

Grace Cobb & her sampler, 1794



Grace Cobb's name appears in the records only at the time of her birth. Grace was a descendant of Henry Cobb, who arrived in Plymouth in 1632 and Sarah Hinckley, whose brother Thomas was the last governor of Plymouth Colony.

Grace Cobb's sampler is almost square, measuring approximately 10 1/4" wide x 11 5/8" high. It is silk embroidery on 30-count linen, worked over two threads.

The colors are very faded, although some madder pink remains.

The sampler is predominantly cross-stitch, with back stitch and long arm cross-stitch. The sampler has a zigzag geometric strawberry motif around the border, as well as two alphabets with numerals. Below reads:

*Fear God and keep his abc
commandments defghijklm
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