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Title Family Register

Date about 1825

Primary Maker Mary Ann Savage

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

Description Family register, or memorial sampler, worked in dark green, medium brown, cream, dark brown, black, light green, tan and light salmon silk threads on a plain-woven linen ground in cross stitch and other stitches. The register is rectangular, oriented vertically. It is laid out with a pictorial motif, over the words "Family Register", over seven rows of family details, over an inscription, over a horizontal band of pictorial motifs on the bottom. The inscription is "[Illegible (possibly "Wrought by")] Mary Ann Savage in the [illegible]th/ year of her age". The pictorial motif at the top consists of two birds facing each other atop a floral design with center beehive atop a grassy landscape. The horizontal band of pictorial motifs at the bottom include, from left to right, a field with two trees and a fence, a steepled church, a bush, a right-leaning willow tree, an urn atop a monument, and a tall plant. These motifs are not in scale. The inscription in the monument is "Sacred to the me/ mory of SS who/ died Sept 3 1818". The register has a wide geometric vine and strawberry four-sided border. The register has a 3/16-inch doubled-turned hem on the sides, and selvages at the top and bottom edges. The register is not framed.

Stitches: The principal stitch on the register is cross stitch (over two); it is also worked in cross (over one), satin, gobelin, long and short, half cross, chain,

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outline and straight stitches. Condition: There is stitch loss to the last line of

family details and to the inscription. The register has minimal fading. The

register is not framed.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 17 1/4 x 12 1/2in. (43.8 x 31.8

cm)