



place it on the sheet to inspect. Check the gown both front and back. CAUTION No matter how tempting, DO NOT TRY ON THE GOWN! Body oil residue left on the gown will yellow in time and change the integrity of the preservation.

Repacking & Refolding the Gown

Fluff up the tissue to keep the sleeves rounded and try to replace it in the box with as few folds in the fabric as possible. Place tissue between layers of fabric to absorb acidity. The tissue serves two functions: (1) to prevent hard folds in the fabric, which can cause damage over time, and (2) to keep the environment acid free. If you need more tissue when you repack your gown, use ONLY acid-free tissue, which you can get from **Iris City Cleaners**. Most tissue is NOT acid free; so don't take a chance, If you feel uncomfortable with repackaging the gown or inspecting it yourself, bring it to **Iris City Cleaners** and we will gladly do so for a nominal fee.



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In the rare instance that any discoloration should appear, call **Iris City Cleaners** toll free at (888) 845-9707, or any other member of the **Association of Wedding Gown Specialists** in over 500 cities worldwide so the condition may be taken care of as soon as possible. Visit www.weddinggownspecialists.com to locate the association specialists near you. Your lifetime guarantee includes: free correction of premature discoloration, free pressing for future use. If you pass your gown on to a friend or relative, any member of the Association will press it prior to use. However, if your gown becomes soiled once removed from the chest, there will be a fee to clean it. It's a good idea to check the acidity level of the tissue in your preservation chest every few years. Just bring it to **Iris City Cleaners** and we will check the acidity level at no charge. If the tissue needs replacing at any time, we will gladly do that for you as well. Thank You for Trusting Your Treasured Gown to **Iris City Cleaners**. We Appreciate Your Confidence in Us.

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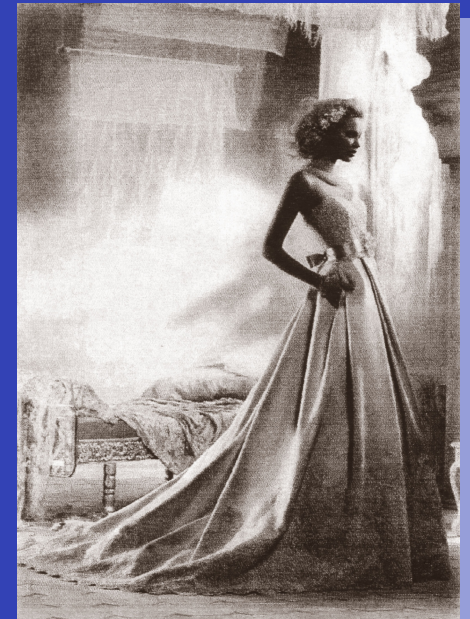
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Introduction

Now that you have your treasured gown the following is provided to manage the integrity of the preservation and to suggest some methods of continued care for your wedding keepsake.



Unpacking Your Gown

If you used our **Distance Services** or our **Currier Service**, you received your gown in a shipping container. Open the container/box, remove the inner heirloom chest, and take the plastic cover off. The chest should be stored

without the plastic cover, which is for protection during shipping only.

Storage Location

Store your museum preserved and chested gown in a cupboard or closet in the main section of the house, preferably in a place where it will be left undisturbed. A guest room or spare room is ideal. Don't store your gown in the attic, basement, on a cement slab, or in a closet that contains an outside wall. Changes in temperature and humidity can result in damage to the gown. If possible, store the chest flat to prevent shifting of the gown during storage. If it is necessary to store the box on end, there is adequate tissue to support the gown and keep it from bunching up at the bottom.



Storage

Prolonged exposure to light can cause the gown to yellow. Be sure to store your gown away from anywhere that has excessive light exposure. Humidity should be in the 30-50% range which is normal for most homes. Excessive humidity should be avoided in the storage environment.

The preservation chest is placed inside a cotton muslin bag (if selected) for additional safe keeping and to keep the preservation chest (and gown) from being damaged.



Gown Handling after Preservation

While the preservation chest is not air sealed, its content has been expertly folded to avoid creases and wrinkles. In addition, when initially chested, the gown was handled with white gloves to ensure that no human oils come in contact with the newly cleaned gown. We recommend that you open the preservation chest once a year, **always wearing clean cotton gloves**, to slightly adjust the gown to prevent any permanent creasing. If the cotton muslin cover becomes dusty or soiled, you may remove, wash **and air dry** it. Then place it back on the preservation chest.

You may have noticed that we have removed any bust or underarm pads. These items may emit acid fumes and so should be stored separately.

If you need more tissue when you adjust your gown, it is essential that you use **only acid-free tissue**, which you can get from Iris City

Cleaners. Store purchased tissue is generally not acid free. Most tissue is not acid-free, so don't take a chance with tissue you have around the house! Never wrap or store the chest or gown in plastic.

Preparation for Inspection and Handling

Wash your hands with soap and warm water, dry them and put on the white cotton gloves provided. Unfold a clean sheet on a bed. Remove the outer muslin bag if selected in your promotion from the chest. This is the time to wash the muslin bag if it is dusty or soiled. Place the chest on the sheet. Open the chest and lay the lid on the sheet. Lay open the inner muslin cloth and top layer of tissue. Do not remove the muslin or outer most layer of tissue from the chest. Make any adjustments needed.



Complete Gown Inspection

See above instructions for opening the chest. Pay special attention to how the gown is folded and placed in the chest. Taking some photographs may help you remember the folding. If any tissue is removed keep it on the clean sheet. There may be articles placed at the base of the chest including a head piece, envelope, or tissue wrapped items. Lay these articles on the sheet. Remove the gown and