

Doll Clothes of Yore

Original, Historical Designs for 18" Dolls

Regency Period: Circa 1795- 1825



'Susan Ferrier' Dress

History

Who is Susan Ferrier?

Susan Edmonstone Ferrier was the daughter of a prominent Scottish government official during the Regency period. She was well educated and spent much of her life in Edinburgh, Scotland. She never married, but spent several years caring for her aging father. She greatly admired contemporary authors including Jane Austen and Sir Walter Scott.

Susan wrote and published three novels which were popular during her time. Her first novel was published in 1818, and met with great success. Susan's writings describe Scottish society, and include her opinions on marriage and education. Many of her novels are out of print, but are known for their unique style and humor.

Fashion

This outfit was inspired by a costume in the 2009 BBC Miniseries, 'Emma' starring Romola Garai.

What is a 'Spencer Jacket'?

The 'Spencer Jacket' began as a popular men's fashion in the 1790's and was named for the Earl of Spencer. It eventually became popular in women's fashion during the Regency period. This style was worn both as a long, warm coat and a shorter jacket.

What is an 'Empire' waist?

An 'Empire' waist was the style of dress after the French revolution. Its primary features are a high waistline, coming up under the bust, and a more narrow skirt. During this period, the Greek and Roman cultures were upheld as an ideal in language, government, architecture, and fashion. The 'Empire' styles were first fashioned after ancient Greek and Roman art.