**First Telegraphic Message**

**Samuel F.B. Morse**

**May 24, 1844**



Notes: When decoded, this message reads, “What hath God wrought?” Morse sent it from the Supreme Court room in the U.S. Capitol in Washington to his assistant in Baltimore, MD. Morse’s early system produced a paper copy with raised dots and dashes, which were later translated by an operators. Across the top of this artifact of his historic achievement to Annie Ellsworth, the young daughter of a good friend, for suggesting the message he sent.