

Basic Detail Report

Title Wedding Dress

Date 1839

Primary Maker Hannah Scoville Yale

Medium Hand-stitched silk with cotton lining, boning, and brass hooks and eyes

Description Light golden brown silk damask wedding dress, with a full skirt, pointed bodice, and banded-down sleeves. The neckline is wide and the shoulderline is dropped. The sleeves are set into the armhole with many small pleats, the fullness of which are controlled with a one-inch-wide self-fabric band stitched 2 1/2 inches down the top of the arm, and then with a ruffle about another two inches down; at this point the fullness is released and then pleated and stitched down again at the wrist. The width of the shoulderline is accentuated by horizontal pleating across the bodice front. All bodice seams are piped. The bodice closes at center back with hooks and eyes. The bodice is lined with cream-colored plain-woven cotton fabric. It is boned at the center back, center front, and to either side of the center front. The skirt is knife-pleated into the bodice waistline (though straight across the center front point); it is full all the way around. The hem is lined for 5 1/2 inches with glazed brown cotton. The dress has a matching, separate cape collar. The collar edge is piped all around; it is fashioned with decorative "slits" in the area of the outside arm, which are then laced with a golden silk tasseled cord. The lower center back of the collar is gathered into a narrow band, forming a short "tail," from which hangs a very long, double silk cord with tassels.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall length x shoulder width): 50 x 15 1/2in.

(127 x 39.4cm) Hem (circumference): 102in. (259.1cm) Other (sleeve length):

20in. (50.8cm)