

TRACING THE THREADS:
**ANN LOWE AND THE ART
OF COUTURE AND
COMMERCE**

ELEANOR BRINEN

WHO WAS ANN LOWE?





ANN LOWE:
SOCIETY'S BEST-KEPT
SECRET

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RICH WOMEN PASS HER NAME AMONG THEMSELVES—SOME HAVE EVEN CHEATED HER. BUT FEW OUTSIDERS HAVE HEARD OF ANN LOWE, THE ONLY NEGRO TO BECOME A LEADING AMERICAN DRESS DESIGNER.

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN A...

Seamstress?

Dressmaker?

Designer?

Couturier?



Ann Lowe's Matrilineal History and Origins





**GASPARILLA COURT
GOWN CIRCA 1926**



**SILK APPLIQUE DRESS
CIRCA 1958**



**"THE AMERICAN
BEAUTY" DRESS
CIRCA 1966-7**

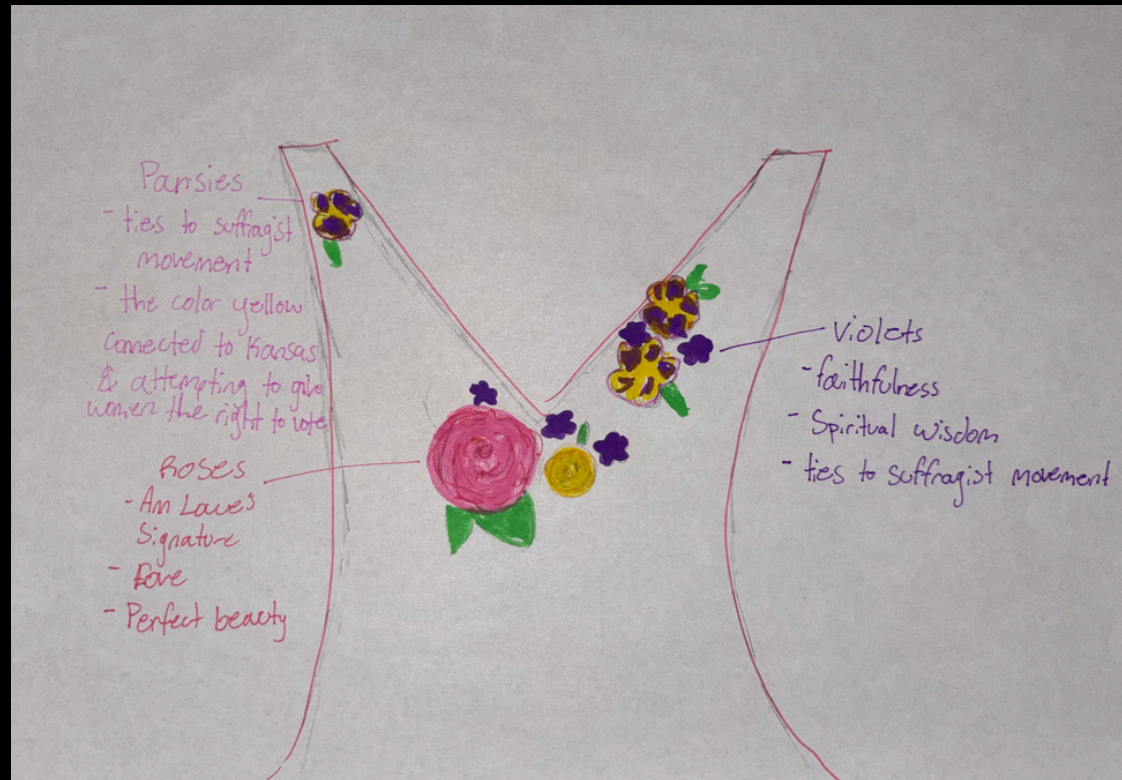


PERSONAL MATRILINEAL HISTORY AND CONNECTIONS TO SEWING



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THE POWER OF SELF EXPRESSION THROUGH FASHION AND MATRILINEAL HERITAGE