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Title Jephthah's Rash Vow

Date about 1810

Primary Maker Eliza Talcott

Medium (.a) Embroidery; silk thread, metallic thread, chenille yarn, velvet, a sequin, and paint on plain-woven silk; (.b) original frame: wood, gold paint

Description Needlework picture (.a) consisting of white, cream, tan, blue-green, light medium and dark green, light medium and dark blue, salmon and black silk thread, blue-green, brown, tan and cream chenille yarn, and applied velvet on a plain-woven silk ground with a hand-painted background; the picture is labeled "ELIZA TALCOTT" and titled "JEPHTHAH'S RASH VOW." The picture shows a man facing a columned porch where two women are standing. Both woman are wearing Empire, or late neoclassical, style dresses; a younger woman holds a

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tambourine, an older woman holds out her arms to each side. The man's arms are held up as if to ward off the two women. To the left of the man is a fence, before two men, one of whom is holding a flag, and a tree on a hill. The foreground consists of applied blue-green velvet; other portions of the ground in the picture are embroidered in chenille thread. The costume, architecture, and intermediate landscape are embroidered in silk thread. Gold metallic thread is used to form the fringe, tassels and decorative edging on the man's costume and on the fabric drapery on the columned porch. The faces, limbs and sky in the background are hand-painted directly onto the plain-woven silk ground. The picture is behind glass that is painted black at the edges; the title is painted in gold at the bottom center. The gilded wooden frame (original) consists of one deeply curved molding with a rope twist band applied inside. Stitches: The primary stitch on the needlework picture is satin stitch; it also includes encroaching satin, long and short, and french knots. Condition: The silk thread is faded; the original colors are visible on the back of the ground. The backing of the frame is replaced; the backing is removable and shows the back of the embroidery. The embroidery is loose in the frame.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 22 3/4 x 27 7/8in. (57.8 x 70.8 cm)