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**ANTHONY MITRI**

(b. 1951)

*Clothcraft Clothes, Cleveland, Ohio, 2009*

charcoal on paper

21 1/2 x 38 inches



**Provenance**

The Artist

**Exhibited**

*Anthony Mitri*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY, January 3 - February 2, 2013

**Notes**

*Clothcraft Clothes, Cleveland, Ohio* depicts the building which, in 1900, housed the Goldsmith, Joseph, & Feiss Company, once the largest clothing factory in the United States. The company, originally known as Koch and Loeb, was founded in Meadville, PA in 1841 by Kaufman Koch, a German immigrant from Bavaria who moved the company to Cleveland in 1845. Over the years, he brought a number of partners into the business, among them Moritz Joseph and Julius Feiss, who, after becoming primary partners, changed the name of the company to Joseph & Feiss in 1907.

Joseph & Feiss began producing ready-made men's clothing under the *Clothcraft* label in 1897. The building depicted in the drawing is the *Clothcraft Clothes* factory, located on the near west side of Cleveland. Much of the factory's building complex has been demolished. The three-story warehouse and 200-foot brick smokestack depicted in the drawing are all that remains today.