



Vermont Sampler Initiative

In collaboration with the national
Sampler Archive Project

Announcing a statewide effort to locate, photograph, and document all **American samplers** and related girlhood embroideries held in the public and private collections of **Vermont**.

Members of the *Vermont Sampler Initiative* are working with local museums, historical societies, historic homes, private collectors, and descendants to locate, photograph, and document all **American samplers** from the 17th to 19th centuries for inclusion in the *Sampler Archive*, an online searchable database of American schoolgirl needlework (samplerarchive.org). In addition, we hope to host an exhibition & publish a book on Vermont schoolgirl samplers and early female education in the state.



Nancy B. Whitcomb, 1823, Stockbridge, VT
Image courtesy M. Finkel & Daughter



Amanda Jewell, 1816
St. Albans, Vermont
Shelburne Museum

To join this initiative, you can:

Donate: All \$ donations are used to offset the costs of professional photography and image management.

Communicate: Is there a sampler collector in your life? Have you inherited an ancestor's sampler? Let us know!

Volunteer: We need volunteers to document samplers, either in-person or online. Training & support provided.

Share: Bring your antique samplers to our Sampler Identification & Documentation Days (Sampler ID Days).

Upcoming Sampler ID Days 2023

Vermont Historical Society, Barre, May 12 & 13

Windham County Historical Society, Newfane, July 14 & 15

Henry Sheldon Museum, Middlebury, September 29 & 30

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