

# Basic Detail Report

## Title Dress

Date about 1870

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Machine-stitched and hand-stitched silk and cotton, with mother of pearl buttons, unidentified boning (probably baleen), silk-covered cotton cord, and brass hooks and eyes

Description Woman's dress, possibly for evening wear, made of a boldly striped creamy yellow and black silk. It has a low, square neckline and coat sleeves. The bodice closes at center front with six large, shanked mother of pearl buttons, augmented by a brass hook and eye at the waistline. The bodice is fitted with two 6 1/2-inch darts on either side of the bodice opening. The coat sleeves are embellished at the top of the arm with a 4 3/4-inch-wide, pleated puff of self-fabric, edged with two bands of cream-colored, looped braid of silk. The bodice is lined with twill-woven, undyed cotton. The darts and side seams are boned. The major bodice seams are machine-chain-stitched. The front of the skirt is flat; it is gored on the sides. The skirt is cartridge-pleated along the back. There is an in-seam pocket on the right side. The lining is glazed, cream-colored cotton. The hem is additionally lined with five inches of starched, plain-woven cotton. Cream-colored silk cord finishes the bottom edge of the skirt.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (back length x width across shoulders): 58 x 16in. (147.3 x 40.6cm) Other (center front length): 46in. (116.8cm) Hem (circumference): 170in. (431.8cm)