

Basic Detail Report

Title Man's Frock Coat

Date about 1890-1905

Primary Maker Gemmill, Burnham and Company

Medium Machine-stitched and hand-stitched wool with silk lining, ferrous

buttons, and cotton lining for pockets

Description Man's black wool frock coat with a black silk lining. The double-

breasted closure has three sets of ferrous metal buttons covered with black

satin, with corresponding hand-stitched buttonholes. The lapels are peaked and

notched, with the notch stitched closed. They are lined with a black silk satin.

Each lower lapel has a buttonhole stitched into it. Each side front piece has a 2 1

/2-inch dart for fitting. The side seams are located to the back, not directly

below the arm. The center back seam has a curved seam on each side; a covered

button identical to those on the front is stitched at the base of each side seam

where it meets the waistline seam and the pleats in the coat skirt. The shaped

sleeves are made of an upper and lower piece with a simple hem at the cuff. Two

smaller covered buttons are stitched to each outer sleeve seam. The shoulder

seams angle down away from the top of the shoulder. There is one pocket in the

back of each skirt piece. There are two breast pockets, one on each side, with

narrow double-welts. The majority of the lining is a black silk faille. The sleeves

are lined with a striped silk, blue on white. A satin ribbon is stitched to the center

back of the neck.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across shoulder seams): 40 3/8

x 16in. (102.6 x 40.6cm)