

18th Century Material Culture

Shirt Buckles



Shirt Buckles
in
Period Art



An Experiment on a Bird in an Air Pump
by Joseph Wright of Derby 1768
(National Portrait Gallery, London)



Portrait of a Gentleman
by George Romney c. 1758 - 1760
(Yale University Art Gallery)



Joseph Pemberton
by James Claypoole, Jr. c. 1767
(Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts)



Portrait of a Young Officer
by Thomas Hickey c. 1770
(Blouin Art Sales)



German Fiddler Raising a Glass
by Johann Conrad Seekatz (1719 - 1768)
(Hampel Fine Arts Auctions)



Brigadier General Otho Holland Williams wearing a Heart Shaped Shirt Buckle
by Charles Wilson Peale
(Public Domain)



Judge Ebenezer Devotion of Connecticut Wearing a Heart Shaped Shirt Buckle
by Winthrop Chandler 1772
(Lyman Allen Art Museum, New London, Connecticut)



THE FORTUNATE MACARONI.
Painted on 5th March 16, 1770 by Matthew Darly

“THE FORTUNATE MACARONI.”
by Matthew Darly 1772
(The British Museum)



George Washington
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1772
(Washington & Lee University)



William Duguid Wearing a Heart Shaped Shirt Buckle
Prince Demah Barnes 1773
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Francis and Sanders Malbone of Newport, Rhode Island
by Gilbert Stuart 1773
(Museum of Fine Arts, Boston)



Detail: Wearing of a Heart Shaped Shirt Buckle
"The Sharp Family" by Johan Joseph Zofanny c. 1779 - 1781
(The National Portrait Gallery)



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Master & Lieutenant William Bligh of the H.M.S. Resolution, Later Captain of the H.M.S. Bounty, Wearing a Masonic Shirt Buckle
by John Webber 1776
(National Portrait Gallery, Canberra)



John Murchie
by John Durand 1780
(The Valentine, Richmond, Virginia)



Brigadier General Otho Holland Williams Wearing a Masonic Shirt Buckle
by Charles Willson Peale 1784
(Independence National Historic Park)

Extant Shirt Buckles



English Silver Shirt Buckle
Mid - Late 18th Century
(Private Collection)



English Silver Shirt Buckle
Mid - Late 18th Century
(Private Collection)



English Silver Shirt Buckle
c. 1750 - 1780
(Historic New England)



English Silver with Pastes Shirt Buckle

c. 1770 - 1800

(Historic New England)



English Silver with Glass Pastes Shirt Buckle

c. 1770 - 1800

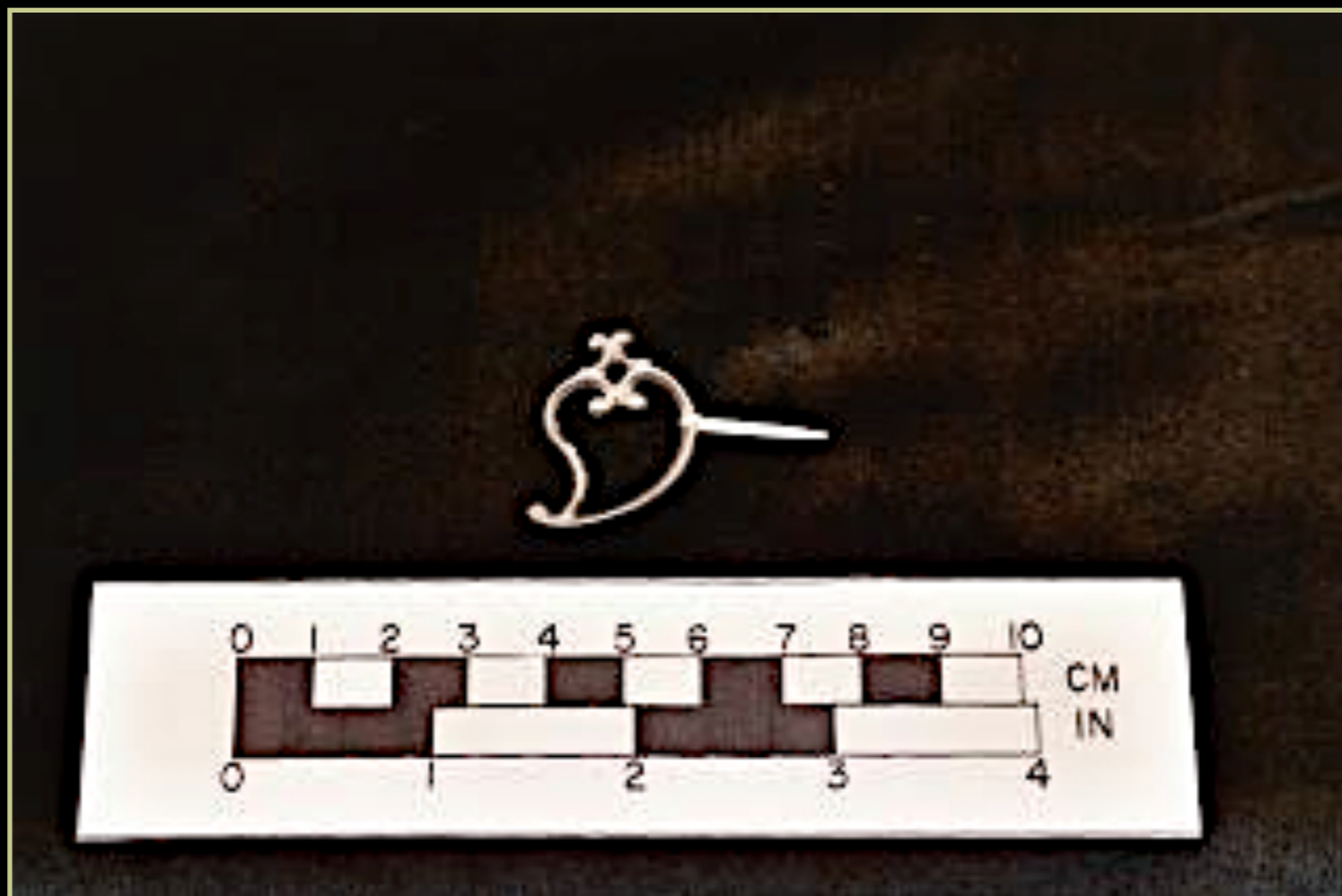
(Private Collection)



