

Basic Detail Report



Title Family Register

Date about 1825

Primary Maker Mary Ann Savage

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

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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,

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)