

Basic Detail Report

Title Frye Family Coat of Arms

Date 1800-1820

Primary Maker Frye family

Medium Embroidery; silk thread on satin-woven silk ground

Description Frye family coat of arms worked in shades of medium and light blue, blue-green, pink, black, tan, khaki, and cream silk threads on a cream satin-woven silk ground, using a satin stitch and other stitches. At the top, a black eagle with outstretched wings sits atop a knight's helmet. This is flanked by coiled red flowers and leaves on a blue-green vine. Below the helmet is a shield-shaped device containing three horses on a field of green. The shield is flanked by leaves on a vine. Beneath the shield are three banners containing the words "BY THE", "NAME OF", and "FRYE"; these words are made in black silk thread.

The embroidery is hand-stitched on satin-woven cream colored satin (now creased and shattered). The satin is whip-stitched at the edges to a plain-woven linen ground. Stitches: The principal stitch on the sampler is satin; it also includes encroaching satin. Condition: The ground is badly shattered and creased. The silk threads are faded. The backing is yellowed and stained.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 15 3/8 x 12 3/8in. (39.1 x 31.4 cm)