

Basic Detail Report



Title Shirtwaist

Date about 1865

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched cotton with thread-covered bone buttons and a mother of pearl button

Description Woman's blouse of lightweight, white cotton. It has a high, round neckline with a 1 1/4-inch-high standing band collar edged with scalloped whitework embroidery. The center front opening fastens with ten thread-covered buttons on the body and two mother of pearl buttons on the 1 1/4-inch-wide waistband. The blouse is gathered into the waistband across the center front and center back. The shoulderline is dropped low. The full sleeves are

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gathered into the piped armscye and into narrow cuffs edged with scalloped

whitework. The cuffs would have fastened with a stud, as there are two

buttonholes. The fabric along the lower front is pieced.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across shoulders): 17 1/4 x 20 1

/4in. (43.8 x 51.4cm)