Basic Detail Report



Title Breeches

Date about 1790-1797

Primary Maker Colonel Samuel Talcott

Medium Hand-stitched silk, wool, and linen, with self-covered bone buttons,

replacement gutta percha buttons

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Description Man's breeches of black silk satin, completely lined with plainwoven, beige linen. The breeches have a broad (11 3/4-inch) fall, which buttons at the corners and in the center along the bottom of the waistband. The waistband is 3 3/4 inches wide at center front and fastens with two self-covered (one is now replaced) buttons (3/4-inch diameter). The breeches are smooth in front and gathered in the back into the waistband. The waistband and center back seam are inserted with a gusset of linen. Eyelets worked in the waistband would be laced to adjust the fit. The legs are splayed; the length is to the top of the calf. The side seams are open for about four inches and fasten with four selfcovered buttons (1/2-inch diameter). The knee band is narrow, 3/4 inch wide; the buckle is missing. There is a small pocket set below the proper right side of the waistband.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length along side x width across waist): 29 1/2 x 16in. (74.9 x 40.6cm)