem on

the top and side edges, and selvedge on the bottom. The sampler is not framed.

Letters and Numbers: There are two alphabets plus one additional letter, and

the numbers 1-20. The letters are uppercase block in alphabet 1, and lowercase

block in alphabet 2. The additional letter is W. The letter J is not present in either

alphabet; the letter U is present in both alphabets. Two letters are repeated

twice in the first alphabet: MN. The lowercase letter "y" is backwards in every

instance. The embroiderer uses long 's'. Stitches: The sampler is worked in cross

stitches over two threads. Condition: There is some color run in the first

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

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 12 3/4 x 8 1/4in. (32.4 x 21cm)