

Basic Detail Report



Title Waistcoat

Date about 1790-1795

Primary Maker Lemuel Grosvenor

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Medium Hand-stitched wool, cotton, and linen, with brass buttons

Description Cream-colored kerseymere (twill-woven wool), double-breasted waistcoat with high standing collar. There is a pocket on either side of the front at waist level. Fourteen small, flat, brass, shank buttons allow the waistcoat to button to the right or to the left. The buttons come up 17 inches on the waistcoat; at the top, the waistcoat front panels would have folded diagonally back to create revers. The front panels of the waistcoat are lined with plain-woven linen. The back panel of the waistcoat is a light-weight dimity (white ribbed-weave cotton); it is unlined. The fit of the waistcoat is adjustable by three ties along the back, which are stitched to reinforcing linen strips on either side of the center back. The side seams have 1 1/2-inch vents. This waistcoat was originally owned by General Lemuel Grosvenor of Pomfret, Connecticut. On November 7, 1789, General Washington visited Lemuel Grosvenor and appointed him the first Postmaster of Pomfret, with offices opening January 1, 1795. Lemuel Grosvenor served as Postmaster for nearly 40 years until his death in 1833.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (center back length x width across chest): 26 1/2 x 19in. (67.3 x 48.3cm)