

# New Discoveries from the Land of the Princes Bishops

John Gall, co-author with Peter Brears of the article on Durham chairs and cupboards published in *Regional Furniture* 2014, sends us this photo of a joined oak chest carved in the same distinctive style (Fig. 1) He includes a parade of chair-back crest rails for comparison (Fig. 2). This chest is the first of its kind to come to light, and fills a gap highlighted in the 2014 article. In addition, John says

that three more cupboards and two more chairs have emerged as a result of the article, which is proof, if proof were needed, of the power of publishing. Finally, he sends photos of an original lock from one of the cupboards (Figs 3 and 4). It is as honest a piece of local blacksmith's work as we are ever likely to find.

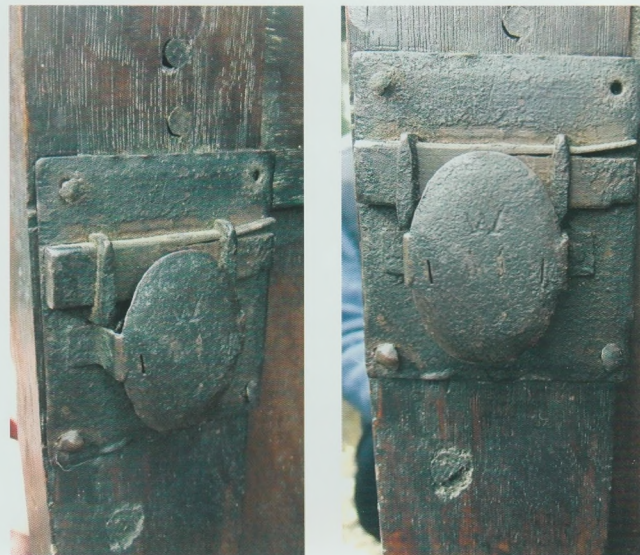
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Fig. 1 Joined oak chest, second half of the 17th century, Co. Durham. The centre panel has been made into a door



Fig. 2 Selection of crest rails from Co. Durham chairs, second half of the 17th century



Figs 3 and 4 Two views of an iron lock from a Co. Durham press cupboard, second half of the 17th century