



OBJECT ID	2013.16.7
OBJECT NAME	Shirt, Dress
ALTERNATIVE NAME	ypodetes
MATERIAL	Cotton
OBJECT ENTITIES	Kremidas, George (owned by) Apostle, James (is related to) Apostle, Geraldine (is related to) Kremidas, George (is related to) Baltas, Despina (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	button down shirt ceremonial shirt dress shirt mens' fashion pleated sleeves Pleats Shirt white cotton ypodetes

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

This white shirt has buttons down the top half of its front. There are three buttons with the topmost closing the shirt's collar and the bottommost just at the middle of the shirt. The sleeves have pleats at the top of the shoulder that give the sleeves volume and make them quite wide. It creates a visual consistency

with the pleats of the fustanella that would be worn under it. The shirt appears to be made from the same cotton as the fustanella (2013.16.3). However it has considerably more yellow and brown staining than the skirt. The back especially has a large stain on the left shoulder.

ORIGIN

This outfit was worn by Mr. Kremidas from the time he was twenty until he was quite old (approximately 1880-1960). The ypodetes is a white shirt with wide sleeves. While the shirt is no longer everyday wear for most Greeks it would have been common when George Kremidas was young. Today the Evzones (Presidential guard) wear them over their fustanellas. The outfit traces its origins to the uniforms of the Klephts who fought the Ottoman Turks in the War for Greek Independence.

George Kremidas and his wife Despina lived in the Greek village of Dessila, Greece. Dessila is a tiny village in the area of Messenia on the Peloponnese. Their daughter Angeliki, the third of five children, was the only member of the immediate family to emigrate to America. While living in New England, she married Nicholas Apostolos and subsequently gave birth to two sons: George and James. The family moved to Michigan and both sons served in the military during World War II. Afterwards both sons earned degrees from Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Chicago and opened a mortuary in Muskegon, Michigan together. James married Geraldine Pavlis. In 1960 the two left to visit his family in Greece, however, on the day of their departure George Kremidas (James' grandfather) passed away at the age of 98. The personal artifacts included in this accession were given to the Apostles during this trip.

CITATION

Shirt, Dress, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/25/24.
