

Basic Detail Report



Title Wedding Dress

Date 1865-1870

Primary Maker Unknown

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Medium Machine-stitched and hand-stitched silk and cotton, with wool hem

tape, brass hooks and eyes, silk-covered ferrous metal buttons, and unidentified

boning (probably baleen)

Description Woman's brown silk day dress with matching belt (.b) and cape

collar (.c). The dress has a high, round neckline, dropped shoulder, and coat

sleeves. The bodice closes at center front with brass hooks and eyes. The right

side of the opening edge is decorated with non-functional buttons that are silk-

covered metal and resemble acorns. Across the bodice front and back are

stitched two rows of doubled bias self-fabric, emphasizing the wide

shoulderline. This same, simple decoration appears on the sleeves at the wrist.

The neckline and armhole seams are piped. The bodice is fitted with two five-

inch darts on either side of the opening; the darts are boned, as are the side

seams. The lining of the bodice is tan twill-woven cotton. The skirt is flat in front,

pleated at the hips, and cartridge-pleated at the back. There is an in-seam

pocket on the right side. The lining of the skirt is beige glazed cotton. The

bottom of the skirt is lined additionally with 8 1/2 inches of brown plain-woven

cotton, and the edge is bound with brown wool tape. The waistband of the skirt

is covered by a separate belt (.b) of the same brown silk and edged with a

double row of self-fabric set on the bias. It is decorated with a self-fabric rosette

(2 3/4 inches in diameter), centered with an acorn-like button. Over the

shoulders is worn a matching separate cape collar (.c), which is pointed at

center front, over the shoulders, and at center back. It is trimmed with two rows

of the doubled bias strips of self-fabric. The neckline is piped.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across shoulders): 62 x 18in.

(157.5 x 45.7cm) Hem (circumference): 182in. (462.3cm)