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## **Traveling Exhibit of Tennessee Embroidery Samplers Opens at Museum of East Tennessee History**

**WHAT:** *Tennessee Samplers: 19<sup>th</sup> Century  
Schoolgirl Embroidery* Exhibition

**DATE:** Open July 6-29, 2012

**COST:** Free admission

**LOCATION:** East Tennessee History Center  
601 S. Gay Street  
Knoxville, TN 37902



The East Tennessee Historical Society and the Tennessee Sampler Survey are pleased to announce the opening of the traveling exhibit, *Tennessee Samplers: 19<sup>th</sup> Century Schoolgirl Embroidery* on view now at the Museum of East Tennessee History.

The exhibit will be on view at the East Tennessee History Center, Knoxville, TN, from July 6 through July 29, 2012. The exhibit will subsequently tour the state, traveling to the Rose Center in Morristown and the McNairy County Visitors' Center in Selmer.

Since 2004, the Tennessee Sampler Survey has been documenting 19<sup>th</sup> century embroidery across the state. Twenty Tennessee samplers were selected for the exhibit, each from a different county. The exhibit presents the samplers on full-sized panels; the actual samplers are not part of this exhibit due to their fragility. Five text panels, explaining the work of the Tennessee Sampler Survey and the regional characteristics of the samplers, are also part of the exhibit.

The East Tennessee History Center is open 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday; 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Saturday; and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Sunday. Admission to the *Tennessee Samplers* exhibit is free. The other exhibits at the Museum of East Tennessee History have an admission fee except for Sunday

which is “Family Day” with free admission. The East Tennessee History Center is located at 601 South Gay Street, Knoxville, TN 37901. For more information call (865) 215-8830, email eths@eastTNhistory.org, or visit [www.easttnhistory.org](http://www.easttnhistory.org).

A Brown Bag lecture with co-curators Jennifer Core and Janet Hasson is planned for Wednesday, July 25, at noon at the East Tennessee History Center.

This exhibit is funded in part by the Tennessee Arts Commission, CBRL Group Foundation, and the LifeWorks Foundation.

Captions for images:

034.jpg—c.1832 Jane Campbell sampler, Knoxville, Knox Co.

214.jpg—1851 Francis Elizabeth Hulme sampler, Sixth District, Williamson Co.

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