

Basic Detail Report



Title Dress

Date about 1847

Primary Maker Sarah Maria Mansfield

Medium Hand-stitched cotton, brass hooks and eyes, baleen boning

Description Woman's dress of white cotton printed with an orange frond-like design. This dress was originally one-piece, but has been separated into a

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bodice and skirt. The bodice (.a) has a wide neckline, which is piped, with a yoke across the shoulders. The bodice ends in a rounded point at center front and center back. The fabric is gathered into the points and then fanned out along the bottom of the yoke. The narrow bell sleeves have 4 1/2-inch-deep caps at the shoulders. Originally, the armholes would have been piped like the neckline, but this is now missing, suggesting that the sleeves were altered, perhaps by the original owner to update the fashion. The center back opening fastens with brass hooks and eyes. The bodice is lined with plain white cotton. It is boned in the front point. The skirt (.b) is gathered into a plain, white cotton waistband (not original). The hem is 4 7/8 inches deep.

Dimensions Bodice (center front length x width across shoulders): 17 1/2 x 17 1/2 in. (44.5 x 44.5cm) Other (bodice center back length): 16 1/8 in. (41cm) Skirt (length x hem diameter): 38 1/2 x 140 in. (97.8 x 355.6cm)