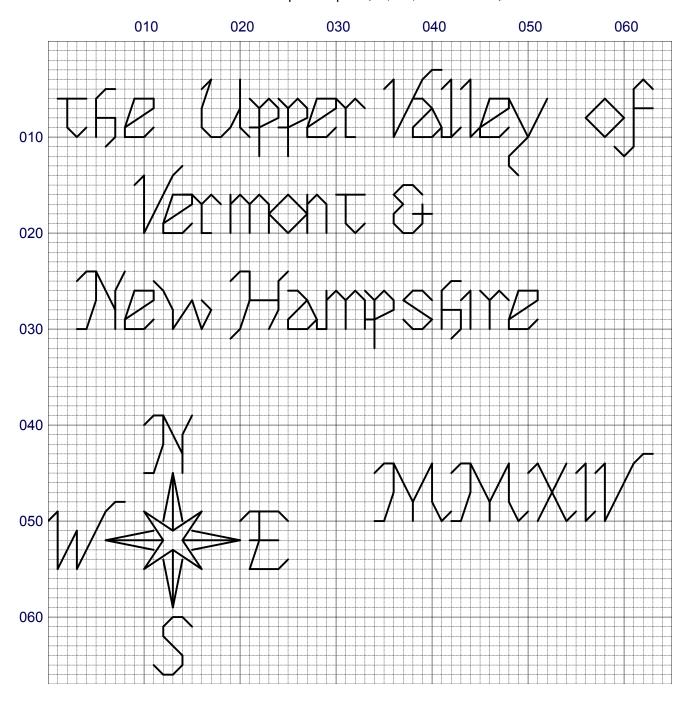
## Alphabet for Blackwork

Loosely based on 15th-16th century English chancery hand and French and Italian humanistic minuscule, with an eye to legibility for modern readers. Baseline should be clear from context (line 7, 17, 27, etc); the numbers are old style, so 3, 4, 5, 7, and 9 fall below the baseline. The ampersand is followed by dashes on the baseline to clarify.



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Sample layout of title, compass rose, and year for Upper Valley blackwork map. I like this alphabet kerned fairly tightly - 1 space between letters, not counting serifs, and three between words, though I spread the top line out a bit more. Some adjustment was made by eye. The baselines of successive rows are 10 spaces apart (10, 20, and 30 here).



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