

Basic Detail Report



Title St. Andrew.

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, brown, yellow, cream, light green, pink and red 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. Andrew./ He was fastened to a Cross at Patra". This

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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 wearing a long black robe, or banyan. He is standing with a leg crossed at the knee with his arm raised. The man's elbow and body lean in front of two timbers of wood that are joined at a ninety degree angle to each other but set at an angle to create a large "X". The man stands in a field of small white flowers on green stalks; he is flanked by a short tree over various types of flowers. The edges of the needlework picture are whip-stitched. The picture is hand-drawn in black and red ink, although the ink lines do not always correspond to the location of the embroidery. The needlework is embroidered in untwisted silk, floss and silk thread (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 free-form stitches. Condition: There are four holes in the top left and left sides plus some loss to the lower right corner of the ground. 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)