

Basic Detail Report

Title Infant's Dress

Date about 1810-1820

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched cotton with thread-covered bone (probably) buttons

Description Infant's dress of white cotton, with a wide, square neckline

controlled by drawstrings. The short sleeves are gathered onto a strip of self-

fabric along the inside edge of the shoulder (so that only gathering shows), and

into a narrow strip of whitework embroidery at the sleeve opening. Two pointed

pieces of self-fabric, with scalloped edges, are stitched over the sleeves, their

points meeting at the top of the shoulder under a thread-covered button. The

high waistline is controlled by a drawstring. The dress opens down the entire

length of the center back. These edges are scalloped and worked with eyelet

embroidery. The bottom of the skirt is decorated with three sets of three narrow

tucks above a scalloped and white-work embroidered edge. The embroidery

design is a leafy frond.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across top): 35 x 14 1/2in. (88.9

x 36.8cm)