

Doll Clothes of Yore

Original, Historical Designs for 18" Dolls

Colonial Era: Circa 1750-1795



'Abigail Adams' Dress

History

Who was Abigail Adams?

Abigail was the wife of John Adams, a lawyer from Massachusetts. Abigail was educated at home, and extremely well-read. She was a great advocate of basic women's rights and an abolitionist. She also had a great influence on our nation's political history, thought not directly. She and John wrote many letters to each other, in which they had many intelligent conversations about politics and the world. John Adams went on help write and sign the Declaration of Independence and become the second President of the United States.

Fashion

This dress would have been worn a middle-class woman in the Colonial period.

What is a 'Stomacher'?

A stomacher was a decorated, triangular piece of fabric that was separate from a dress in the Colonial period. Stomachers were often pinned onto the stays, over which the dress would be fastened. A stomacher would often be quilted or boned and was usually highly decorated.