

Basic Detail Report



Title Man's Coat and Waistcoat

Date c. 1750-1760

Medium Hand-stitched silk, silk satin, linen, ferrous metal, bone (possibly)

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Description Man's mid-eighteenth-century (a) frock coat and (b) matching

waistcoat. The items were likely imported from England or France and are

believed to have been used in the vicinity of Wilton, Connecticut. (a) Green silk

brocade frock coat with a pink, cream, and green floral motif around the

neckline, along the front opening, and at the cuffs and pocket areas. The coat is

cut with a gentle sloped-away front and a narrow, ventless back with curving

side seams. The coat is fasted at center front using ferrous metal hook-and-eyes,

there are nine silk covered bone or wood non-functioning buttons to create the

look of a buttoned coat. The skirts are pleated at the proper right and left sides

to create fullness, the pleats are tacked in a couple of areas so that they do not

open, a silk-covered button is stitched to the top of each pleat. The skirt is slit at

the center back. The sleeves are fitted and cut with a curve by means of an

upper and lower seam, ending in a wide, turned-up cuff decorated with three

silk covered buttons. The coat has two large slash pockets over the hips, covered

by a wide flap and decorated with non-functioning buttons. The coat is lined

with linen and cream-colored satin silk, the lining has started to shatter along

the shoulder area and hems. (b) Green silk brocade waistcoat with a pink,

cream, and green floral motif around the neckline, and along the front opening

and hems. Front closure of fourteen buttons with corresponding hand-stitched

buttonholes. The coat has two large slash pockets over the hips, covered by a

wide flap and decorated with non-functioning buttons. The coat is lined with

linen and cream-colored satin silk.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (Coat: Center Back Length x Shoulder Width):

39 × 12 3/4in. (99.1 × 32.4cm) Primary Dimensions (Waistcoat: CB Length x

Soulder Width): 27 × 13in. (68.6 × 33cm)