

Basic Detail Report

Title Young Woman's Dress

Date 1825

Primary Maker Mary Woodruff

Medium Hand-stitched silk and cotton, with machine-made alterations; modern metal hook and eye and synthetic fiber tapes

Description Young woman's formal dress of red gauze-woven silk, woven with a floral and pointed oval design. The fabric has a border pattern of flowers and wheat-like stems woven in gold-colored silk. The dress as it currently appears has a wide neckline edged with thick, self-covered piping. The red gauze is slightly gathered over the plain, white cotton lining of the bodice. The darts of the bodice have been let out so that it is unfitted. The sleeves are short. They are gathered into the armscye, which is piped, and also into a 1/2-inch-wide binding of self-fabric around the arm opening. The skirt is gathered all around the waist (originally, it would have been flat in front). Two triangular peplum-like flaps are stitched at the waist; they are made of fabric from the gold-colored border design. The dress opening extends sixteen inches down the center back and fastens with red synthetic fiber tape ties, and a modern hook and eye at the neckline. The curved side back seams are piped. The skirt is unlined.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width): 50 1/4 x 16 1/4in. (127.6 x 41.3 cm)