

Basic Detail Report

Title Marking Sampler

Date 1806

Primary Maker Eliza Collis

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

Description Marking sampler worked in dark green, rust, mint, and dark mauve

silk threads on a plain-woven linen ground in cross stitches. The sampler is

rectangular, oriented vertically. It is laid out with ten rows of three alphabets,

the numbers 1 through 12, and an inscription, over two inscriptions. The first

inscription is "Eliza Collis 5". The second inscription is "Grant me Great God a

heart to thee/ inclind Increase my faith and rectify/ my mind Teach me betimes

to tread thy/ sacred ways And to thy service cons/ ecrate my days". The third

inscription is "Eliza Collis Wrought/ this Aged 7 1806". Certain lines of alphabets,

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

and meandering lines. There is a narrow four-sided border. The sampler has a 2

/8-inch double-turned hem on both side edges, and a selvedge on the top and

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

alphabets and the numbers 1-12. The letters are uppercase block in alphabet 1,

lowercase block in alphabet 2, and uppercase script in alphabet 3. The letter J is

present in the first alphabet; the letter U is present in all alphabets. The letter "s"

is repeated twice in the lowercase alphabet. The embroiderer uses the long 's'.

Stitches: The principal stitch on the sampler is cross stitch over two threads; it is

also worked in cross stitch over one thread. Condition: Stitching is missing from

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letters in the first and second alphabets. The ground has a split in its top edge.

The green colored threads have bled onto the ground. The sampler has light to moderate fading. The sampler is not framed.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 18 x 9in. (45.7 x 22.9cm)