### Title St. Bartholomew.
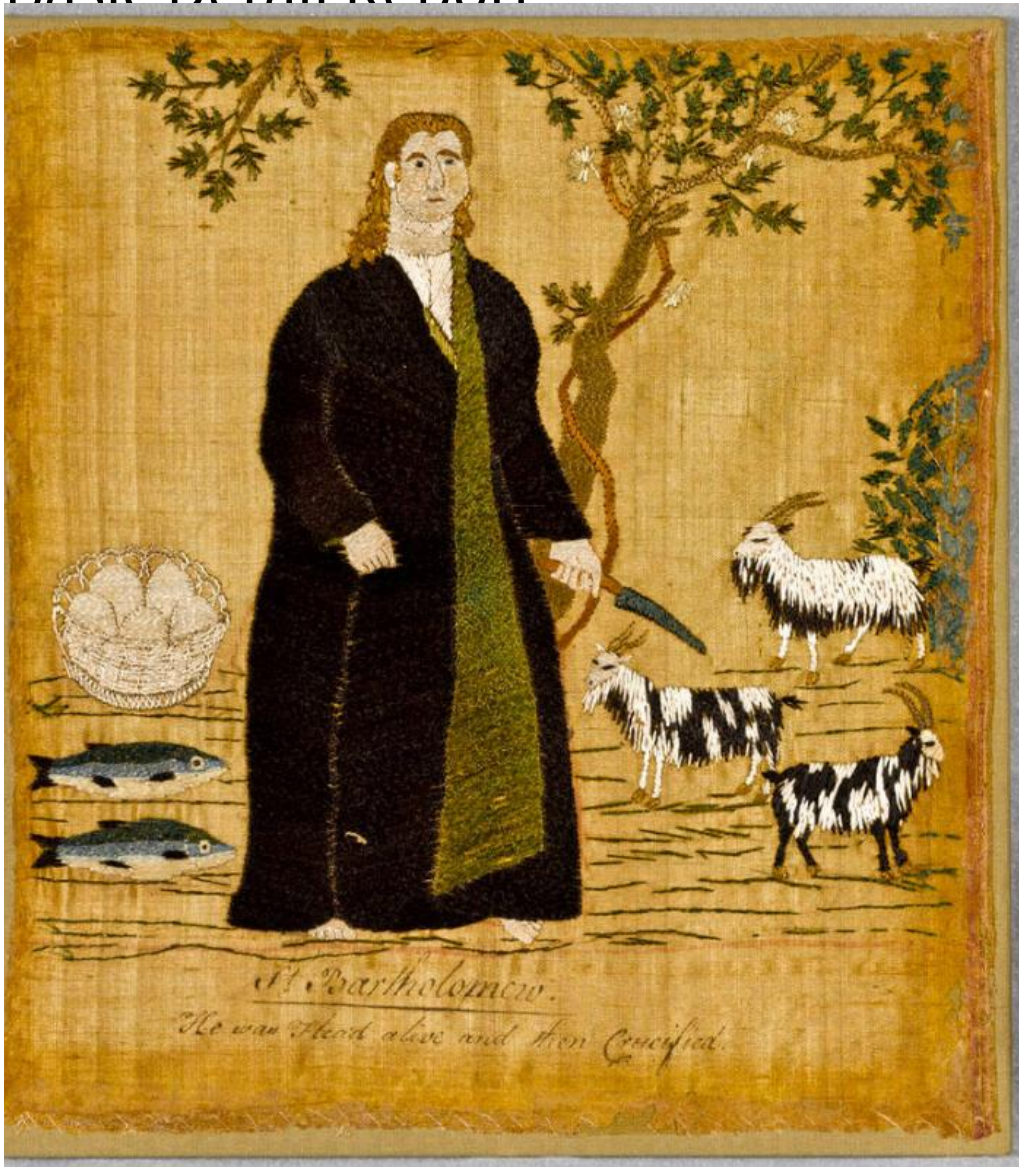
Date 1776-1780

Primary Maker Prudence Punderson

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

Description Needlework picture worked in black, brown, green, black, white, light and dark blue, pink, red, yellow, and white silk threads on 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. Bartholomew./ He was Flea'd alive

# Basic Detail Report

and then Crucified." 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 standing beneath a tree, holding a knife in his left hand. The man wears a long black robe, or banyan, and has bare feet. To his left is a basket filled with five loaves of bread and two blue and white fish lying on the ground . To the right are three goats. The selvedge is located at the right edge of the needlework picture. All four edges of the needlework are whip-stitched. The picture is hand-drawn with red ink and embroidered in untwisted silk thread, floss, and a small amount of twisted yarn (two Z-spun yarns, S-plied). 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, stem and some free-form stitches. Condition: There are some losses to the ground at the lower right edge and along the bottom edge. Putty, or a nother substance, has adhered to some of the embroidery along the right edge. There is some fading to the ground and embroidery. 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 1/4 x 8 1/4in. (23.5 x 21cm) Mount (height x width): 9 1/2 x 8 1/2in. (24.1 x 21.6cm)