



Mail Shirt with Attached Inscription

Date

1500s–1700s

Primary Maker

Ottoman

Medium

iron with leather fragment

Description

V-neck. Collar is deteriorated, formerly had leather reinforcing. Mid-length, cusped sleeves. Hem has a short slit front and back. Very heavy shirt of robust riveted links, about 1cm interior

diameter, 13mm ext. Interior cusp on rings at rivet. Links alternate riveted and solid at hemline. Round rivets, slightly proud. 2 brazed "amulets" on skirt at right side of fork slit (1 an arsenal disc?--having an inscription in Arabic script, see digital photos). Some links have become detached and are kept in a separate bag.

Dimensions

80 × 120 cm (31 1/2 × 47 1/4 in.), 30 lb 6 oz (weight)