Why was there a fashion during the nineteenth century to dress给。。穿衣服 little boys in dresses连衣裙 and when did this end?

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In fact, during the 19th century that fashion was fading away逐渐消失.

During all the 16th-18th centuries children wore wear穿 gowns长袍 (or frocks女式连衣裙) regardless of无论 sex until they were 5–8 years old.

For example, this is Barbara Sidney, Countess女伯爵/伯爵夫人 of Leicester in 1596 with six of her children.

She is resting把手放在 her hands on the only two boys in the painting, the 1-year-old Robert Sidney and the 6-years-old William Sidney, with a sword.

When boys were considered视作 old enough, they started wearing “men’s clothing衣服” after a ceremony典礼 called breeching. Then they were considered old enough to fasten those breeches马裤 (if they had to perform=do 执行 bodily身体的 functions). It also marked the time fathers started being more involved in their education: wealthy富裕 boys could become pages实习骑士 and the sons of artisans手工艺人 started working with them, until they got into an apprentice学徒 ship期 at the age of 11–14.

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That is why the boys in gowns长袍 in the 19th century are so young:

The image图像 on the far right最右边, for example, shows Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1884, when he was two years old. The fashion ended some time around the First World War, and the boys of the 1920s are already dressed in rompers小孩连体衣or onesies or similar clothes: Romper