

Portrait of Queen Alexandra

Against a background of dark trees, a woman sits facing us, her legs slightly turned to the right. She wears a long, sleeveless low-cut robe of silvery-white satin. Smooth in the shadow of her lap, it falls in shimmering folds from her knees, obscuring her feet almost completely - one pointed satin shoe protrudes to the right. Above her oval face her red-brown hair is piled up, with a tiny crown on the very top. Around her bare shoulders is a diaphanous froth of white chiffon, and a string of pearls hangs around her neck. A blue sash crosses under her bust. Her left elbow rests back on something just behind her so that arm is bent - and her right arm rests in her lap. She holds her long string of pearls in each hand.

This is Queen Alexandra, King Edward the Seventh's consort.

