

Basic Detail Report

Title Girl's Dress

Date about 1850-1860

Primary Maker Mary Marilla Leggett

Medium Hand-stitched cotton, with thread-covered bone (probably) buttons and hand embroidery

Description Young girl's dress of plain white cotton, with a wide, slightly square neckline controlled by a drawstring and edged with finely scalloped whitework embroidery. The bodice is gathered into the neckline and into the waistline across the front and back; the sides are smooth. The short sleeves are edged with the scalloped whitework and are decorated with a 7/8-inch-wide tuck around the center. The full skirt is gathered into the one-inch-wide waistband. It is decorated with a 1 1/2-inch-wide insertion of whitework embroidery, flanked by faggoting. The bottom is edged with 1 1/2-inch-deep scalloped whitework and headed by faggoting. The center back opening extends thirteen inches and fastens with two thread-covered buttons at the waistband, four buttons on the bodice, and a drawstring at the neckline.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across top): 23 x 16in. (58.4 x 40.6cm)