GP83 John West's chevron and meshes gansey   **Sheringham, about 1900**
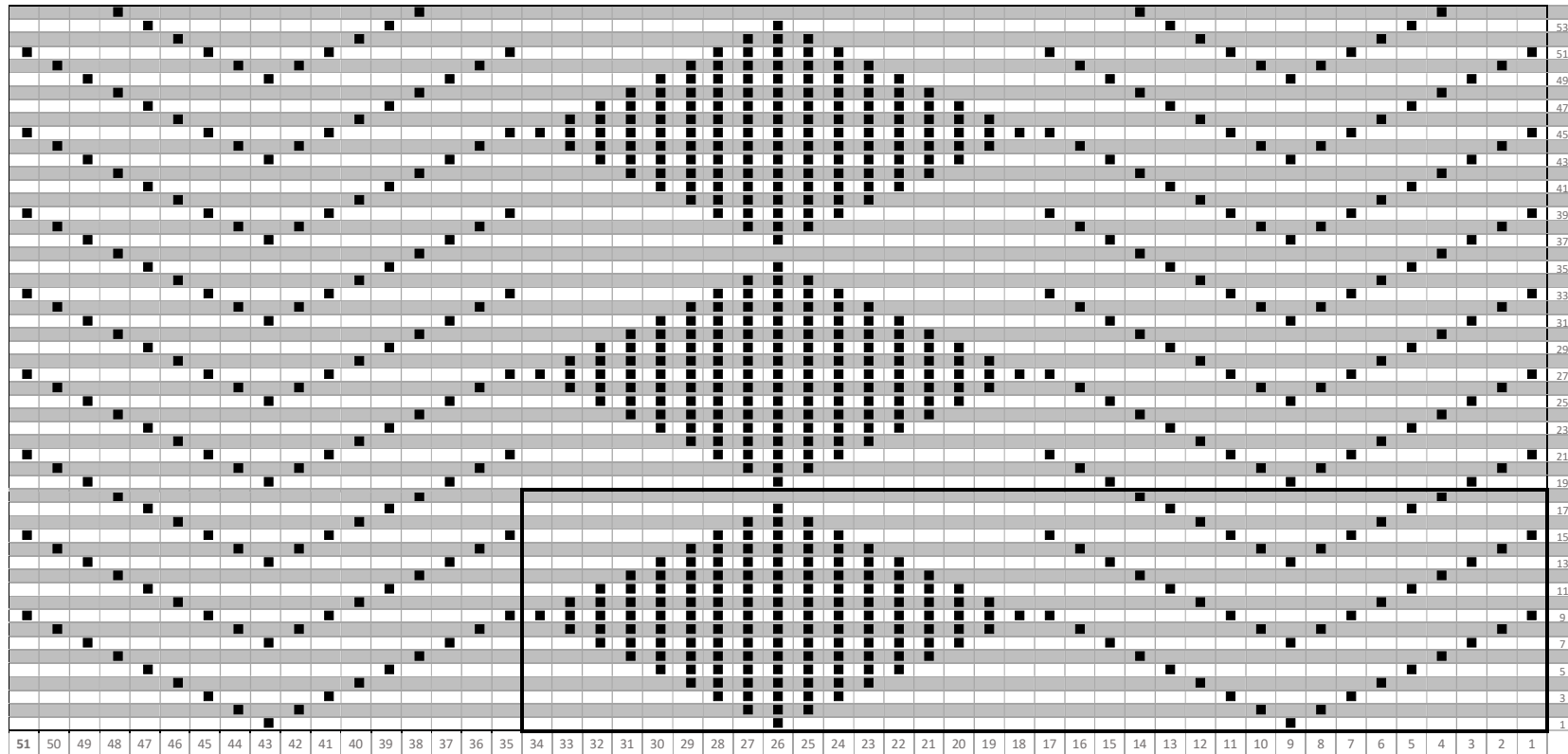
■ **=** purl stitch on the right side (knit stitch on the wrong side)

