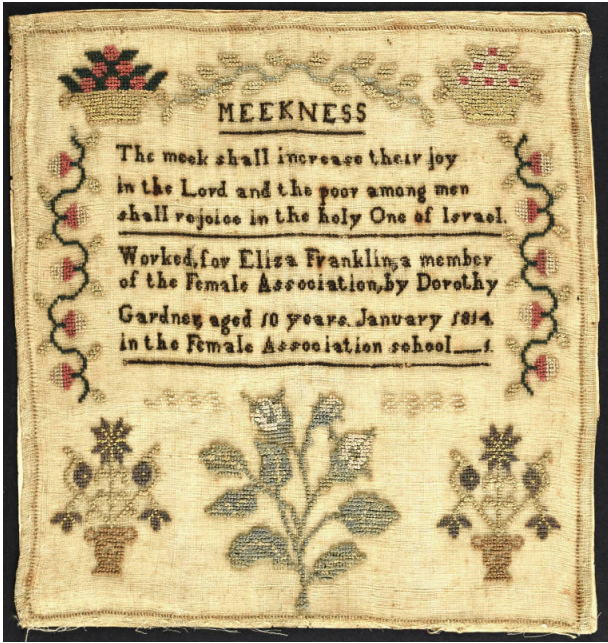




Sampler

Primary Maker

Dorothy Gardner

Medium

Silk plied thread on fine linen

Description

This small sampler is carefully worked in silk plied embroidery thread in shades of red, dark and light green, light blue, black/brown, tan, and pale yellow on an extremely fine linen ground, all in single or double cross stitch. The central verse reads "MEEKNESS / The meek shall increase their joy / in the Lord and the poor among

men / shall rejoice in the holy One of Israel." Beneath the verse, bordered by a chain stitch line embroidered in a single strand of black silk thread, is the inscription "Worked for Eliza Franklin, a member / of the Female Association, by Dorothy / Gardner aged 10 years, January 1814. / in the Female Association School 1." Above the verse title is a wavy foliate vine in pale green and tan, flanked by distinctive floral baskets with double handles, the left with six red flowers amid green leaves, and the right with six red-eyed white flowers with pale green leaves. On either side of the sampler's verse are vertical undulating strawberry-and-leaf vines. Below the verse and inscription is a central motif of three rosebuds and leaves worked in sage green and pale pink, flanked by identical stylized floral bunches in small two-handled vases, worked in brown and pale tan. Two small, short horizontal wavy bands flank the rosebuds, worked in off-white. The sampler's linen ground appears to have a finely worked pulled thread edge, barely visible along the frame's edges.

Dimensions

Sight: 6.5 × 6 in. (16.5 × 15.2 cm)