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TOURING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S
MUSEUM . . . while dusting

This summer, visitors Helen Snyder Nace and her cousin Ginger Swank came into the museum. Helen brought in a framed sampler made by Catharine Huckell in 1817 at the age of 12. Samplers were done by young girls learning how to stitch and embroider designs, numbers and letters onto cloth - usually linen. This sampler was framed in local wood, elaborately done and mounted on modern acid free backing and



matting then framed under glass. The sampler came down through the Jacob Lyman Snyder (1873-1961) family.

The sampler reads as best as can be described as follows:

Attend you young – How happy live beneath – a parents eye to – Them return of duty – Give who all wants supply.

Whose every care – And every joy is that – You might improve – Let no misconduct then – Destroy an anxious parents love.

Catharine Huckells, sampler finished January the 4th in the 12 year of her age 1817.

John Huckells – Mary Huckells – Sarah-Jane – Myers.

Catharine Huckells – Mary Huckell – Elizabeth Huckells – Ann Huckells.

Young girls, as Catharine was, were also learning to spell – hence some misspellings or additional letters not attached to the names. But her attempt, and this heartfelt history that comes with the sampler, exemplifies a by-gone art done by many girls of her time. Having this sampler for all to see here in the museum also ensures the appreciation that visitors can experience today.

Although we are officially closed for official times until next spring, we may be in the museum by happen chance on Tuesdays and Thursdays – weather and personal schedules permitting. For an appointment, please call 570-946-5020 or email museum@scpahistory.com In the meantime, visit our web site at www.scpahistory.com and like us on Facebook.

Photo: The frame was made from local timber during the Civil War.