

Basic Detail Report



Title Dress

Date about 1855-1860

Primary Maker Fanny Griswold

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Medium Hand-stitched wool/silk barège with cotton lining, silk ribbon, brass

hooks and eyes, and silk-covered buttons (possibly over wooden button molds),

unidentified boning, and wool hem tape

Description Woman's barège day dress, woven with a checked design of

variegated brown and black, and black on cream. The flounced skirt

incorporates the fabric's woven border of green stripes flanking a broad band of

green, red, black, yellow, and blue plaid. The bell sleeves of the bodice are

trimmed with a 3 3/4-inch-wide silk ribbon striped with red, black, black/white

pin stripes, and green. The top of the sleeves are pleated into the dropped

armscye; they are decorated an inch below this seam with ruffled medallions of

red and green picot-edged silk pleated under a black and white striped silk-

covered button. The bodice closes at center front with ten small, dome-shaped

buttons covered with black, green, red, and yellow silk worked in a swirling

pattern, supplemented with hooks and eyes. The high, round neckline retains its

original whitework collar, which is about three inches wide at the front edge.

The bodice is fitted with two five-inch-long darts on either side of the opening;

the darts are boned, as are the side seams. The bodice is lined with white twill-

woven cotton. The skirt is cartridge-pleated to the bottom edge of the bodice. It

opens to the left of center. Stiff, open-weave cotton lines the skirt, and the

bottom edge is bound with green wool tape.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across shoulders): 54 x 19in.

(137.2 x 48.3cm)