

SA455970

George II Walnut Framed 1757 Sampler of the Lord's Prayer

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA455970****Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Dimensions

Height = 37 cm (14.6")

Width = 28 cm (11.0")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

George II Walnut Framed 1757 Sampler of the Lord's Prayer A most enchanting and unusual example of a hand-stitched Sampler of the Lord's Prayer produced in the era of King George II signed by "Dorothy Thrower" and dated "1757". This is a rare opportunity to acquire such a genuine historic antique. It is framed in slightly damaged Walnut with the Sampler tacked on to what appears to be the original wooden backing board (see photograph of the reverse of the Sampler). A needlework Sampler is a piece of embroidery produced as a demonstration or test of skill in needlework. It often includes the alphabet, figures, motifs, decorative borders and sometimes the name of the person who embroidered it and the date, in this case "Dorothy Thrower 1757" is charmingly stitched at the bottom of the Sampler. The word Sampler is derived from the Latin 'exemplum'. Samplers were stitched more to demonstrate knowledge than to preserve skill. The stitching of Samplers was believed to be a sign of virtue, achievement and industry, and girls were taught the art from a young age. This particular Sampler of the Lord's Prayer is obviously however a sign of deep piety on the part of...

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