American Silver & Garnet Shirt Buckle

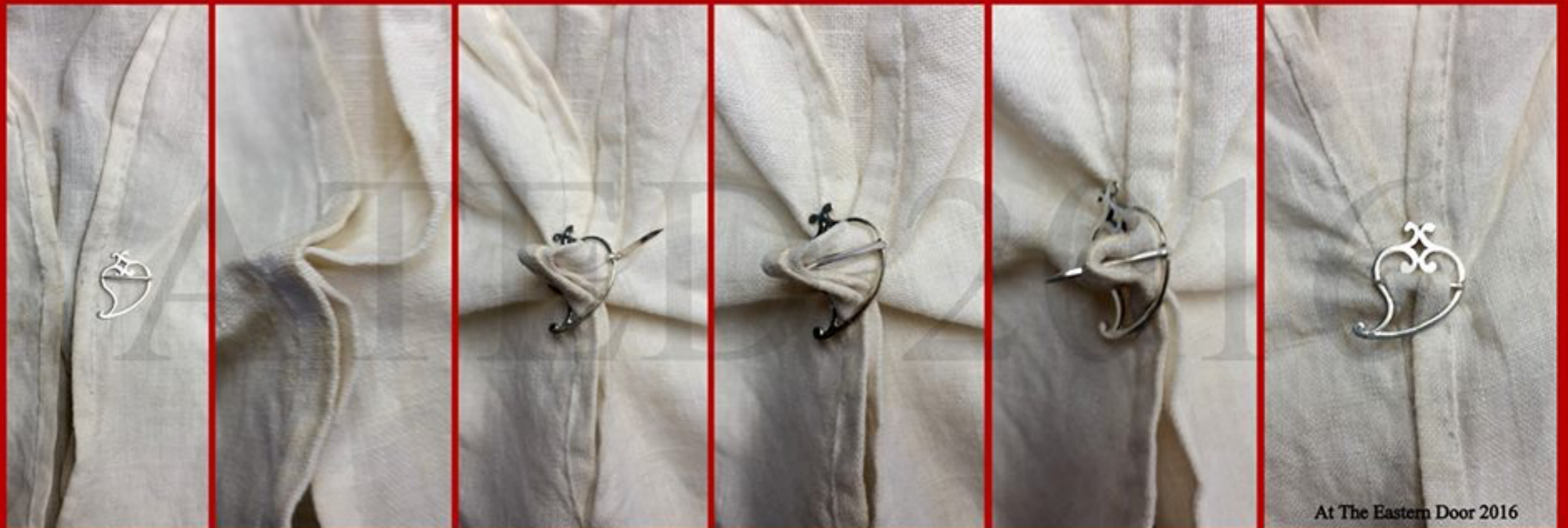
1770

(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



English or Scottish Silver Shirt Buckle
Excavated at Camp Security Near York, Pennsylvania
This Camp Was Occupied by British Prisoners of War During the American War for Independence
(Public Domain)

The Manner of Applying a Shirt Buckle



(Courtesy Ward Oles / At the Eastern Door)



Scottish Brooches, Often Worn as Shirt Buckles
One Inscribed "CC 1760"
(National Museums Scotland)



Scottish Silver Brooch, Often Worn as a Shirt Buckles
by Alexander Stewart Late 18th Century
(National Museums Scotland)



*A Silver & Pastes Shirt Buckle Worn on a Recreated Linen Shirt
Note the Proper Fit of the Collar to the Neck and the Fit of the Neck Cloth*



Possible
Shirt Buckle



English "45" / John Wilkes Silver Buckles or Brooches
The Smaller Buckle May have been used to Close a Shirt, but this is Conjecture c. 1763
(The British Museum)

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