

Basic Detail Report



Title Dress

Date about 1800-1810

Primary Maker Elizabeth Breese Hazard

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Medium Hand-stitched and hand-embroidered cotton muslin, with linen

waistband lining

Description Sheer white cotton muslin, embroidered with dots of heavier cotton.

The waistline is high (2 1/2 inches below the armhole at the sides) and the sleeves are short. The sleeves are set smoothly into the armhole in front and gathered in the back, near the top of the shoulder. The sleeves have a triangular shaped panel set into the top, lightly gathered on all sides, so that it is puffed. At the back of the sleeve, along the back edge of the triangular panel, is a 1 1/4-inch strip of tambour-embroidered muslin. The embroidery is of diagonal foliate designs, with diamond shapes worked with French knots in between. The sleeves end in a narrow, straight band of self-fabric backed with plain-woven linen. The armholes are deeply cut, so that the dress is only about 6 inches across the back. The rounded neckline is controlled with a narrow, woven cotton drawstring, so that the bodice is gathered and full in front. The back opening is 13 1/2 inches long (now torn much longer); it closes at the top with a drawstring. The waistband is 5/8 inches wide, and is lined with plain-woven linen. The skirt is gathered into the waistband at the center back for about six inches across; it is smooth around the sides and front.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across back, including sleeves):

19 3/4 x 51 1/2in. (50.2 x 130.8cm)