

Basic Detail Report



Title Chemise

Date about 1865-1875

Primary Maker Geer family

Medium Machine-stitched cotton

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Description Woman's white cotton chemise, with the front and back panels

gathered into a narrow yoke. The yoke has a scalloped neckline edge, and is

decorated with chain-stitch embroidery imitating soutache braid. The yoke

extends about five inches down the center front. It has an opening worked with

small holes for lacing. The original narrow tape is laced through the bottom

holes. The neckline is wide and shallow. The sleeves are short (four inches) and

are embroidered along the edge like the yoke. They are gathered slightly at the

shoulder, and are cut full under the arm, so there are no gussets. The flare at the

bottom of the chemise is pieced with small triangles of fabric at the side seams.

The hem is 3/4-inch wide.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across top): 40 x 20 3/8in. (101.6

x 51.8cm) Other (width across bottom): 39 1/8in. (99.4cm)