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Title Baptismal Dress

Date 1849

Primary Maker Annie Louise Smith

Medium Hand-stitched cotton, thread-covered bone buttons, and linen tapes

Description Infant's dress of white cotton, with a wide, square neckline

controlled by a drawstring. The bodice front has a V-shaped insertion made of rows of whitework and drawn thread embroidery connected by faggoting.

Edging this panel is a narrow embroidered ruffle. The short sleeves consist

mainly of one strip of embroidery matching the bodice, edged along the

shoulder and around the opening with scalloped whitework. The bodice and

skirt are made separately and are basted together at the waistband. The

waistband around the bottom of the bodice is overlaid with the embroidered

band. The skirt is closely gathered into its own plain waistband. The hem is 7 1/2

inches deep and it is topped with a row of the embroidered insertion and

faggoting. The bottom of the skirt is edged with the scalloped and drawn thread

whitework, attached by faggoting. The center back of the dress is open for

eleven inches; it fastens with the drawstrings at the waist, and with a single,

thread-covered button and tape loop at the neckline. There are six drawstrings

in the neckline across the back, which draw towards the shoulders, not to the

center back.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across top): 40 x 12in. (101.6 x

30.5cm)