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Title Memorial Picture

Date 1812

Primary Maker Sophia Ellsworth

Medium Embroidery; silk thread, black watercolor, black ink on a satin-woven silk ground; glass, gilt and black paint, wood

Description Memorial picture worked in black silk thread and black watercolor and ink on a cream-colored satin-woven silk ground using seed stitch and other stitches; the mourning picture is labeled "SOPHIA ELLSWORTH/ 1812" and is in a gold-painted wooden frame. The picture shows two stone memorials, each at a slight angle to the other. The leftmost memorial consists of a low rectangular base supporting an obelisk and an urn. An embroidered inscription on the front of the base states "Sacred to the memory/ of/ Miss BETSEY A. ELLSWORTH/ who was born Dec. 24th, 1785/ and died July 26th, 1797/ And/ CHLOE ELLSWORTH,/ who was born March 18th, 1796/ and died July 22d, 1797". The rightmost memorial consists of a low rectangular base supporting an urn. An embroidered inscription on the front of the base states "Consecrated to the remains/ of/ Mr. DANIEL ELLSWORTH/ who departed this life/ March 3rd, 1798/ aged 39 years". In front of the two memorials, a girl in a black Empire-style dress is kneeling. The memorials are located beneath two trees in a landscape with trees and bushes. The silk ground is sewn to strips of linen at the edges; these are nailed to a wooden stretcher. The needlework is behind glass that is painted black at the edges; the name of the embroiderer and date are painted in gold at the bottom

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center. The gilded wooden frame (original) consists of two tiers of wavy molding separated by a recessed quarter round molding. Stitches: The primary stitch on the memorial picture is the seed stitch; it also includes the outline stitch.

Additional elements of the picture are hand-painted with black watercolor and ink directly onto the ground. Condition: The back board and portions of the mount for the frame are replaced. Portions of the ground are wavy.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width of frame): 22 3/8 x 26 1/2in.

(56.8 x 67.3cm)