

Basic Detail Report

Title Boy's Shirt

Date about 1790 - 1810

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched, plain woven cotton

Description Small boy's white, plain-woven cotton shirt. Narrow band collar; triangular inserts at neckline for shaping, and gathered at center back at the neck. The shirt is cut with an extension that folds up at the underarm, creating a gusset effect on the proper right sleeve; the other sleeve is pieced under the arm to create a gusset. The sleeve is cut in two parts: the top section is gathered into the lower section, which is straight. The sides of the shirt are open for $7 \frac{3}{4}$ inches up from the hem; the side seam is then stitched with a reinforcing patch. The collar is worked with two opposing holes at the opening; it would have closed with a stud.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width, arms outstretched): $20 \frac{1}{2} \times 36 \frac{1}{2}$ in. (52.1 x 92.7cm)