Basic Detail Report



Title Infant's Dress

Date 1864

Primary Maker Melancy Williams

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Medium Hand-stitched cotton

Description Infant's dress of white cotton, with a wide, square neckline controlled by a drawstring. The neckline is edged with fine vandyking. The high-waisted bodice is ornamented with bretelles extending from the lower center front, over the shoulders and to the center back neckline. The bretelles are cut in deep points over the short, puffed sleeves. Embroidered in the bodice center front is a floral design with net centers ("Ayrshire" work), set off by the V-shape of the bretelles. The waist is circumscribed by a band of whitework embroidery. The skirt is closely gathered into this waistband. The bottom of the skirt is embroidered for a depth of two inches with stylized flowers inset with netting, over a scalloped edge. The embroidery is very fine and appears to be hand-worked. The center back opening extends 8 3/4 inches (it has been torn slightly beyond this) and fastens with the drawstring at the neck. Originally, a colored silk ribbon was probably inserted in the waistband to act also as a drawstring. Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across bottom): 32 x 25 3/4in. (81.3 x 65.4cm)