

Basic Detail Report



Title Breeches

Date about 1785-1795

Primary Maker Lemuel Grosvenor

Medium Hand-stitched wool and linen, and steel buttons

Description Cream-colored wool flannel fall-front breeches. The center front waistband opening has three large (one-inch diameter) cut steel buttons, with a

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design resembling a sunflower. Below the waistband are set-in pockets, which

are covered by flaps (cut one with the front leg panels) that button on the hips.

The fall is 8 1/2 inches wide and is created by slashing the top of the front leg

panel and inserting a triangular-shaped piece of fabric behind. The fall buttons

to the waistband above the lowest center front button. There is a watch pocket

on the proper right side of the waistband. The breeches are cut smooth in front,

but full in the seat. The back is gathered into the waistband. The waistband is

split at the center back and has worked holes, indicating that a lacing would

have controlled the fit. The legs are open for 8 1/2 inches up the side seam, and

are closed with smaller "sunflower" buttons. The knee band would also have

buttoned, but the button is missing from both legs. The waistband is lined with a

plain-woven linen. The pockets are constructed of osnabrig. These breeches

were originally owned by General Lemuel Grosvenor of Pomfret, Connecticut.

On November 7, 1789, General Washington visited Lemuel Grosvenor and

appointed him the first Postmaster of Pomfret, with offices opening January 1,

1795. Lemuel Grosvenor served as Postmaster for nearly 40 years until his death

in 1833.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across hips): 30 1/2 x 18 1/2in.

(77.5 x 47cm)