



OBJECT ID	2004.8.22
OBJECT NAME	Nightgown
DATE CREATED	1900s
MATERIAL	Cotton; Linen
OBJECT ENTITIES	MACHINE STITCHED, HANDMADE (created by) Neokos, Ernie (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	Midlength Nightgown Sleepwear Pearlized Scalloped White

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Off white, sleeveless, midlength nightgown. The neckline and sleeves are scalloped, there is also a pearlized button on each of the shoulder strap. In the middle of the neck line there are three sections of cut out embroidery. Middle piece is longer than the other, but none going lower than five inches from the neckline. The bottom of the gown is hemmed straight and flares out wider than the waist. Few stains and very small brown stitches done for repairs, very small.

#### ORIGIN

Pajamas entered the feminine wardrobe in the late nineteenth century, but long nightgowns remained popular, even after women's skirts shortened in the early twentieth century. The advent of nylon allowed women to have-as the slogan for Chemstrand of the mid 1950s said-"all the luxury but none of the fuss," with easy-care yet washable nightgowns and peignoirs that elegantly enhanced their femininity.

#### CITATION

Nightgown, 1900s, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/02/24.