

Basic Detail Report

Title Man's Shirt

Date about 1820-1840

Primary Maker Eddy family

Medium Hand-stitched linen and cotton, with mother of pearl buttons

Description Man's shirt of white cotton, with a white linen collar, shirt front, jabot, and sleeve cuffs. The shirt has a 3 1/4-inch-high standing collar, with a rounded notch in front to accommodate the chin. The front of the shirt is inset with a 16 1/2 x 12 1/2 inch plastron of linen. The center front opening extends the length of the plastron and is edged with a three-inch-wide whipped ruffle ("jabot") on each side. The ruffle is made of very fine linen. The opening fastens with four mother of pearl buttons. The armholes are reinforced with a 3 1/2-inch-wide lining. The sleeves are slightly full; they are eased into the shoulder and gathered into the linen cuff, which fastens with a single mother of pearl button. The shirt is lined across the back of the shoulders for a depth of about eight inches. The side seams are open from the bottom edge about ten inches; the top of the opening is reinforced with a gusset. The body of the shirt is slightly tapered at the waist.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (center back length x width across shoulders):

38 x 21 1/2in. (96.5 x 54.6cm)