

Basic Detail Report



Title Chemise

Date about 1820-1840

Primary Maker M. A. Dickinson

Medium Hand-stitched linen

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Description Woman's chemise of fine, plain linen. The front and back panels are cut separately and are joined by shoulder straps; each panel is gathered into a narrow band between the shoulder straps. The neckline is wide and square (4 3/4 inches deep x 11 1/2 inches wide). A flap of matching linen was added to the front neckline to fold over the corset and prevent it from chafing. The sleeves are short (6 1/2 inches) and are gathered into the shoulder strap and into a narrow band at the sleeve opening. Underarm gussets provide ease. The lower armhole is reinforced with a band of extra fabric. Triangular inserts in the side seams provide extra width in the lower part of the chemise. Seams are sewn selvage-to-selvage or are flat-felled. The hem is turned under 1/4 inch.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width along bottom edge): 48 x 34 1/8in. (121.9 x 86.7cm) Other (width across top): 28in. (71.1cm)