## Basic Detail Report



## Sampler

**Primary Maker** 

Elizabeth Taylor

Medium

Fine plied silk thread on linen

## Description

An elongated rectangular sampler of gauzy natural linen embroidered in fine plied silk thread in black, pale blue, pale caramel brown, and off-white. Several stitches are used, including cross, Algerian eyelet, box, and queenstitch. All four edges of the linen are hemmed. Along the top of the sampler runs a flowing floral and foliate border reminiscent of paisley. Below the top border, the entire sampler contains twenty rows of alphabets, verse, and signature lines. The first three rows contain a half-inch upper case alphabet, with A through M on the first line, N through X on the second line, and Y and Z on the third line, immediately followed by numerals 1 through 9 and 0, with the intials "E T" at the end. The next four lines contain a large 3/4 inch upper case alphabet,

with A through H, I through P, Q through W, a second W through Z, immediately followed by letters A and B. Below these alphabets is the verse "MI [sic] HEART WITH WEEP / ING IS DISTREST [sic] MY EY /ES WITH TEARS RUN DO / WN NO SYMPATHISEING / HART [sic] CAN TELL THE F / EELING OF A MIND YE S / HRUBS AND PLANTS YE / CANNOT WEEP NOR HE / AR A SOAL [sic] COMPLAIN / ELIZABETH TAYLOR DAUGHTER OF WI / LLIAM AND MARY TAYLOR WAS BORN D [sic] / DECEMBER THE 12 1804 E . T. HER . SAMPLER." Along the bottom is worked a final half-inch upper case alphabet in a single row, from A through H.

## Dimensions

16.88  $\times$  9.63 in. (42.9  $\times$  24.4 cm)