

Basic Detail Report



Title Baptismal Dress

Date about 1870s

Primary Maker Beach family

Medium Machine-stitched cotton

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Description Infant's christening gown of white cotton, with a high, round

neckline trimmed with a scalloped whitework-embroidered edging stitched

under a binding, through which a drawstring is inserted. The front panel of the

dress, extending from the neck to the hem, is made up of alternating horizontal

bands of tucks and pulled threadwork. This panel is trimmed with whitework

edging matching that used at the neck. Self-fabric ties, 44 1/2-inches-long, are

stitched at the waistline at each side of the front panel. The long sleeves are cut

with an upper and lower seam; the wrist openings are edged with scalloped

whitework. The skirt is gathered into the bottom of the bodice. The bottom of

the skirt is trimmed with a two-inch-deep scalloped whitework edging. The back

of the bodice is plain. The center back opening extends seventeen inches and

fastens with the drawstring at the neckline. The sets of opposing buttonholes

(left side worked vertically, right side worked horizontally) shows that studs

originally were used also.

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

40 x 10in. (101.6 x 25.4cm)