

Basic Detail Report

Title Stays

Date about 1775

Primary Maker Mrs. Caroline Ruder

Medium Hand-stitched leather, linen, and cotton, with baleen boning

Description Woman's stays, with a triangular center front panel, and tabs around the bottom edge. They close at center back with a spiral lacing. The original front covering fabric appears to have been plain tan cotton, over a plain linen interlining. The boning is baleen. The stays were originally professionally made and were of high quality, but they were extremely worn and then heavily patched and padded with soft leather and relined with plain cotton.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width): 17 1/4 x 28in. (43.8 x 71.1cm)

Other (center back length): 14 3/8in. (36.5cm) Other (center front length): 12 1/2in. (31.8cm) Other (width across top edge): 33in. (83.8cm)