

Title Man's Shirt

Date about 1790-1800

Primary Maker David Stebbins

Medium Hand-stitched linen

Description Man's shirt of white linen, with a whipped ruffle of finer quality linen

(a "jabot") around the center front opening, which extends nine inches. The

Basic Detail Report

collar is 4 1/4 inches wide and is meant to stand up (it is pieced on the inside).

The collar fastens with two ball-shaped, thread-covered buttons (one is missing). The shirt body is cut as a long rectangle, folded across the shoulders (which look seamed due to decorative stitching). The sleeves are gathered at the shoulder and are gusseted under the arm. They are gathered into 1 3/4-inchwide cuffs, which are worked with opposing buttonholes to accommodate a stud. The side seams are open for about ten inches from the bottom; the top of the opening is gusseted. The base of the center front opening is reinforced with a heart-shaped piece of fabric on the back, decoratively embroidered on the front with French knots. The shoulders are lined with self-fabric.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (center back length x width across shoulders): $43\ 1/4\ x\ 25in.\ (109.9\ x\ 63.5cm)$