



CONSERVATION ASSESSMENT

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Object:

Hand-sewn pocket

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Description:

Pocket, tie on, pieced, trapezoidal shape. Woman's handsewn pocket that has been pieced together from scrap fabric. Two ties on either side. Binding along top edge and around midline opening. Front panel consists of alternating pieced and plain blocks (~2" square), with the pieced blocks comprised of a set-in calico 8-pointed star (solid piece) and pieced plain muslin corners and edges with overcast stitching. 24 pieced stars total. Edge stars are cut and several reused along the sides (note a backwards star on the PL lower side). Calicos are all printed (likely a copper plate roller print) and include dye colors such as indigo and madder. Pieced front is lined on the interior side. Backing of plain muslin. Three notes on back reading "? To Mrs. H. B. Payne", "See Inside", and possibly "To M... (or s..), made by ?? Payne?" or "Jo... ???"
1800-1840

Measurements:

Top edge- 6"
Bottom edge- 12 ½"
Height- 14 ¾"
Proper right tie- 27 ½"
Proper left tie- 11"
Opening- 7"

Category:

Textile
Clothing/Dress/Costume Details
Costume/Dress Accessories

Location:

Box 4
Display Case 102
Charles Whipple Greene Historical Collection
George Hail Free Library

Condition Analysis:

Fair

Overall fair condition with yellowing, acidification, and staining throughout. Hole in brown striped star on PL due to abrasion or wear of warp fibers

Recommended Treatments:

Vacuum and gentle aqueous cleaning with anionic surfactant to reduce staining, adjust pH, and provide moisture to embrittled fibers