

Research Collections



Drop-Front Desk

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Title: Drop-Front Desk
Date: 1750 – 1825
Material: wood; metal

Dimensions: 110.0 x 54.0 x 101.0 cm

Description: A four-drawer secretary desk with drop front hinged and two pull-out

supports for lowered front. All hardware in good condition. Governor Winthrop style. Interior of desk back has cubbyholes and two deep, narrow slot drawers. Also a hidden drawer centre top. Secret drawer has a letter inside from Catharine's mother dated October 7, 1938, part of it reads: "I am going to find out about the age of the desk 150 years anyway & most likely older. My father bought it 60 years ago, from the old Derby house in Salem, where Lafayette stayed & the desk was old then." Letter

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furniture

E.S. Morse

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