

Brecon Borough Town Chest, with a detail showing the joint between leg, front and side.

The unusual joint on the Brecon borough chest is basically a huge stopped rebate which is chopped out of the inside corner of the leg post. The front board is halved over the inside of the leg post to form a lapp joint, the lapp being shorter than the rebate in the leg by the thickness of the side board, so forming a housing for it to sit in. From the outside this gives the impression of a clamp-front chest, where the front board would usually be joined to the upright by a long mortice and tenon. The detail shows the joint between the left side and the front.

Chris Currie