

Basic Detail Report



Title Family Register

Date 1826

Primary Maker Annis Jenet Filley

Medium Embroidery; silk thread on a plain-woven, undyed linen ground

Description Family register worked in dark greens, dark brown, dark blue, yellow, lavender, brick red, cream, light green and medium brown silk threads on a plain-woven linen ground in cross stitch and other stitches. The register is squarish, oriented horizontally. It is laid out with a horizontal band of pictorial motifs and the words "Family Register", over a horizontal band containing pictorial motifs and three rows of family details, over three columns containing

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an inscription and eleven rows of family details, over two inscriptions at the

bottom, which are flanked by two vases of flowers. The first inscription is a

verse, "When youth's/ soft season/ shall be oer/ And scenes/ of childhood/

charm no more/ My riper years/ with joy shall see/ This proof of/ youthful/

industry". The second inscription is "Keep sacred the memory of your

Ancestors". The third inscription is "Wrought by Annis J Filley AD 1826 Æ 9". The

pictorial motifs in the first horizontal band include, from left to right, a right-

facing bird in tree and a left-facing bird in tree. The pictorial motifs in the second

horizontal band include, from left to right, a right-leaning plant or tree over a

queen-stitched flower or strawberry and a left-leaning plant or tree over a

queen-stitched flower or strawberry. Certain sections of the register are

separated by various narrow horizontal borders, including straight and

meandering lines. The eleven rows of family detail are surrounded by a box. The

register has a four-sided geometric floral border, with larger geometric designs

at each corner. The register has a 3/16-inch double-turned hem on all four

edges. It has evenly spaced nail holes along all four edges. The register is not

framed or mounted. Letters and Numbers: Except in one instance, all lowercase

letters with descenders, such as the letter 'g', are placed so the descender does

not extend below the baseline. Stitches: The principal stitch on the register is

cross stitch (over two); it is also worked in cross over one, satin and queen

stitches. Condition: The register has light to moderate fading, depending on the

color. The register has evenly spaced nail holes along all four edges. The register

is not framed or mounted.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 16 5/8 x 17 1/8in. (42.2 x 43.5

cm)