

Doll Clothes of Yore

Original, Historical Designs for 18" Dolls

Renaissance Period: Circa 1400-1500



'Emilie of Saxony' Dress

History

Who was Emilie of Saxony?

Emilie of Saxony was the wife of Margrave George of Brandenburg-Ansbach, a city in Bavaria, Germany. As the wife of a Margrave, her title was Margravine. A Margrave was a medieval title for a nobleman, similar to an Earl or a Duke.

Emilie served as Margravine from 1536-1543. After her husband died, she served as the legal guardian for her son George Frederick. Emilie and her husband were strict Lutherans, and they have both been described as wise, virtuous and pious.

Saxony is a region in what is now modern Germany.

Fashion

This dress is inspired by a painting of Emilie of Saxony. The painting is by a famous German renaissance artist, Lucas Cranach the Elder. This dress is in a typical German style. The Germans were fond of styles such as slashed sleeves, laced bodices, and gathered skirts.

Who is Lucas Cranach the Elder?

Lucas Cranach the Elder was a German Renaissance artist, and court painter to Saxon nobles for most of his career. He is known for his portraits of the German nobility and also for the leaders of the Protestant Reformation, including portraits of Martin Luther and his wife, Catarina von Bora. Lucas was also a witness at the wedding of the two famous reformers and godfather to their first child.

