



OBJECT ID	2013.19.5
OBJECT NAME	Skirt
DATE CREATED	1881 – 1882
OBJECT ENTITIES	Venetos, Cleo (is related to) Emmanuel Zabit, Nancy (is related to) Vasiliou, Katherine (is related to) Emmanuel, Katherine (is related to) Kalfa, Christina (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	1881 Nancy Anna Emmanuel Zabit Outfit Skirt

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

This is the bottom portion of the two-piece engagement outfit of Christina Ioanna Kalfa. It is a plain patterned skirt, the same fabric and color as the jacket (army green). It is dismantled from its original form, because of the intent to alter the outfit. Consequently, there are cuts on seams and loose threads/hems. But in general, the dress is comprised of plain panels of this fabric sewn together to form the top 33 inches of the skirt, and then the same fabric is pleated very finely to form the bottom 7 inches of the skirt. The inside of the skirt is lined with light brown fabric, the same lining as the jacket it is paired with.

ORIGIN

For full family history, see donor file

This was the engagement outfit of the donor's great-grandmother, Christina Ioanna Kalfa. Christina was the mother of Katherine (Hadzi Vasiliou) Emmanuel, who immigrated to the United States in August of 1920, through Ellis Island, NY, accompanied by her soon-to-be husband's cousin. Upon arrival in America, Katherine had her mother's 1881 engagement outfit in her possession. Katherine intended to alter it for herself. The alterations were not done. Consequently, the two-piece outfit is dismantled, although its fabric is in pristine condition. Katherine's daughter, Nancy Anna Emmanuel Zabit, passed the engagement outfit on to her daughter, Cleo Zabit Venetos, who in turn donated it to the National Hellenic Museum in 2013.

CITATION

Skirt, 1881 – 1882, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/24/24.