

Basic Detail Report

Title Wedding Dress

Date June 10, 1885

Primary Maker Alta Harriett Farr

Medium Machine-stitched and hand-stitched cotton, with mother of pearl buttons

Description Woman's wedding dress consisting of a bodice (.1a) and skirt (.1b) of sheer, white book muslin. The bodice has two pleats running down either side of the center front opening, which fastens with sixteen mother of pearl buttons. Six decorative pleats run down the back of the bodice. The neckline is high and round, and is finished with a standing band collar, about one inch high. The sleeves are smooth and tight, and are three-quarter in length. They end in flounces of needlerun net lace. This lace, which is about 3 3/8 inches wide, also trims of the bottom edge of the bodice, making it about hip-length. The bodice is unlined. A strip of self-fabric is stitched around the inside of the waist like a petersham. The skirt is flat in front and gathered in back. The plain cotton waistband closes at the center back; the closing mechanism was probably originally a hook and eye, but is now missing. Six 1 1/2-inch-wide tucks are taken in the lower half of the skirt. The bottom is trimmed with two rows of self-fabric knife-pleated ruffles. The skirt is unlined.

Dimensions Bodice (center front length x width across shoulders): 21 x 16in.

(53.3 x 40.6cm) Skirt (center back length): 40in. (101.6cm) Skirt (waist circumference): 29in. (73.7cm) Hem (circumference): 99in. (251.5cm)