

Basic Detail Report

Title Wedding Dress

Date 5 May 1830

Primary Maker Almira Barnes

Medium Hand-stitched silk and cotton, with metal hooks and eyes

Description Woman's dress of ecru silk, which is sheer, with an opaque woven pattern of leafy vines. The bodice is short-waisted (measuring five inches at the sides under the armscye), and has a wide neckline edged with a double row of satin-covered cording. The bodice front is decorated with a gathered width of self-fabric extending from shoulder to shoulder, edged with the satin cording, and meeting at center front in a faux knot. The sleeves are very full, being pleated into the shoulder and into a satin cuff. The sleeves are seamed along the top of the arm and under the arm; these seams have an insertion of satin piping. The armscye is also piped. The dress closes at center back with hooks and eyes. Both edges of the opening are lined with plain-woven white cotton; the bodice is otherwise unlined. The left side of the opening is trimmed with two double rows of piping. The bodice is fitted with two vertical darts in front, extending from the waistline. The skirt is knife-pleated into the waistline, all around. It is decorated with a double row of the satin cording 17 1/2 inches from the bottom edge. Below the cording, the skirt is lined with sheer, plain-woven cotton.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across shoulders): 47 x 14in. (119.4 x 35.6cm) Hem (circumference): 91in. (231.1cm)