

A CHEST FROM COLCHESTER

Dear Christopher,

I enjoyed your article on the Timothy Walford & Son chest of drawers in the RFS Newsletter. Just as a matter of interest, the following appeared in the Norfolk Chronicle of 16th November 1805.

“Wednesday sennight a fire broke out in the work-shop of Messrs. Walford & Son, Cabinet-makers, in Colchester, which entirely destroyed the same, and did material damage to some tenements adjoining.”

I wonder if this is when they moved to Head Street. It at least gives you a range of dates for the “and Son” suffix. Local papers (The Ipswich Journal or The Chelmsford Chronicle) would almost certainly give more detailed information.

Yours sincerely

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