



TRADITIONAL STAYS (1795 - 1810)

GCV&M HISTORIC PATTERN DATABASE

Object description:

Entirely hand-stitched half-boned stays with high waist, made of plain weave nankeen and stitched with yellowish silk; edges self-bound. High back, straight across with horizontal sets of stays at shoulder blade level; low front, very slightly scooped at the top and more at the bottom. 40"± 'waist'. Meant to be pinned in front where numerous pinholes exist. The bone channels occur in pairs: 3 across the back, 2 at the sides, and 3 on each side front. No bust gussets, just a pushup or shelf effect. The binding was lifted along the top to remove the bones; one short piece remains in the front, as well as the 2 pairs at the shoulder blades; it was widened by insertion of a gusset at the side waist. Once had narrow straps stitched to the upper corner and the corner by the armscye.

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