

Basic Detail Report

Title Apron

Date about 1730-1740

Primary Maker Mary Pierpont

Medium Embroidery; silk thread, metallic thread, plain-woven silk

Description Silk apron worked in gold and silver metallic thread and in red, pink and light pink, dark medium and light green, dark medium and light blue, purple, yellow, and white silk threads on a plain-woven cream silk ground, using satin stitch and other stitches. The apron is rectangular, oriented horizontally.

The center of the apron has a spray of flowers with an elongated wreath to either side, over a small spray of flowers. The apron has a group of flowers in each lower corner that extends across the bottom and up the sides of the apron.

The apron is constructed of a single panel of plain-woven silk, with a narrow hem at the left and right edge and a selvedge at the bottom edge. The top edge of the apron has a hem and a draw string. Stitches: The principal stitch on the apron is satin; it also includes long and short, roumanian (oriental), couching, and french knot. Condition: The ground is lightly stained and has several areas of shattering and loss. The silver metallic thread is tarnished. The apron has been stitched to a panel of gauze and mounted on plexiglass, held in a muslin-lined frame. Sheer gauze covers the portions of the ground that are in the worst condition.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width of apron): 20 1/2 x 34in. (52.1 x

86.4cm) Primary Dimensions (height x width of frame): 24 3/4 x 38 1/4in. (62.9 x

97.2cm)