

Basic Detail Report

Title Woman's Boots

Date about 1855

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched leather, wool, and cotton, with brass tips on the laces
and metal nails on the heels

Description Black fabric boots, with side lacing, oval toe, and low, stacked heel.

The fabric is cotton warp and wool weft in a sateen weave. The boots are
seamed up the center front and at the center back. A separate tongue with a
rounded end is underneath the lacing. The boots are lined with white plain-
woven cotton, cut on the bias; they are bound along the top, opening, and
tongue with black silk grosgrain ribbon. The boots retain their original laces,
which are black silk tapes with brass tips. The soles are straight, but because the
lacing was meant to be on the inside of the ankle, boot ".a" was worn on the
right foot, and ".b" was worn on the left. The bottom layer of leather on the
stacked heel is nailed on.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 5 3/8 x 2 1/2 x 9 1/4in.
(13.7 x 6.4 x 23.5cm)