Basic Detail Report



Title Boy's Jacket

Date about 1775-1785

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched linen, with pewter buttons

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Description Youth's jacket made of brown linen, which was probably locally produced. The jacket has a high turn-over collar, and five large pewter shank buttons down the center front opening. The front of the coat is cut with a fashionable curve that sweeps away below the waist. There are two pockets (without flaps) at hip level. The sleeves are narrow, and seamed along the top of the arm as well as underneath to create a curve, ending in approximately two-inch-wide cuffs at the wrist. The body of the coat is cut in four pieces, with a center back seam and two side seams set far to the back. The lower portion of the coat is cut with a flare, controlled by pleats below the side-back seams and ending with a pewter button at both the top and the bottom. The pleats are not open, but tacked at intervals to keep them closed. There is also a deep center back vent. The shoulderline is high, in keeping with the fashionable, slender, narrow-shouldered male silhouette.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (center back length x width across shoulders): 27 x 15in. (68.6 x 38.1cm) Other (sleeve length): 22in. (55.9cm) Other (waist circumference): 25in. (63.5cm)