Primary Maker: Sara Rees
Title: Sampler
Date: 1791
Medium: Linen, silk
Dimensions: Overall: 16 x 15 5/8 in. (40.6 x 39.7 cm)
Credit Line: Purchased from Elie Nadelman
Object Number: 1937.344

Object Name: Sampler
Classification: TEXTILES

Curatorial Remarks:
This object was once part of the folk art collection of Elie Nadelman (1882-1946), the avant-garde sculptor. From 1924 to 1934, Nadelman's collection was displayed in his Museum of Folk Arts, located in the Riverdale section of the Bronx. The Historical Society purchased Nadelman's entire collection in 1937.

Physical Description:
Vertical rectangular linen sampler stitched with silk floss; at top, rows of alphabets, designs and numbers; at center, human and animal figures with patterns from nature; below, left, black floss cross stitch maxim, at right, the Lord's prayer; stitches include cross, satin, chain, eyelet, herringbone and knots.

Signed: Embroidered at top left in black floss: "Sara Rees AD 1791"