

Basic Detail Report



Title Tail Coat

Date about 1790-1800

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched cotton with cotton/linen lining material, and cotton-covered bone buttons

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Description Man's coat of striped fabric. The stripe pattern in the warp is as

follows: 24 warps tan, four white, six darker blue, six light blue, four white,

repeat. The weft is a fine white yarn. The coat has a double-breasted front

closure with seven pairs of buttons covered with striped fabric. Examination of

one button with several holes in the fabric indicates the covered discs are bone.

There are five hand-stitched buttonholes corresponding to the five lowest

buttons on each side, a scant 1/4 inch away from the edge. The button centers

are only 1 1/4 inches away from the inner end of the buttonholes. The lapels

connect to what appears to be a stand-up, turn-down collar. The long center

front ends with a slightly curved cutaway to tails. The front panels continue

around to the back of the coat, ending with a side back seam on each side of the

center back seam. The center back seam is vented for nine inches. The two side

back seams each have a gusset nine inches in length inserted in the bottom of

the seam, with narrow pleats caught at the top. A covered button is stitched at

both the top and bottom of the gusset and at the bottom of each inside seam.

The narrow, two-piece sleeves are curved. A three-inch-wide cuff is attached,

having a three-inch-long opening at the back seam closed by one smaller

covered button with corresponding button hole. The sleeves, back of the torso,

and pockets are lined with a cotton/linen cloth. There is a pocket 9 1/2 inches

deep and eight inches wide sewn to the proper right inside above the waist. The

other two pockets are approximately the same size, stitched below the waist on

each side front of the coat. All three pockets are faced with scraps of the striped

fabric stitched together to cover the lining cloth.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across shoulders): 33 x 18in.

(83.8 x 45.7cm)