

Basic Detail Report

Title Shroud and Cap

Date about 1830-1850

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched glazed cotton

Description Shroud: Hand-stitched, brown glazed cotton "cambric," with a drawstring neck and drawstring wrist openings. It was hastily made; stitching is coarse and edges are left raw. The neckline, wrist openings, and hem are cut (pinked) in a zig-zag or "Van Dyke" edge. This edge is turned to the outside of the drawstring casings to form a ruffle around the neckline and wrists. The shroud fabric is of the sort typically used as a lining for dresses in the second and third quarters of the nineteenth century, helping to date this garment. Cap: Made of the same glazed brown cotton as the shroud. It was cut in a double-hump ("m") shape from selvage to selvage, folded in half, and seamed along the rounded top edge. It is gathered at the back of the neck and at the top of the front (face) edge. The front edges are selvage, the bottom edge is raw. There is no method of tying or fastening.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall length x width at shoulders): 58 1/2 x 30in. (148.6 x 76.2cm)