

Colchester Chest

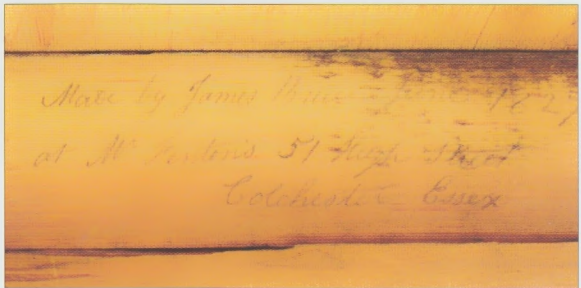
This wardrobe chest turned up in a recent auction at Sworders of Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex. It records the workman who made it as well as the firm he worked for. The pencilled inscription under of the removable lids on the side sections reads 'Made by James Bruce June 1827 at Mr Fenton's 51 High Street Colchester Essex'. *The Dictionary of English Furniture Makers 1660 - 1840* lists Francis Fenton in Colchester High Street from 1816. He died in 1848.

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Sible Heddingham, Essex

(Photo courtesy of Sworders)

Inscription on the chest



A mahogany wardrobe chest by Fenton of Colchester

