

Basic Detail Report



Sampler

Primary Maker

Emma Louisa Castner

Medium

Plied silk thread on natural linen

Description

A square sampler on open weave natural linen, worked in plied silk thread in dark green, medium green, dark blue, medium brown, light brown, and off white. At the top of the sampler is worked an attractive diamond chain border entirely in surface satin stitch. Below are several alphabets, including a large one-inch upper case alphabet,

the letters worked in cross and Algerian eyelet stitch alternatively, from A to W, with an extra "I" as a spacer at the end of the second line. Following is a one-inch upper case italic alphabet on two lines, from A to Z. The third alphabet is worked in half-inch upper case cross stitch, from A to V on the first line and W to Z on the second. After Z run numerals 1 through 10, and the start of a final half-inch lower case alphabet, from a to i, then k through z on the final line, with the letter j omitted. Following the lower case alphabet is the first of two inscriptions, reading "July 2nd 1827." Below the alphabet rows runs a diagonal wave border. The lower third of the sampler includes a verse and inscription worked in the center, reading "Count that day lost whose low descending sun / View by thy hand no worthy action done / Emma Louisa Castner Age 10 years / Asbury Warren County New Jersey / July 12th 1827." A small checkerboard band is worked between the verse and signature line. To the left of the inscription is worked a small house, with three tiny windows and a fanlight above the center door. What appear to be trees or vines climb up the house's sides and across the roofline. To the right of the inscription is worked a large floral basket with two large handles. Above the floral basket is a singular diamond shaped element worked in queenstitch. Below the inscription is a pair of perching birds atop a floral spray, flanked by two small singular floral elements. Along the bottom of the sampler are small floral elements within a row of triangles. A partial diamond and lozenge border is worked on both the left and right sides of the sampler. Along the outer edges of the linen panel is a narrow pulled thread border.

Dimensions

Sight: 16.38 × 16.88 in. (41.6 × 42.9 cm)