

Basic Detail Report



Title Man's Uniform Coat

Date 1777-1783

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Primary Maker Monson Hayt

Medium Hand-stitched wool broadcloth with glazed twill wool lining and linen

interlining, with brass buttons and gold and silver thread embroidery

Description Red wool broadcloth, with blue facings, collar, and cuffs. The coat is

constructed with a flared skirt and a center back vent. The body is shaped by a

center back seam and two slightly curved seams which extend from the

armscyes down the back and meet the skirt pleats to either side of the back

vent. These pleats are open along one edge, but held closed at the bottom by a

non-functioning button. There is also a decorative button at the top of the

pleats, and also two non-functioning buttons stitched inside this opening. The

sleeves are narrow and curved; they are seamed along the top and inside of the

arm. (The sleeves have been altered by inserting a gusset of red plain-woven

wool into the inside arm seam.) The blue wool facing extends 21 inches from the

bottom of the collar; it is decorated with flat brass shank buttons arranged in

pairs and heavy gold thread faux buttonholes, cut partially (but not intended to

be used to button and unbutton the facing). This same decoration appears on

the cuffs (although the metal thread here appears to be silver rather than gold)

and at the center lower back. The coat front opening is cut with a curve; there is

one hook and eye at the opening in the chest area. The coat is lined with undyed

twill-woven calendered wool. It is interlined with plain-woven linen in the area

of the cuffs, along the front opening, and under the buttonholes on the collar.

The red wool broadcloth is so heavily fulled that the bottom edge of the coat is

left cut and unfinished. It shows no sign of raveling. Worn by Monson Hayt

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(formerly identified as Munson Hoyt) as part of his officer's uniform with the

Prince of Wales's Loyalist regiment during the American Revolutionary War.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length): 42in. (106.7cm)