

Basic Detail Report



Title Dress

Date about 1855-1860

Primary Maker Tilton family

Medium Hand-stitched wool and cotton, with glass and brass buttons, velvet ribbon, and wool twill tape

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Description Woman's day dress (.a) of wool, printed with brown stripes

alternating with wider stripe of green and brown/white geometric coral-like

pattern. The bodice has a high and round neckline and dropped shoulderline. It

is fitted with three six-inch darts extending from the waistline on either side of

the center front opening. The bell sleeves are edged with one wide and one

narrow band of black velvet ribbon. The separate sleeve caps are decorated

similarly. The bodice closes with eleven buttons of dark purple glass set in a

serrated brass bezel. The neckline, armscye seams, and waistline are finished

with self-covered piping. The bodice is lined with brown twill-woven cotton. The

openings of the bell sleeves are lined with self-fabric. Inside the pocket was

found a dark maroon satin ribbon (.b), which was probably worn at the front of

the neckline, as it was fashionable to wear a brooch or ribbon bow in such a

manner. The bottom edge of the skirt is lined with 5 5/8 inches of brown cotton

and finished with maroon wool twill-woven tape. Length of extra dress fabric (.c),

measuring 24 1/4 x 46 inches.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (center back length x width across shoulders):

57 1/2 x 19in. (146.1 x 48.3cm) Hem (circumference): 140in. (355.6cm)