

Sterling North

Underwear

The cotton knit underwear that Sterling is wearing is known as a "union suit." In the early 1900s, boys wore short-sleeved union suits with short pants in the summer and a union suit with long sleeves and long pants in colder weather.

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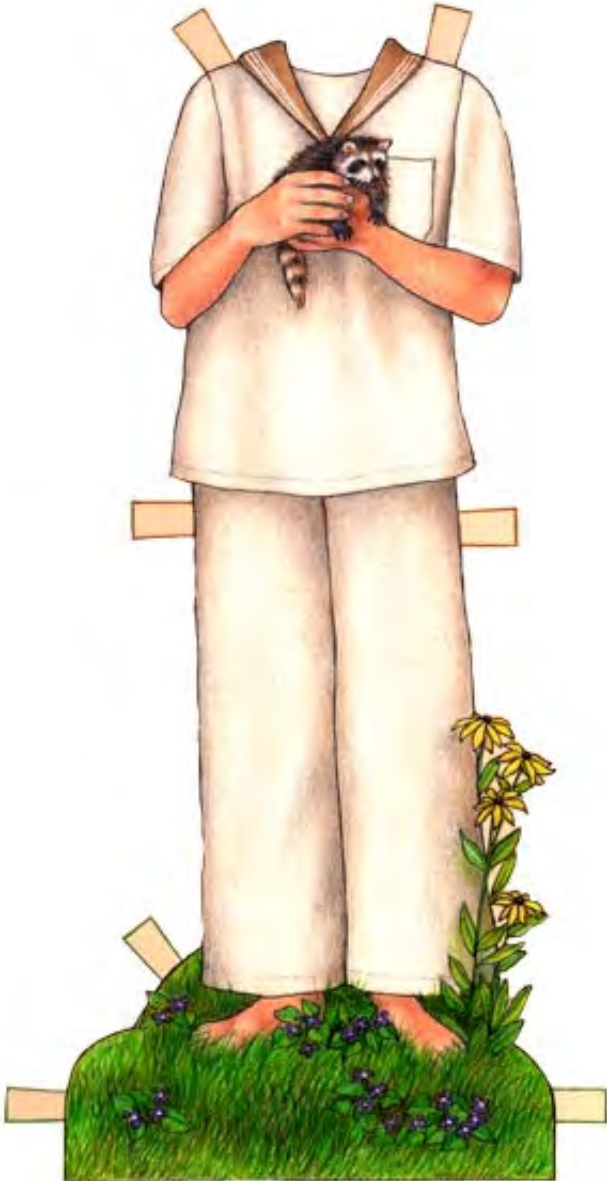
Sailor suit

A tailor aboard the U.S.S. Minnesota made this child-sized sailor suit for Mortimer M. Lawrence of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. Born in 1890, Mort Lawrence was probably in fourth grade in 1900 when the suit was made. It is a copy of those worn by sailors in the late 1800s and is now a part of the textile collection of the Wisconsin Historical Society.

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Shirt and Pants with Suspenders

Sterling may have been wearing an outfit like this when he fished in the Brule River! The shirt is in the textile collection of the Wisconsin Historical Society and belonged to Elliott Fox Kaiser from Pepin City, Wisconsin. Elliott was about five or six years old when he wore the blue-and-white woven striped cotton shirt in 1901.

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Brown Winter Coat

Sterling is wearing a double-breasted (two sets of buttons) wool Chesterfield coat from about the 1890s. A Chesterfield coat is one with a velvet collar, a style that is still seen on some jackets or coats today, though now mostly on those designed for girls and women. This coat is in the textile collection of the Wisconsin Historical Society.

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