

Basic Detail Report



Title Waistcoat

Date about 1770-1780

Primary Maker Colonel Samuel Talcott

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Medium Hand-stitched cotton and linen, with non-ferrous metal and mother of pearl buttons and one unidentified metal button

Description Man's waistcoat of brown cotton/linen; the left front panel is twill-woven, pieced out with a flat rib-woven fabric of similar weight, dyed to match. The proper right front panel is made of the rib-woven fabric. The vest has a high, round neckline and center front opening which fastens with ten buttons, all of which are replacements. The top button is nineteenth-century, stamped with a manufacturer's name. The other buttons are carved mother of pearl set in a metal bezel with shank; these may be eighteenth-century, but they are too fancy for the waistcoat and are not original to it. There is a nine-inch-wide pocket flap over a slashed pocket on each lower side. The pocket is cut with a double concave shallow curve, meeting at a center point. The center front is cut away in an inverse V. The lower sides of the waistcoat are flared; the side seams and center back seam are vented for six to seven inches. The back panels of the waistcoat are made of herringbone-twill-striped linen/cotton fabric. The pockets are plain-woven cotton. The neckline edge is finished on the inside with a strip of dimity matching that used for the center back panel that was removed (see conservation notes).

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across shoulders): 27 3/4 x 16in. (70.5 x 40.6cm) Other (width across chest): 18in. (45.7cm)