Texian Market Days
Children’s Costume Style Guide
1870-1930

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Time Period: 1870s-1890s

• Infants: long gowns
• Toddlers: short gowns
• Young boys: short pants, smaller version of adult male vests and coats
  – Sailor suits also become popular
  – 1880 introduction of velvet suit via book *Little Lord Fauntleroy*
• Young girls: simpler versions of adult women’s clothing, shorter hems
Time Period: 1900-1920

- Same basic designs as previous, but simpler with looser fit for comfort and movement.
- Fewer adornments
- Introduction of knitted jerseys and dresses
Time Period: 1930s

• Girls: dresses
  – Young girls, hem above knee; Older girls hem below knee
  – Peter Pan collar
  – Ankle socks

• Boys: Cotton and Corduroy short sets (suits)
  – Cotton shirts in solid or pinstripe
  – Short-waisted, sailor-style shirts with long sleeves