



Mail Coat

Date
early 1500s, modified into 1800s

Primary Maker
Nuremberg

Medium
iron and brass with leather fragments

Description
Coat length shirt, slit to crotch for riding. Sleeves are short to mid-

length with traces of braided leather edging. Collar portion has been married to the body at some point--the connecting rings have been opened up. This suggests a modern alteration, since it compromises functionality. Links on body have flattened cross-section, those on sleeves are of round cross-section. Some of the links have worn very thin from use. Links on skirts are lighter. Round rivets, slightly proud. Links are riveted, diameter c. 10mm ext, 8mm int. Brass rings at the collar with smaller brass finishing links. Both sleeves have brazing on the rivets. Portions of the mail could be European, and some could be rather old.

Dimensions
125 x 131 cm (49 3/16 x 51 9/16 in.), 17 lb 10 oz (weight)