

A Fascinating Development

Exciting new scholarship now attributes these pieces and a larger group of related furniture to Hingham, Massachusetts cabinetmaker, Elisha Cushing Jr. 1746-1829

This terrific high chest with original ball and spire finials has a wonderful local history and bears the inscription of the owner, C.W. Prouty, a prominent Scituate, Massachusetts merchant.

Scholarship on this group of furniture and illustrations of these pieces can be found in "Furniture Making in Massachusetts: Two Plymouth County Discoveries", *The Magazine Antiques*, May 2009 pg. 104 Brock Jobe & Gary Sullivan.

This chest is illustrated in "Harbor and Home: Furniture of Southeastern Massachusetts" pg. 236 and was included in the related exhibits at both Winterthur Museum & The Nantucket Whaling Museum



This related tall case clock with a matching pediment, houses a movement by the foremost member of the renown group of Quaker clockmakers from Hanover and Hingham, John Bailey II 1751-1823
Exhibited at The Nantucket Whaling Museum



Shown here, with their pediments overlaid, the similarities are unmistakable. The steeply pitched scrolls, distinctive phylpot inlays and unique construction details reinforce their connection.