

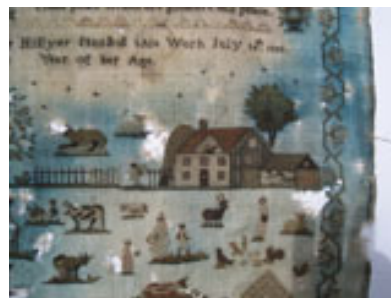


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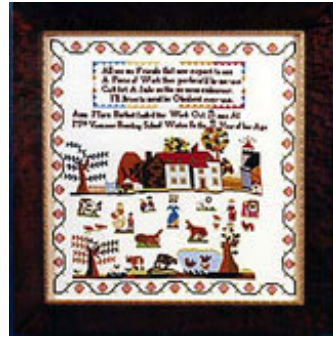


MRS. VENTHAM'S BOARDING SCHOOL

Mary Hillyer was born in 1816, daughter of Hannah and George, a rent collector. In 1823, the final year that Mrs. Ventham's school near Winchester, was open, she made this sampler. A number of these samplers have turned up over the years with similar elements, in particular the farmhouse and barn, and the intricately worked animals and people below.



The Scarlet Letter has reproduced one of the Ventham samplers- [Anna Maria Barfoot](#) and I have recently discovered Mary's sampler which is in very poor condition but displays a delightful cast of characters including a dog tugging on a gentleman's coat tails, a woman balancing a basket on her head, hens and chicks pecking, a girl milking a cow, and a boy pushing a wheelbarrow full of hay. Once the sampler has been cleaned and conserved it will be offered as a chart in 2019.



Anna Maria Barfoot

All the best,
Marsha



COMING SOON



Three new designs will be introduced this fall. All are still in progress, but you can see screen shots of the designs below Click on each picture for a larger image.

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Thirty days hath November



Jane Howell



Abigail Bacon Reproduction



Abigail Bacon Antique

What's New



ANN FORREST 1757



This very delicate Scottish sampler with its bold color scheme was designed with a four sided stylized honeysuckle border surrounding horizontal rows of illuminated alphabets and double running stitch motifs.

[More about Ann Forrest](#)



Ann Forrest



SUSANNA PARKER 1761



This mid eighteenth century English band sampler features rows of alphabets, vowels, numerals, pattern bands, verses and crowns, executed in cross, petit point, eyelet and counted satin stitches.

[More about Susanna Parker](#)



CHRISTIAN NIMMO



This sweet little sampler is very likely Scottish, as the surname "Nimmo" suggests. The reproduction is stitched on linen with cross, petit point (cross stitch over one thread of linen), straight, and counted satin stitches. This is a rare sampler made by a young boy.

[More about Christian Nimmo](#)



Christian Nimmo



GRACE KEMISH



This English sampler features a four sided honeysuckle border with one row of alphabets across the top, followed by a traditional verse.

[More about Grace Kemish](#)



Grace Kemish



ELIZABETH MASTERTON



Typical of so many Scottish samplers, Elizabeth Masterton's features an abundance of initials (likely familial), rows of evergreen trees, peacocks with seven tail feathers, and the now famous mansion house fronted by a pillared fence and gates enclosing sheep.

[More about Elizabeth Masterton](#)



Elizabeth Masterton





Elizabeth Bond

For more [antique samplers for sale](#), please visit the [Scarlet Letter Website](#).

AUGUST QUIZ

Can you guess how tall the sunflowers are this year? Whoever comes closest to the height of the tallest sunflower before Sunday at 6 pm wins the prize: your choice of a Scarlet Letter chart. Click on the picture for a larger image.



Sunflowers

The solution will be posted on the [puzzles page](#) after the prize is awarded. Send your answers to:

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