

Basic Detail Report



Title St. Lebbeus.

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, dark green, light and dark brown, beige or cream, yellow and pink silk threads on a plain-woven gold silk ground, using a surface satin stitch and other stitches. At the bottom is a handwritten inscription in black ink: "St. Lebbeus/ Whose Sirname was Thaddeus."

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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 seated on a chair to the right of a trestle table; an

inkstand with a feather quill and a piece of fruit (quince) sit on the table. The

man wears a long back robe, or banyan, and holds a large book in his hands. The

man is seated beneath a fruit tree; one short branch of the tree holds the man's

tan wide-brimmed hat. To the right of the man is a grape vine with a small dog

seated at its base. All four edges of the needlework are whip-stitched. The

picture is hand-drawn on the ground with red and black ink then embroidered in

untwisted silk and S-spun single ply 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, stem and some free-form

stitches. Condition: 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 x 8 3/8in. (22.9 x

21.3cm) Mount (height x width): 9 1/2 x 8 1/2in. (24.1 x 21.6cm)