

Basic Detail Report



Title Chemise

Date about 1855

Primary Maker Emeline Beebe

Medium Hand-stitched linen

Description Woman's chemise of white linen, with short, gathered sleeves and wide neckline. The sleeves are finished with a piped band of whitework

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embroidery, edged with a faggoted and scalloped whitework trim. This same

band surrounds the neckline. A 5 1/2-inch-long placket at center front is also

trimmed with a scalloped edging of whitework embroidery. It fastens at the top

with two studs, as indicated by the opposing buttonholes. The sleeves are cut

square under the arm, then folded on the diagonal to create a gusset-like

fullness. A 1 3/4-inch-wide strip of lining reinforces the armhole. The front and

back panels of the chemise are gathered into the band surrounding the neckline.

They are pieced with triangles at the side seams to create the desired width. The

hem is one inch deep. Seams are selvage-to-selvage or flat felled.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across top including sleeves):

46 1/4 x 25 1/2in. (117.5 x 64.8cm) Other (width across bottom): 43in. (109.2cm)