

Basic Detail Report

Title Petticoat

Date about 1850-1860

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched cotton

Description Woman's petticoat of white cotton. The petticoat is closely gathered all around the one-inch-wide self-fabric waistband. It is decorated with four bands of inserted tape, folded back and forth in a zig-zag like rickrack. The bottom of the petticoat is hand-stitched with white eyelet embroidery; the design is of a leafy wreath surrounding a grape and floral spray within each scallop along the edge. The center back opening extends 9 1/2 inches; there is currently no means of closure. A carefully stitched tuck has been taken across the front of the petticoat, 4 1/2 inches down from the waistband. This was probably done by the original owner in the 1860s, when the silhouette changed so that the skirt was longer in the back.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (center back length x hem circumference): 41 x 140in. (104.1 x 355.6cm)