Basic Detail Report



Title Girl's Dress

Date about 1830

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched cotton with brass hooks and eyes

Description Young girl's dress of sheer white cotton, with a wide neckline and dropped shoulderline. The full, puffed sleeves are about elbow length. The

neckline and armscye are piped. The dress fabric is gathered horizontally across the bodice between the shoulders in front. A strip of needlerun net lace is stitched vertically up the bodice center front. The bodice is stitched smoothly into the 1 3/4-inch-wide waistband, which is edged with the piping. The bottom of the skirt is scalloped and embroidered in whitework with a floral and frond motif within each scallop. Above the embroidery, a strip of whitework insertion is flanked by four rows of pintucks. A strip of the whitework insertion (which actually is woven, not embroidered, with the design) is stitched vertically down each side of the skirt back. The dress opens at center back for about twelve inches (though it has torn farther than that) and fastens with brass hooks and eyes.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across shoulders): 30 x 10 1/2in. (76.2 x 26.7cm)