

Basic Detail Report

Title Infant's Shoes

Date about 1875

Primary Maker Brainard family

Medium Machine-stitched leather and cotton, with non-ferrous metal ornament and cardboard sock lining

Description White leather infant shoes, with rounded square toes and flat soles.

The throatline is cut in scallops, each scallop punched with a round hole. The upper is punched with alternating diamonds and circles in a line circumscribing the foot. These shapes are outlined with decorative stitching. Mounted on top of the instep is a matching white leather bow-like ornament, the lower layer being scalloped and punched, and the upper layer being cut in three petals. At the center of the bow is mounted a metal ornament in the shape of a buckle. The upper is lined with white plain-woven cotton, which shows through the punchwork of the leather. An elastic cord is mounted at the back of the shoe through punched holes; the ends of the cord are secured by a dark metal ball.

The sock lining is white cardboard. The soles are straight.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x length): 1 7/8 x 1 7/8 x 4 3/4in.

(4.8 x 4.8 x 12.1cm)