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Physical description

White cotton starched child's bonnet with alternate layers of lace bands stitched together, lined with white lawn. A machine-stitched curtain and ruffle around the cap have layers of pintucked and gathered fabric edged with lace. Two long ties end in two rows of pintucks and lace edging. Shop bought.

Statement of significance

The Springfield Collection comprises about 1550 artefacts from Springfield station, south of Goulburn. It includes colonial era costume, a bushranger medal, surveying instruments, a late-19th century landau, firearms and edged weapons, wool samples and Joseph Foveaux's pocket watch and bible. The objects are complemented by over 400 photographs. This diverse collection reflects the growth and economic success of the property, responses to changes in the wool market and the daily lives of the people who have lived on Springfield.

Springfield has grown from a 518-hectare land grant given to William Pitt Faithfull in 1828 to the current 3183 hectares with ownership remaining in the one family. William Pitt Faithfull established the Springfield Merino Stud in 1838 with ten rams selected from the Macarthur Camden Park stud. The stud evolved slowly over the years until the

early 1950s when, under the management of Jim Maple-Brown, a scientific approach to wool-growing was adopted and the stud's name was changed to Fonthill to reflect this.

Object information

What

Type	Bonnets
Collection	Springfield - Faithfull Family collection
Dimensions	W 190 x H 200 x D 150
Material	Cotton cloth

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