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Title St. Peter.

Date 1776-1780

Primary Maker Prudence Punderson

Medium Embroidery; silk thread and ink on a plain-woven silk ground

Description Needlework picture worked in black, dark green, medium brown,

cream, red, pink, yellow and blue threads in a plain-woven gold silk ground,

using a surface satin stitch and other stitches. At the bottom is a hand-written

inscription in black ink: "St. Peter/ He was Crucified at Rome with his head

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downward". This is one of a group of twelve silk needlework pictures; each

depicts an apostle and has an ink inscription at the bottom with the name of the apostle and a description of their death. The needlework picture is rectangular, oriented vertically. It shows a man with one leg crossed over the other seated in a chair beneath a tree with white blossoms. Three birds are flying beneath the tree. The man is wearing a tan hat with a wide brim, a long black robe, or banyan, over a green suit, and is holding two keys in his right hand. To the right of the man is a wooden chair in the Queen Anne, or late baroque, style with a yoke-shaped crest rail, a vase-shaped splat, rush seat, turned stretchers and front legs with Spanish feet. To the left of the man is a bush and a small collared dog. The edges of the needlework picture are whip-stitched. The picture is hand-drawn in black and red ink. The needlework is embroidered with untwisted silk thread. The ground has 112 yarns per inch in the warp and 80 yarns per inch in the weft. Stitches: The principal stitch is the surface satin stitch; it also includes satin and free-form stitches. Condition: There are minor losses to all four edges of the ground. There is minor fading to the ground. The needlework picture has been cleaned gently then stitched to a plain-woven cotton support fabric applied to a rigid mount. The picture is not framed.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width of ground): 9 3/8 x 8 3/8in. (23.8 x 21.3cm) Mount (height x width): 9 1/2 x 8 1/2in. (24.1 x 21.6cm)