

Basic Detail Report



Title Boy's Coat

Date 1803-1805

Primary Maker Joel Potter

Medium Hand-stitched cotton, with cotton-covered bone (probably) buttons

Description Small boy's tail coat of cotton printed with a small checked design in brown on white; the white squares are filled with a madder red dot. The coat is double-breasted, with five buttons on either side of center front opening; the lower three buttons function, while the upper two on each side are decorative. The buttonholes are stitched in dark brown silk. The rise and fall collar is 1 1/4 inches wide at the center back; triangular lapels turn back below the collar in front. The two-piece sleeve is set high on the shoulder; it terminates in a 2 1/4-

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inch-wide cuff that is vented at the back seam for 1 1/2 inches. The front

waistline curves back to the tails. The shoulder seams are set towards the back.

The coat body is cut with curved side back seams and a center back seam. The

side back seams terminate at the pleats of the coat tails. This area is reinforced

with plain, white cotton and decorated with two self-covered buttons. The coat

is faced with self-fabric in the breast, and there is a facing strip in the proper left

tail. The self-facing in the proper right tail forms a welted pocket. The buttons on

the breast are reinforced by a 1/2-inch-wide button stand strip between the

fashion fabric and the facing (this can be felt but not seen).

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across shoulders): 16 x 8in. (40.6

x 20.3cm)