

Basic Detail Report



Title Man's Wedding Vest

Date 1847

Primary Maker Benjamin Kelsey Esq.

Medium Hand-stitched silk, cotton, and leather, with silk-covered bone
(probably) buttons, and cotton (probably) wadding

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Description Man's shawl-collared vest of cream-colored silk damask, woven with

a trailing leaf design. The vest is nipped in at the waist; the lower front edge is

dipped. The chest is lightly padded with wadding. The center front opening

fastens with seven self-covered buttons. There is an eyelet worked between the

third and fourth hole for the watchchain. The vest has two curved breast pockets

and one watch pocket in the lower proper right side. The vest is fitted in front

with an 8-inch-long dart on each side. The back of the vest is made of plain,

white cotton. The fit of the vest is adjusted with a self-fabric strap across the

back of the waist (the buckle is missing) and a set of twill tape ties above and

below the strap. The center back of the vest is cut in a deep, rounded notch at

the lower edge. The lower edges of the front panels are lined with dark brown

leather. The rest of the vest is lined with plain, white cotton.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across chest): 22 1/4 x 15 1/2in.

(56.5 x 39.4cm)