

Basic Detail Report

Title Man's Shirt

Date about 1825-1850

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched linen with bone buttons

Description Man's shirt of coarse, plain linen. The body is cut as a long rectangle, folded in half to create the shoulder line. The fabric is stitched selvage-to-selvage along the proper left side; it is seamed and overcast on the right side. The turn-down collar is $4 \frac{5}{8}$ inches wide. The center front opening extends $8 \frac{3}{4}$ inches and fastens with two bone buttons. The bottom of the opening slit is reinforced by a thread bar covered in buttonhole stitches. The full sleeves are gathered at the shoulder and into the $2 \frac{1}{2}$ -inch-wide cuff, which fastens with a single bone button. The sleeves are gusseted. The shirt is lined across the shoulders to a depth of four inches in front and seven inches in back. A gusset in the shoulder seam allows the collar to be set in. The shirt is gathered into the seam at the back of the collar. The side seams are open for about ten inches from the bottom edge.

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

$37 \frac{1}{4} \times 20 \frac{1}{2}$ in. (94.6 x 52.1cm)