Basic Detail Report

Title Man's Vest

Date 1915

Primary Maker William Hutchinson Putnam

Medium Machine-stitched silk faille, with silk satin back and lining, a metal buckle, and pearl buttons

Description Man's vest of ivory-colored silk faille with a shawl collar and a satin back. The shawl collar has a low front closure with four small pearl buttons. There are corresponding hand-made buttonholes on the proper left. The buttons have shanks which have been threaded through holes in the proper right side and secured with metal rings. A placket has been sewn over the rings for protection. The bottom of the shawl collar has been stitched down. The collar ends at the shoulder seams. The bottom of each side front is pointed to the center edge. An elastic loop is stitched to the underside of the proper left edge; this may have been used to stretch over the waistband button of the trousers to prevent the vest from riding up. The front is constructed with a dart on each side, running from the hem up to the chest under the collar. The side seams each have a one-inch vent, with the back being half an inch longer than the front. There is a center back seam in the ivory-colored satin. There are small gore insertions, one on each back side at the hem, for further shaping. The satin belt is sewn into each side seam with a silver-colored metal buckle on the proper left side. The same satin fabric is also used to line the vest. There are needle holes at each side seam and through the satin fabric belt, suggesting that this

vest was made smaller at one time, with the stitching subsequently removed.

The gores, however, appear to be original. There are three slash pockets with upturned welts; one on each side front at waist level, and a third on the proper left breast.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length to bottom front x width across chest):

25 x 21in. (63.5 x 53.3cm)