



## CONSERVATION ASSESSMENT

**Bid Number:**  
2025.07.01



(For more condition photographs, please see object file)

**Date:** October 24, 2025

**Contact:**

Chris Matos  
George Hail Free Library  
530 Main St.  
Warren, RI 02885  
401-245-7686  
director@georgehail.org

**Object:**

Boys military jacket

**Object ID:**

2024.07.15.24

**Description:**

Jacket, tailcoat, double breasted with 12 brass buttons, twill weave with blue weft and ecru warp. Likely homespun and home-sewn. Plain weave binding (unknown fiber content) in blue and white stripes around collar edge. Two faux pocket flaps on front. Sleeves lined with undyed, plain weave linen with two small tacking stitches in brown on PL (possibly remnants of previous tag). Attached turned cuffs. Split tail with 3 brass buttons (1 missing) placed at edges of pleats. Circa 1790-1810.

**Measurements:**

Bust- 10"  
Front length (collar to hem)- 5 ½"  
Shoulder width- 8"  
Back length (collar to hem)- 12"  
Sleeve- 13 ½"

**Category:**

Textile  
Clothing/Dress/Costume Details  
Article of Clothing/Dress/Costume  
Jacket  
Clothing Sex:           Male

**Location:**

Box 4  
Display Case 102  
Charles Whipple Greene Historical Collection  
George Hail Free Library

**Condition Analysis:**

Fair

Overall fair condition, with desiccation and embrittlement of fibers throughout. Some areas of wear typical of use, with abrasions and loss of weft fibers on cuffs, proper right (PR) sleeve near elbow, and PR tail along side edge. Points of double breasts and proper left (PL) tail are curled from storage. Plain weave binding along collar is extremely worn along front and missing along back. Linen lining used for sleeves in good condition. Evidence of insect damage along back midline near collar and as noted by presence of exoskeleton in tissue wrapping.

**Recommended Treatments:**

Insect abatement recommended (freezing method), followed by vacuuming, and gentle humidification. Stabilization of the abrasion on the sleeve is also suggested.