

Basic Detail Report

Title Pelisse

Date about 1815

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched silk and cotton, with wool wadding

Description Brown/black changeable twill-woven silk pelisse. The pelisse is open down the entire center front; it closes with self-covered buttons and cord loops (several buttons are missing). When closed, the buttons are hidden under the opposite lapped edge. The long, straight sleeves are set into the armscye with gathers at the back of the shoulder. The waist is high, measuring 2 1/2 inches at the side, under the armscye. The collar is plain, measuring 3 inches wide at the front edge. While the bodice front is stitched with only a few small gathers into the smooth front waistline, the back of the bodice is gathered across the shoulderline and the back waistline is gathered on a ribbon drawstring. The bodice is lined with tan plain-woven cotton. The skirt is lined with dark brown plain-woven cotton. The wadding is undyed wool.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (front length x width across shoulders): 43 3/4 x 12 1/4in. (111.1 x 31.1cm) Hem (circumference): 90in. (228.6cm) Other (center back length from collar to hem): 53in. (134.6cm)