

Henley History: a Sense of Place

Object Descriptions - Travel to Henley



The Barge Woman's Cotton Bonnet



This cotton bonnet is typical of the type of headwear worn by the women who worked on the canal boats of the nineteenth century; women working on the land also wore such a style. The long flap of material would cover the neck and shoulders and protect them from the sun. This bonnet ties under the chin and has rows of careful stitching forming many tucks on the crown of the bonnet.