



OBJECT ID	2013.19.7
OBJECT NAME	Ruche
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 Ruche Ruffle Skirt

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

This is the skirt ruche, or frill, which is reported as a separate piece to the engagement outfit of Christina Ioanna Kalfa. It is assumed that this ruche would have been attached to the end of the skirt, in the same fashion that the ruche was attached to the sleeves on the jacket. It was most likely removed or being prepared to be attached to the skirt.

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

Ruche, 1881 – 1882, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 12/19/25.