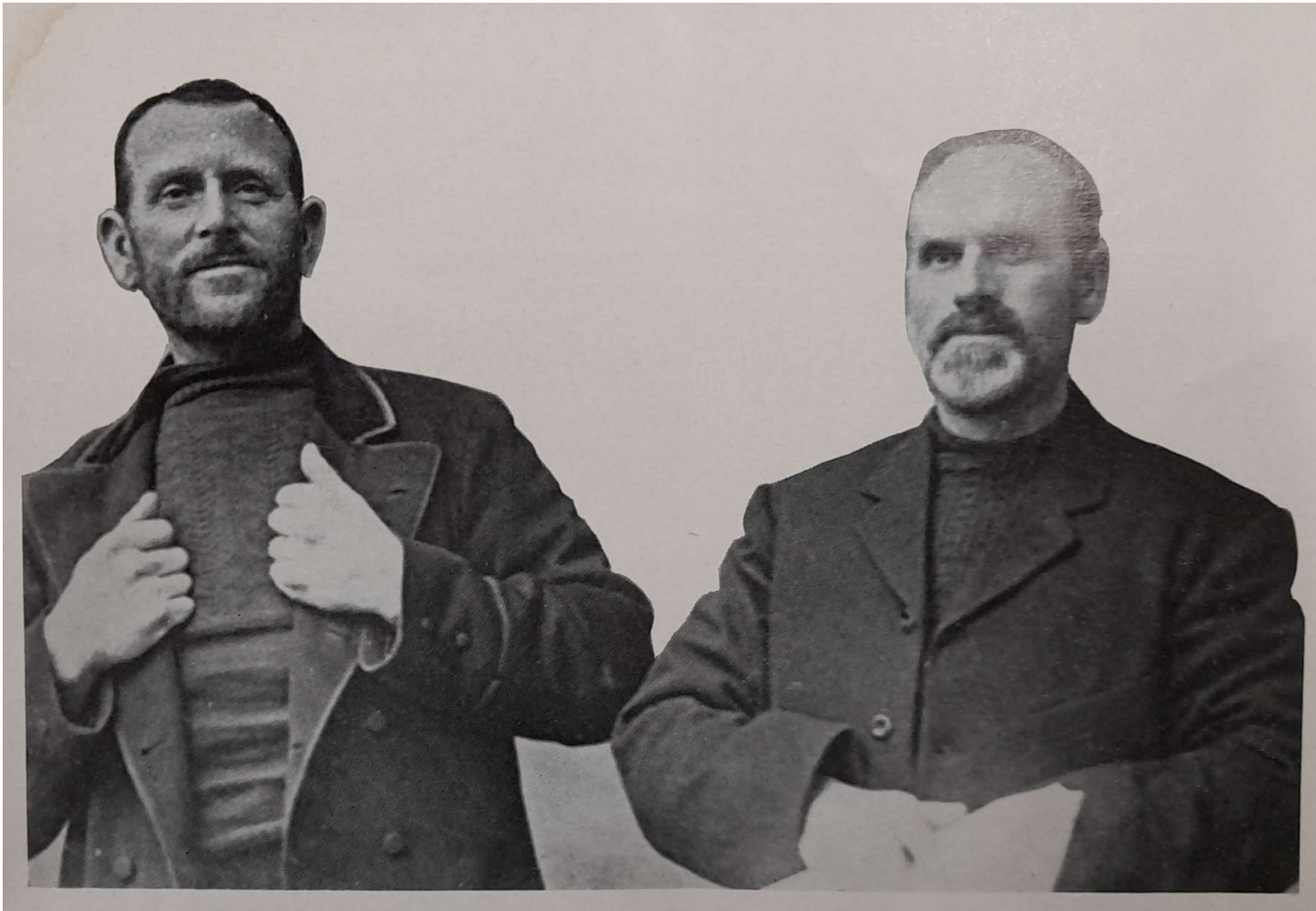

Sheringham, about 1900   Source: Norfolk Fair magazine photo Sept/Oct 1967

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This gansey pattern (John West's, on the left) was discerned from a halftone image in Norfolk Fair magazine, in an article by Michael Harvey and I have been surprised how much it is possible to surmise from such an unpromising source. In version 1.0 I considered the possibility that the motifs were smaller, just 15 stitches wide instead of 17 but calculations of the size of the gansey based on the visible and estimated pattern repeats made the gansey too small. Comparison of the gansey dimensions against the knuckles and the inter-pupillary distance indicate the width of the columns to be about one and a half inches, which equates to 18 stitches at 12 to the inch. But we know that it wouldn't be 18 stitches to the meshes, which are going to be 17 stitches (one in the centre and eight either side). Counting the visible chevrons and meshes showed a ratio of 3 to 1. I estimate there are 33 chevrons and 11 meshes in the full height of the yoke. This makes the mesh repeats 18 rows high and the chevrons overlap considerably with a new one starting every 6 rows.

Yoke
Height 11 meshes = 11 x 18 = 198 rows
Height 33 chevrons = 33 x 6 = 198 rows = 12.375 inches @ 16 rpi
Width
7 meshes across (central) = 7 x 17 = 119
6 herringbones across = 6 x 17 =   102
Total   221
False seam 3   224 sts
Front and back x 2   448 sts (112 ribs in the welt)

Chest circumference   448 at 12 sts per inch = 37.3 inches
                         448 at 11.5 sts per inch = 38.9 inches
                         448 at 11 sts per inch = 40 .7 inches

Estimated tension about 11.5 spi and 16 rpi.

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