

Basic Detail Report



Title Dress

Date 1836-1840

Primary Maker Miss Wilson

Medium Hand-stitched silk and linen, with cotton lace and brass hooks and eyes

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Description Changeable brown/black silk day dress, with wide neckline edged

with a narrow white lace frill. The waistline is slightly high, measuring 5 1/2

inches at the side, under the armhole. The bodice front is decorated with fan

pleating from the center front waistline to the shoulderline. The sleeves have

narrow pleats set into the top of the armhole; these pleats are controlled by

three rows of black chain stitching, 5 1/2 inches down the arm, where the

fullness is released. The sleeve fullness is again pleated and stitched above the

cuffs, which close with hooks and eyes. The neck edge, armhole, sleeve seams,

cuffs, and shoulder seams are piped. The appearance of curved side back seams

is created by piped strips of bias self-fabric, but there is no actual seaming. The

bodice is lined with coarse, plain-woven linen. The dress closes at center back

with brass hooks and eyes. The bodice fabric is pieced under the left arm. The

waistband is 2 1/8 inches wide. The skirt is knife-pleated around the waistband

to the center back, where it is then cartridge-pleated for a width of 3 1/4 inches.

The bottom of the skirt is lined for 8 1/4 inches with brown plain-woven linen or

glazed cotton.

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

51 x 19in. (129.5cm) Hem (circumference): 107 1/2in. (273.1cm)