

Basic Detail Report



Title Dress

Date about 1836-1840

Primary Maker Sophronia Frisbie Marshall

Medium Hand-stitched silk damask and velvet, wadded with wool, and lined with glazed cotton and linen; brass hooks and eyes, and buckram belt interlining

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Description Woman's day dress of olive green and brown silk floral damask,

trimmed with brown velvet. The dress is in the "redingote" front-opening style,

and has a matching damask belt (.b) The sleeves are fitted into the shoulder with

narrow pleats, which are controlled with two rows of chain stitching three

inches below the top of the armhole. The fullness is released and then gathered

up again to create a puff above the elbow. A scalloped ruffle trimmed with the

velvet extends below the puff, over the sleeve which is tight between the elbow

and wrist. The wrist is trimmed with a scalloped cuff made of the velvet. This

"banded-down" sleeve is distinctive to the 1836-1840 period. The bodice is

trimmed with a wide collar of the brown velvet, and two wide strips of velvet in a

"V" formation from the shoulders to the waistline. The velvet extends in a

gradually widening strip from the waistband to the hem, imitating the effect of a

front-opening coat. The skirt is smooth in the center front of the waist, knife-

pleated over the hips, and cartridge-pleated at center back. Curved faux seams

on the bodice back are created with narrow strips of the velvet. Most of the

seams of the bodice are piped. The dress opens at the bodice center front with

brass hooks and eyes. The opening extends to the waistband and then is offset

several inches to the right and down the skirt for eleven inches. The dress is

wadded with wool throughout, including the sleeves. The skirt is lined with

brown glazed cotton cambric. The bodice is lined with undyed plain-woven

linen. The belt is made of the olive damask, interlined with buckram and lined

with brown cambric. It closes with hooks and eyes set three inches back from

the edge; a large decorative buckle would have covered this area.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (center back length x width across shoulders):

49 1/2 x 19in. (125.7 x 48.3cm) Other (waist circumference): 26in. (66cm) Hem

(circumference): 121in. (307.3cm) Other (length): 24 1/4in. (61.6cm)