

Children's Shoes

ORIGINS

Date: circa 1900

Place: Cazenovia, NY

Materials: Leather, metal, ribbon, 2 plastic buttons



Above you can see the buttons, ribbon and leather that were used to construct the shoes.

Donated By: The Kiley Family of Cazenovia, NY

DESCRIPTION

These shoes are ballet-style which suggest that they were made for girls. The shoes are made of leather and the stitches are done in a manner that suggest that they were handmade. There is a button that is sewn to the side of each shoe so they can be secured on the child's feet with the strap that is on the adjacent side. The soles of the shoes are made of a thicker, dark brown colored leather. There are also multiple bronze or golden colored eyelets that seem to have been used to secure the sole of the shoe in place.



The tops of the shoes.



The sides of the shoes.



Metal eyelets were used to fasten the soles of the shoes into place.

CULTURE

Description: During the late 1800's and early 1900's in Cazenovia, NY, many of the children who were a part of wealthier families were able to wear shoes such as the pair that is shown above. It is known that the shoes belonged to the Kiley family who are natives of Cazenovia. There is evidence that the Kiley family was of wealth so it is more than likely that these shoes belonged to and were worn by members of this family throughout the early 1900's.



Use within Culture: These shoes were most likely work by multiple members of the family in which they belonged to (the Kiley family). They were worn by children as they went about their daily tasks and activities.

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