

Basic Detail Report

Title Chemise

Date about 1860-1875

Primary Maker Susan W. Snow

Medium Hand- and machine-stitched linen and tatted cotton lace

Description Woman's chemise of white linen, with the front and back panels

gathered into a two-inch-wide yoke. The neckline is low and round (4" deep x 11

1/2" wide.) It is trimmed with a narrow tatted edging. The sleeves are short (6 1

/4") and are gathered into the top of the shoulder and into a band at the

opening. This band is trimmed with the tatted edging. The sleeves are cut full

under the arm, so there is no gusset. The center front of the chemise is open for

seven inches; two buttonholes worked in the yoke indicate that a stud was used

as a closure (it would be easily removed for laundering.) The front panel is

pieced selvage-to-selvage on the left side; the back panel is pieced on the right

side. Other seams are flat felled. The hem is turned up 1 1/8 inches. The top

stitching of the yoke and sleeve bands is done by machine.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across top): 44 x 26in. (111.8 x

66cm) Other (width across bottom): 40in. (101.6cm)