



**CONSERVATION ASSESSMENT**

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**Object:**

Women's leather shoes

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**Description:**

A pair of women's leather straight-last shoes. The shoes consist of four pieces each: a toe, two uppers on either side seamed at the heel, and a sole. The exterior of the shoes are leather covered in a white pigment with printed black flowers. A faux buckle is attached to each toe. The buckle is made from a cut piece of cardboard, with spiral tubes of metallic threads attached to the surface. Two lengths of thin silk cord are attached on either side of the shoe above the toe to secure the shoe to the foot. The shoe is lined with a coordinating leather topside and plain linen.

**Measurements:**

Width- 3 ½ in

Height- 1 ¾ in

Length- 11 in

**Category:**

Textile

Clothing/Footwear

Clothing Sex: Female

**Location:**

Box 5

Display Case 102

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**Condition Analysis:**

Overall, in fair condition with some embrittlement and stiffening of the leather. There are light scuff marks scattered across the entirety of both shoes, particularly the soles, typical of normal wear. Areas showing the most wear are the toe points and the PL upper near the seam with the toe. The shoes have been improperly stored so that the sides are crushed, with one shoe showing deep creasing on the PR side.

**Recommended Treatments:**

The shoes should undergo humidification to make the leather more pliable. Once they are less stiff, they should be padded out to correct the creases and provide support during storage.